University of Hawai’i Community Colleges

**Community College Council of Native Hawaiian Chairs**

April 28, 2017, 1-4 pm

Dole Street Conference Room

MINUTES

Present: , Momi Kamahele, Faith Kahele (HonCC), Dorinna Manuel-Cortiz, John Morton, Deborah Nakagawa, Keolani Noa, Pua Rossi

Not Present: Kahele Dukelow, Alapaki Luke, Kuulei Miranda

Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm.

1. Auto Admit Waiver for Hawaiian Transfer Students – Kenoalani Noa

Noa said that there are 3 ways for students to transfer to a UH baccalaureate campus. However, if a student misses the 1.5 month window to transfer/enroll then the student is required to pay $50-$70. Morton said that UHM is making changes to better accommodate transferring UHCC students. About 1,800 UHCC stdts transfer to non-UH institutions and UHM would like to accept many of these students... To address this and other issues, an enrollment management groups has been formed... Some changes made to date include – students can now register earlier than August and be waited listed. Now register 5/22 (after continuing stdts) vs August. Unclear if students can have majors designation to enable to enroll in relevant classes. However, due to May timing, major designation may not be done. Targets students near graduation can transfer before graduation.

**ACTION: Morton will check with UHM.**

1. CC Native Hawaiian Tuition Waiver – Kenoalani Noa

Noa said tuition waiver exist but want to use for UHCC students transferring to baccalaureate campus. Morton said this is a UHM scholarship program and it appears that due to timing of transfer, UHCC students are not being considered.

Existing business practices are inconvenient for students. Hawai’i Promise funded by 2018 Legislature.

1. Hawaiian Protocol Process – Kenoalani Noa

Noa said that KapCC Kaulalani Council is bombarded by requests for oli, hula, etc... Noa asked how other CC campuses handled it. Manuel-Cortez said that HawCC has a protocol committee of 20-30 members, Kamahele said LeeCC uses students. If community member if requested service on campus then ok. Discussed checking with UHM, if process beyond oli, tapping into an organization for pay how to pay organization and individuals, etc. HonCC handles similar to LeeCC, approach council for services, between support and instruction staff to perform oli. WinCC has hula class perform basic oli kihei and hula.

1. Pending Issues – Momi Kamahele

Deferred

1. Makahiki Activities – Dorinna Manuel-Cortez

Manuel-Cortez said that Makahiki incorporate games and include understanding and environment, astronomy, land management, and cultural aspects. Educate student and campus about Makahiki games. Other areas on Big Island have Makahiki events so need to determine how to support existing events with students and advice.

1. Ahu and Inverted Flags On Campus Update - Dorinna Manuel-Cortez

Manual-Cortez said meeting was held with Hoolulu Council and person who erected ahu, campus cultural experts. To date, took down about 15 flags. Supported Chancellor’s decision to remove the flag from ahu. Person who erected flags has filed police theft reports and refuses to retrieve removed flags.

Morton said 2 issues: inverted flags and flying Hawaiian and USA flags. US law requires USA flag on top. UH will have 2 flags poles of equal height side-by-side, HawCC, KapCC and WinCC have 2 flagpoles, KauCC, LeeCC, MauC, and HonCC funds are budgeted and consultant has been hired for design, then will go out to bid to build 2 flagpoles.

Chancellor Solemsaas is developing policy in consultation with legal counsel. Time, place, and manner for freedom of expression to deal with flag should follow policy. Hanakaki Council appear to be pitting Chancellors Straney and Solemsaas against each other. UHM UHH, KauCC and HawCC chancellor were at same meeting...

Morton said to date, UH has tried to handle informally vs rigid policy. 2 issues – ok for group of individually build an ahu and dedicate to whoever on our campus without going through protocol or receive permission. If yes, does it extend to non-ahu permanent structure for anyone who wants to make a statement at a campus? 2nd – free speech issue, upside down Hawaiian flag is a political statement not cultural. How to express without becoming a permanent fixture. Previously, free speech zone but no longer exist due to UHH incident that resulted in a lawsuit and removal of free speech area.

1. Hawai’i Papa o Ke Ao Meeting Briefing

None

1. What’s on Your Mind?

Hawaiian Studies Program: Morton said that board of action Provision to permanent at 5/17/17 meeting.

Kingdom of Hawai’i designation will include a new alternative citizen designation field (converted religion field (KH) Kingdom of Hawai’i (DC) dual citizenship. Accept request via email, will work with campus registrars’ office to establish protocol. Not online yet and not replacing citizen field.

1. Next Meeting – TBD Retreat
2. Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

Submitted by Deborah Nakagawa