The Aloha United Way softball tournament was fun for the Ko‘olau Windbreakers, but we were eliminated after only two games. Ho‘olaule‘a was an enormous success from the appearances of the event with dry weather, big crowd and outstanding entertainment.

The G-fund freeze has been lifted by the Governor as announced by President Greenwood. Prudent spending of the college G-funds is now authorized. Moreover the college is authorized to fill clerical positions. The Human Resources Office at System level asks that colleges prioritize the decisions to fill vacant clerical positions. Windward’s prioritization calls for the position in the Academic Affairs office to be filled first, Student Services is next and finally Career and Community Education to be third. The final two positions are to be filled after the full time replacements are selected for the Executive vacancies that exist in those offices.

The renovation of Hale La‘akea and Hale Noe‘au will proceed according to one of two options to be selected by the academic departments slated to occupy the buildings: English for La‘akea and Social Science for Noe‘au. Dean Richardson was asked to inquire about the building naming preference of the Social Science department. The College will begin a naming process for buildings as soon as both academic departments have made their choices known. The College prefers to submit all naming changes to the Board of Regents in the same document to include transfer of La‘akea to the new Library Learning Commons, transfer of Manaleo to the old La‘akea, possible transfer of Na‘auao to Noe‘au and finally a new name for the old Na‘auao.

Academic Affairs Office has been asked to inquire about the guidelines for offering 300 level courses in the community colleges. The College may have some areas of expertise in which 300 level offerings may be popular and appropriate.

The College will offer unexploded ordnance courses in the coming year if agreement can be reached on contractual conditions to do so.

The Chancellor made inquiry about the status of videoconferencing equipment purchases, as well as surveying of community interests for course offerings in Waimanalo and Kahuku. The Key Project in Kahalu‘u will soon be seeking participation among the communities interested in videoconference course offerings from Windward CC.

HGEA has officially signed its new contract with the University to provide for 13 days of Supplemental Time Off at Christmas, New Years and Spring Vacation. Neither the University
nor the College will be closed during this time period. APT and or clerical employees deemed crucial to time sensitive functions to assure maximized enrollment and preparation for a new semester will be requested to consider taking their supplemental time off at more propitious, less busy times in the semester. If the employee and supervisor can agree upon a time for the alternative supplemental time off that occurs before the end of the fiscal year on June 30 2012 this trade off can occur.

GenEd SLO’s have been campus approved and finalized with the exception of a few modest stylistic changes. Process outcomes have been submitted by most units and Dean Ishida-Babineau is planning presentations to help units to assess their process outcomes.

October 27 & 28 will be the dates for the Accelerated learning Conference at WinCC with 5 visiting consultants to provide guidance on academic programs that move developmental education students through the sequences of courses faster and more successfully. The October 28th date overlaps with the State Career and Technical Education Conference.

The Alaka’i Roadway and parking project has begun and access behind the building is available only to delivery trucks for the time being. Additionally a Boom Truck will be on campus this week to survey damage and cleaning needs on the Palanakila and the Akoakoa buildings.

Negotiations for a soft drink vending contract continue with the possibility of an improved % return to the College are taking place. If concluded such a contract will require an exclusivity clause to sell only the drinks carried by the new vendor. Funds from vending go for paying Commencement expenses and College catalog publishing expenses.

Ke Kumu Pali has decided to allocate less than the customary $5K to the Library from their account during the current academic year.

Vet Tech should be prepared to submit it’s A.S. degree proposal to the Council of Chief Academic Officers in November. It is also on the verge of submitting its proposal for the Imiloa Annex to the Master Planning and Space Allocation Committee. The Annex would house animal surgery and radiology facilities and be placed on a ventilation system separate from Imiloa proper.

Curriculum Central has gone mainstream now.

The C3T grant has been funded for $24.6 million. Windward administrators played important key roles in chairing major segments of the grant. Bernadette Howard was charged with the remedial/developmental education segment; Richard Fulton chaired the sustainable agriculture segment; and Brian Richardson chaired the distance education segment. Many details about grant funding will become public in the near future. The grant would have provided funding for two Vet Tech faculty positions that have since been covered by re-purposed tenure leading positions from the dissolved Employment Training Center. The two positions in question from
C3T may be re-purposed for other emerging fields in sustainable agriculture at the College and the Vice Chancellor will pursue these prospects.

October 13, 2011 will be the date of Vice President John Morton’s biannual visit to the campus from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Akoakoa 105 to be followed by a meeting with the AtD coaches in the same room from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.