WCC International Education Committee

Minutes of
August 31, 2012 Meeting
Hale Alakai Room 118
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Members Present: Akiko Swan, Floyd McCoy, Inge White, Kalani Meinecke, Kate Zane, Laurie Tomchak, Pam DaGrossa, Roy Fujimoto, Toni Martin, Toshi Ikagawa,

Guests: Christine Lu, Dorene Niibu, Libby Young

Meeting was called to order at 11:35 am

Discussion Items:

1. Minutes of April 17, 2012 meeting was approved and uploaded to the web site

2. Announcements
   • Available budget in the UH Foundation account: $1,187.92
   • Inge solicited International Ed related information that we can post on the NACTA (North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture) web site → Inge will announce this to WCC Fac/Staff via e-mail

3. Old Business/Actions
   • International program/certificate subcommittee
     o Report of the meeting
       ▪ Roy reported subcommittee’s recommendations
       ▪ We may start with non-credit programs such as seminars and workshops to attract potential students
       ▪ Kalani distributed the subcommittee report: Certificate of Achievement in International Studies
     o Action
       ▪ We may convene another meeting to further discuss this subject
   • 2nd-year language courses
     o Report
       ▪ Toshi forwarded the motion carried (lowering the enrollment requirement) at the last meeting to VCAC but there was no effect so far
       ▪ Akiko distributed the list of Japanese classes offered within the UH system
     o Actions
• Include the 2nd year non-English language courses in a certificate as requirements
• Seek articulation of a certificate with UHM and other universities
• Survey students to find out their demands

• Bon dance
  o Report (Dorene Niibu)
    ▪ Scheduled on September 22 from 4:30 to 9:00 pm
    ▪ 3 dance groups scheduled from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.
    ▪ Doug will greet at 5:30 pm
    ▪ Food booths provide food
    ▪ TRIO provide food, too
    ▪ Facilities (such as yagura and lanterns) are provided by Kailua Hongwanji
    ▪ Cafeteria provides necessary catering to fill the gap
    ▪ Bonnie Beatson will advertise the event
    ▪ Make it cross-cultural event, not just Japanese
    ▪ Coincides with the Peace Day Hawai‘i
  o Actions
    ▪ Ask Nancy Heu for a LLC tour
    ▪ Toni opens the gallery
    ▪ Inge provides a medicinal garden tour
    ▪ Int Ed Committee members staff the donation table (choba)
    ▪ Solicit baked goods from faculty and staff to sell

4. New business/Actions
• International Ed Week: November 12-16
  o May schedule a tea ceremony

• Chinese language courses (Christine Lu)
  o Report
    ▪ Scholarship is available from the Chinese Consulate General in LA
    ▪ There is a demand for Chinese language classes among WCC students
    ▪ Motion: Establish a 3rd sister college in China (carried)
  o Action
    ▪ Toshi will forward our decision (motion above) to Doug in person
    ▪ Christine will attend the Language Arts Dept meeting to seek creation of Chinese language courses

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm
Submitted by Toshi Ikagawa