Meeting came to order at 10:00 AM

Agenda:

1. Fung Associates on awnings
2. Approve December 2014 Minutes
3. Letter to the legislators
4. Priority List, Hale A‘o Building
5. Trees and Mango Trees (Who’s the consultant)
6. Iolani Restrooms
7. Paliku Theatre Repairs
8. Jamie Boyd’s sign
9. Container for Ian Masterson
10. Sidewalks
11. Beautification Day

1. Fung Associates on Awnings

Alissa Carson and Tonia Moy of Fung Associates visited the committee to discuss designs and planned changes to Hale Naʻauao and Manaleo and distributed blueprints of proposed designs to the committee. The discussion mainly centered around the construction of new stairs, rails, and gutters in front of building, and new walkways (with no railings) on the back of the building. Discussion also included new draining maintenance behind the building. Architects explained that there would be a graded slope to deal with pooling water. They also explained that the metal awnings on the buildings in question will be removed and not replaced, that the new steps will be of concrete and thus more impervious to water than the present wooden steps, and that the new gutters would divert rain from the entrance
area and thus make awnings no longer necessary. Removal of the awnings to avoid visual clutter seemed to be one of the key aesthetic points of their presentation and thus particularly significant with respect to the committee’s mission statement. The project is scheduled to begin at the end of the Fall 15 semester and should take between 4-6 months to complete. The committee inquired about Mango trees/roots, whether the plans would entail removing roots or part/all of tree, but the visitors did not have an answer on this. Due to the theft of copper gutters on campus in the past, the committee questioned whether or not they should use copper for gutters. The alternative would be either PVC or galvanized metal, but each is of a lower quality than copper and not as aesthetically pleasing.

Motion to approve Fung Associates proposed designs:
   Kanoe, Bonnie second. Passed unanimously

2. Approval of December Minutes

Motion to approve December’s minutes: Kanoe, Bonnie second. Passed unanimously

3. Letter to the Legislators
   Over the winter break the Aesthetics Committee chair wrote letter to legislatures regarding boundary/property lines between WCC and state hospital and various buildings’ uses (specifically Hale I'olani and the maintenance sheds (across from Imiloa) now used by state hospital). The letter was an attempt to begin a dialogue between the legislators and WCC faculty and administrators since the communication between the college and the state hospital seems to be at a standstill.

The committees discussed possibility of severing ties with I’olani and instead build a brand new building perhaps. But without a clear line of communication between the hospital, college, and legislatures, no progress can be achieved. Members suggested bringing the legislators to campus (similar to the process of Library proposal) and to have a joint representative/senator meeting on campus to address the issue. Most importantly, members suggested that we approach legislators with a plan instead a list of grievances (as one member cautioned the legislators might consider the letter to be). As more concerns were raised by various members, a consensus was reached that the Aesthetics Committee has neither the authority nor the right to begin this dialogue without following the proper procedures and protocol since these issues are really the responsibility of the Master Plan Committee. The committee agreed that the
process should proceed through the proper channels, starting with the college, then the UH system, and finally the Department of Health.

The committee raised the following concern: if the college does not have a clear and well-articulated plan for the unused or contested physical spaces on campus, other entities, such as the legislature, DLNR, Department of Health, etc., might strip away major sections of land within WCC’s currently acknowledged boundary line to address the growing needs of Kane‘ohe/Oahu’s demand for land (i.e. affordable housing needs on the island of Oahu or NOAA).

Motion: The committee requests Chancellor Doug Dykstra to attend the next Aesthetics Committee meeting to address these concerns. Following this meeting, the committee also requests a joint meeting between the Aesthetics Committee, Chancellor Doug Dykstra, and the Master Plan Committee to find out exactly what the Master Plan is with regards to the boundary lines and the plans for unused spaces, and if proved unsatisfactory, to begin to create a Master Plan to ensure these spaces for the future of the college.

Motion: Kanoe, Lillian second. Passed unanimously.

4. Priority List
   Issues regarding Hale A‘o was tabled until the next meeting when more information is available from facilities and maintenance.

5. Trees and Mangos:
   The committee will invite Inga White to next meeting to discuss further issues and solutions regarding the various trees around campus.

6. Iolani Restrooms:
   The committee reported that some of the issues regarding the Iolani restrooms were addressed my facilities and maintenance over the winter break.

7. Paliku Theatre:
   Still no word on repairs. Apparently there are issues with the bids for repair job. This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

8. Jamie Boyd’s Sign:
   No issues, the committee is pleased with the signage.
9. Containers:
   Ian Masterson is in charge of this issue. Still no update on final decision of location and security of the storage container.

10. Campus Sidewalks
    This is again a Master Plan Committee issue. The committee will address this issue when we meet with Doug and the Master Plan Committee.

11. Beautification Day
    The committee still needs to designate a day (hopefully this semester) to hold this project. The issues were tabled until the next meeting. Bonnie will try to update us on this issue by then.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 AM

Minutes by Ryan Koo
Aesthetics Chair, Paul Nash