Dr. Fitzsimons summarized the discussion from the February 5, 2010, Brown Bag Lunch Session on budget. Most questions were regarding the impending budget reductions. Dr. Fitzsimons and the Budget Office have been providing legislative testimony to justify no further reductions for UHH.

The budget status was summarized. Interest was raised by the committee to understand more about the fundraising efforts at UH Hilo by the UH Foundation. It was decided to invite Margaret Shiba to come to an upcoming meeting and make a presentation to address foundation’s fundraising initiatives. Dr. Fitzsimons will coordinate Margaret’s visit.

Dr. Fitzsimons provided an overview of energy savings, sustainability initiatives, and electricity savings. Ideas in regard to these topics will be included on the Cost Savings and Revenue Generation web link that should be up and running this Spring. Dr. Fitzsimons presented the UH Hilo Campus Energy Management Program, a three page description of the purpose, responsibilities, action plan, sub programs, and implementation and monitoring procedures. Brenda Hamane is now the point person for the UH Hilo energy management program.

Dr. Fitzsimons provided an update on Facilities, focusing on the planning of the renovation of Wentworth Hall and stated the project will start this year.

The meeting adjourned at noon.