AGO Chairs/President Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 11, 2020
12:00-1:00 p.m.
‘Ilima 202A

Members: Candy Branson (Faculty Senate Chair), Michelle Bonilla (Student Congress President), Shannon Sakaue (Student Congress Advisor), Kapulani Landgraf (‘Aha Kalāualani Kīpū), Raphael Lowe (Staff Council Chair), Louise Pagotto (Chancellor), and Joanne Whitaker (notetaker)

Minutes from the AGO meeting on February 12, 2020

Raphael moved to approve, Candy seconded.

Action: The minutes from the AGO meeting on February 12, 2020, were approved with amendments.

Budget and ARF Process

There was a discussion on the process to rank the ARFs.
- The AGOs used the 7 points that each AGO received to create their own rubric. They did not use the common rubric.
- The Budget Committee used the 21 points that were created for the common resource prioritization rubric. The points from the Budget Committee were averaged.
- Then the AGO points were added. The total number possible was 49 points. (7 points per AGO, which is 7 x 4 = 28. Then add the Budget Committee’s 21 points = 49)
- The CAC will be asked to endorse the priorities presented by the AGOs and Budget Committee. The campus endorsement is not what one AGO wants but it is what is best for the campus.

Considerations for improvement of the PAIR process:
- Send out the rubric to those who will be filling out an ARF.
- The rubric needs to be revised.
- Suggestions to improve the process? AGOs have a voice but we also need to hear the voices from the department or unit. How do we integrate those voices? At which point of the process should those voices be included especially for overall budget decisions?
- Most of the campus is still unclear about the budget. We were told we were $2 million in debt and the UHCC System says we don’t have a deficit. No one seems to have the answer.
- More input is needed on the budget. We need to invite the AGO leadership to the budget conversations. Budget Committee meets on a regular basis. They have a general understanding of the budget but much is still unclear.
- For our Fiscal Year 21 (FY21) budget projections, we will be guessing at what the appropriation will be from the State. It’s even more uncertain with COVID-19. We will most likely be receiving less appropriation. We won’t know until September but we need to decide what to allocate to the departments in the summer.
Last FY, we told the departments that we needed them to cut but instead, they asked for $15 million more. We had to make decisions to balance the budget.

Faculty Senate is creating a group to discuss TEs. At Maui College, everyone who will be impacted came together for the budget discussion.

We work with every area that manages a budget.

How do we involve people? Should we have quarterly meetings for the campus? Is there value in the beginning of every academic year to give information about the process?

The process was not a problem. There needs to be more transparency. We were given opportunities to ask questions but didn’t receive answers.

Faculty Senate will prepare a letter to the VCAS to ask specific questions.

A meeting will be scheduled next month to update the campus on the budget.

For the ARF process, no one should be allowed to send in ARFs late.

Provide workshops for people who plan to submit an ARF.

Budget road show for programs. For instance, it is helpful to know why health sciences is so expensive. It’s good to show how different programs operate.

Faculty Senate will ask what would faculty like to see about the budget?

ACCJC Follow-Up Visit - Joanne Whitaker

The ACCJC site visit will be on April 6, 2020. The peer review team will most likely want to interview the AGOs. A review will be provided before the interviews.

AGO - What’s on your mind?

Student Congress, Michelle Bonilla, President

- Election packets came out for nominations for next year’s officers. Messages went to the RIOs, BOSA, and BOSP to spread the news.
- Spring survey topics. They are asking the same survey questions to compare data. Some topics are on sleep, food insecurity, and bike security.

Staff Council, Raphael Lowe, Chair

- Changes in leadership. Raphael is the new Chair.
- Involved in food pantry and sustainability.
- Event - General membership meeting on April 23

Faculty Senate, Candy Branson

- Working on TOPP, Banner problems
- Writing a letter to the VCAS.
- Moving on next year’s Senators.
- Revising the bylaws.

‘Aha Kalāualani, Kapulani Landgraf, Kīpū
- Tomorrow is the Native Hawaiian health fair at 11am-2pm on the Great Lawn.
- 2 events are planned but they are not sure they will be held. A live feed may be used.