

Budget Workgroup (BW)

Summary Points of Meeting

March 30, 2009

Hawai'i Hall Room 309

8:00 am – 10:00 am

Attendees: Kathy Cutshaw, Christine Sorensen, Tom Bingham, Ross Christensen, Peter Quigley, Marla Acosta, Gary Ostrander, Maenette Benham, Annette Chang, Francisco Hernandez, Ann Sakuma

Not in Attendance: Klaus Keil, Alan Teramura, Peter Crouch, Tom Ramsey

Guests: Virginia Hinshaw, Gregg Takayama

Update and Discussion with the Chancellor:

- Reviewed options for meeting proposed budget cuts. Discussed inability of the Mānoa Campus to meet the proposed cuts centrally.
- Recommend that sabbaticals apply to everyone and not by college (consistency and fairness).
- Important for campus to understand the role of Athletics for UH Mānoa.
- Currently, all eligible students are admitted as long as there is available space for increased opportunities. Key is to increase enrollment applications locally. Must focus on service to students. Articulation is also important for students who do well at a Community College and want to transfer to UH Mānoa. Currently, UH Mānoa has a complex general education system which needs to be reviewed and revamped to be more efficient, makes more sense, and compliments other campuses. UH Mānoa needs to be a better partner and work more closely with the community colleges. Community colleges play a vital role in providing students “regular” courses.
- The committee seeks the Chancellor’s help to inform the campus on the budget situation and to speak with Deans and Directors to let them know that cuts at the unit level will have to take place for any budget reduction greater than 20%. This will enable the campus to plan for next semester.
- Chancellor would like to keep Research strong at UH Mānoa.
- If final budget cuts are severe enough to require non-renewal or reduction of employees, it is crucial that the Dean and Directors work with VCAA/OHR prior to any action being taken. Student registration for Fall 2009 begins the end of April and thus, the Deans & Directors are requesting an actual budget number so they can plan for the number of courses they can offer.

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- Peter Q. will set up meetings with Deans & Directors and HR specialists to remind them of all collective bargaining requirements.
- Agreed to update MET at Tuesday's meeting on the budget, discuss 4% target general fund reduction and reinforce necessity of working with human resources specialist prior to taking any action regarding employees.

Next Meeting: Friday, April 3, 2009 in Hawai'i Hall 309 at 8:00 am.