WCC International Education Committee

Minutes for
April 17, 2012 Meeting
Hale Alakai 118
2:30 pm – 3:40 pm

Members Present: Toshi Ikagawa, Inge White, Laurie Tomchak, Brian Richardson, Akiko Swan, Kalani Meinecke, Toni Martin, Roy Fujimoto, Floyd McCoy, Elizabeth Ratliff

Guests: Doreen Niibu

Meeting was called to order at 2:33pm

1. Approval of Minutes for Jan 14, 2010. Motion to approve made by Kalani Meinecke, and seconded by Inge White, motion carried.

2. Announcement UH Foundation Account established. Current value is about $1,000. Source of funding is anonymous donation. This is a one time.

3. Proposal has been put forward to move this Committee under the auspices of the VCAA. Toshi outlined history of our representation on the UHCC International Education Committee and called for discussion on what direction we should take on how to handle our representation at this level.

Doreen brought up discussion about concerns at the system level as to why students at Windward are not applying for International Scholarships. Also Doreen would like to organize a Bon Dance on WCC campus.

Kalani suggested incorporating this idea into the Library opening. Kalani mentioned that a group of New Zealand students will be coming to participate in the Library opening. Brian mention

Motion: To support the organization of a Windward Community College Bon Dance for 2012 was made by Elizabeth Ratliff, seconded by Inge White. Motion carried.

4. Non-English languages courses 200 level courses are threatened by the new 15 student rule for class enrolment. Kalani called for support from the committee in the form of a memo or some strong statement that would ask for exceptions to this rule for language classes. Discussion ensued as to strategies for increasing student enrolment in these courses.

Motion: The International Ed Committee supports the lowering of the minimum enrolment point from 15 to 10 or lower for 200 level non-English Language courses prevent the cancelling these classes. Motion was made by Roy Fujimoto, seconded by Floyd McCoy who seconded with
motion with the statement that Community College is in the business of Educating students and not in the business of making profits. Motion carried.

A discussion regarding possible immersion style certificate program in order to promote Language classes and related courses. Brian reiterated that a change in the AA degree program to allow focus areas, like major study areas, is being discussed at the system level.

5. Japanese relationships
Toshi outlined the history of the current relationships with Kagawa, Hakuoh, and Okinawa Women's Junior College and stated that these relationships are being re-established in a formal manner.

Inge expressed the desire to have WCC students visit our sister colleges in the future when there is funding available.

Toshi called for help in finding funding sources for WCC students. Toni suggested revisiting the Faculty Art exchange like was done in the 1990's.

6. Meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm

Submitted by Elizabeth Ratliff