“Ask Me Anything” Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2018  
Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Place: Lama 111A

Attendees: Roger Reed, Matthew Tuthill, Jeffrey Zuckernick, Louise Pagotto (Interim Chancellor) and Joanne Whitaker (notetaker)

Math and Science Department Chair
- A suggestion was made to ask the STEM Coordinator to be the Math/Sciences Department Chair.
  Response: It will be her choice as to whether she accepts the position.

STEM – Performance funding measure monies
- A request was made to allocate a portion of the performance funding measure monies back to STEM to purchase smart boards.
  Response: There is a possibility for funding STEM through partial allocation of the performance funding measures. Another idea is to use the co-requisite funding. Contact the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

EMS
- The City and County have greatly underestimated the need for EMTs. The national standard requires a response of 10 minutes, 80% of the time. The City and County response time is 13 minutes.
- New ambulances were purchased. In addition, the State Department of Transportation asked the College to provide classes in Kona. A request was made to add a summer cohort to address the increased need for EMTs.

Facilities
- Infrastructure needs to be a priority such as repairing the sidewalks and parking lots. Bathrooms in Koki’o are not clean. Koki’o sustained extensive leaking after the heavy rain last month. After the rain, there needs to be a plan to follow up. No one mopped the floor.
  Response: A request was made to report facility concerns. We need to address regular maintenance issues. Larger projects will take more time.
- Another suggestion was to renovate the Koki’o Building by moving the stairs to face the great lawn. It would connect the STEM center to the campus.

Sabbatical
- Sabbaticals are being reviewed in academic affairs now. Timeline – when does it get announced?
Facilities Use Policy

- A comment was made to keep the College open on Sundays. STEM needs the Sunday for courses such as SCI 295.
  Response: Knowing there are safety and liability issues, how do we address it? Some students are employees, certified for lab safety. Students and employees funded by grants are not considered “responsible” employees. Difficult situations may arise that will challenge a student monitor. If anything goes wrong, the student who is monitoring the lab will not be liable, but the College will be.

Other Concerns

- Only 20% of the campus is engaged at the College. The Interim Chancellor is concerned about the group that feel they don’t have a voice. Math and science are encouraging the junior faculty to speak up more and get more involved.
- Security issue for the ‘Ōhi’a Building? The doors are open all the time due to the culinary program.
- There will be parking fees on our campus (per Board of Regents policy) to pay for maintenance of the parking lots.
- Can we get reciprocity of parking throughout the UH system especially at UH Mānoa? Unfortunately, there are no plans for reciprocity for parking.