

College of Arts and Science Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2015
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Present: Aurelio Agacaoili (Chair), Christine Beaulé, Ruth Bingham, Stephanie Kraft-Terry, David Ross, Sandra Schwartz, Robert Tokunaga

The meeting began at 2:45 p.m.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS** of all new members.

2. **ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

Stephanie Kraft-Terry was nominated as the vice chair for the 2015-2016 academic year. She accepted the nomination and was unanimously voted in (7 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions) by the members of the Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate Executive Committee (ASFSEC).

Robert Tokunaga was nominated as secretary for the 2015-2016 academic year. He accepted the nomination and was voted in (7 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions) by the members of the ASFSEC.

3. **SEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR DEAN OF NATURAL SCIENCES**

Members discussed the history and process of how the ASFSEC came to play a role in recommending individuals for search advisory committees (SAC). Mānoa Policy 9.102 [Executive Search Process] details the procedures of populating a search advisory committee for an executive search. An ad hoc committee was put together to identify possible faculty members of the College of Natural Sciences to sit on the SAC to find their next dean. The committee solicited nominations and tried to pick 1 to 2 faculty members from each department. Few untenured faculty members were nominated in this process.

A list of possible SAC members, agreed on by the ASFSEC members, was sent to Reed Dasenbrock, VCAA. The OVCAA informed the ASFSEC that the list would be taken into consideration but some modifications may be made to make the SAC more balanced in sex and ethnic composition. The final list of SAC members contained few faculty from the list, oversampled chairs, and included a new faculty member not on the original list. The ASFSEC discussed several strategies to protect the process of faculty participation in these executive searches and agreed that the best course of action was to meet with the VCAA. Accordingly, Aurelio will send an e-mail to Reed Dasenbrock that contains the committee's concerns about the search process for the Dean of Natural Sciences and a request to meet with him. Stephanie and David will also attend this meeting.

4. **MERGER BETWEEN ARTS & HUMANITIES AND LANGUAGES, LINGUISTICS & LITERATURES**

Committee members were updated on the merger talks. It came to the committee's attention that a group of chairs from A&H and LLL who convened over the summer to

discuss budgetary and personnel matters involving the merger are meeting with the Reed Dasenbrock and Robert Bley-Vromin in September. They will discuss a list of things faculty of both colleges might expect to see if a merger were to take place. Christine reminded the committee that any vote on a plan to merge or the merger itself must be conducted through the ASFSEC. Aurelio will e-mail the group of chairs, inviting them to our September meeting where we can ask them questions about what kinds of things were discussed and promised at the meeting with the Chancellor and VCAA.

5. SELECTING DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Committee members discussed possible dates and times for future meetings. Members checked their availability and concluded that the best time to meet was Thursdays at 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. despite one committee member having a scheduling conflict during that time. Aurelio will contact Ruth Hsu to determine if she can rearrange her schedule once a month to meet with us.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Robert Tokunaga, A&S SEC Secretary