Humanities Department Meeting Minutes
Date 10/22/09

Present: Gloria Faltstrom, Sarah Hadmack, Mark Hamasaki, Liko Hoe, Malia Lau Kong, Ron Loo, Toni Martin, Ben Moffat (chair), Kalawaia Moore, Bryce NimtzMyers, Paul Nash, Janice Nuckols. Jonathan Busse and Snowden Hodges were excused from today's meeting.

Old Business

eCafe update
Ben Moffat expressed gratitude to Sarah Hadmack for her thankless job of putting all the data together for the department. Lecture classes are all set; faculty teaching studio courses are requested to log in to eCafe and click the questions they recommend. Results of student evaluations via eCafe may be private or public. Individual instructors must request their evaluations to be public to choose that option. Paul Nash questioned how instructors would know if all students took the eCafe course evaluations and that students with negative responses might be more likely to do so. Several suggestions were mentioned such as giving students extra credit for logging in and taking the evaluation or instructors may ask IT to set up a tray of four laptops in a classroom for students to do evaluations during class. The latter is not applicable for large classes. Instructors are able to find out the percentage of students who did an evaluation. Instructors may also log in to find results of their past evaluations.

New Course Proposal
Kalawaia requested that Hawaiian Studies 135 (Hawaiian Wood carving) be changed from a 200 level course to a 100 level course as it is an introductory course investigating basic projects of the media. He also requested that this course be changed from a 1-credit course to a 3-credit course. Janice Nuckols moved to accept the revised proposals. Gloria Falstrom seconded the motion. All members present approved.

New Business
Hawaiian History number is proposed to change from # 242 to 282. All members present approved.

300 and 400 Level Art Courses at WCC
A brief discussion addressed a four-year art program at WCC. The tuition for these courses goes to the college offering them. Chaminade is currently offering courses in interior design. Toni mentioned that these courses have been low enrolled or canceled. Paul Nash reported that results of a questionnaire given to WCC art students regarding studying upper level degree courses from Laguna Art College at WCC showed a 70% interest on the part of our art students. Bryce suggested that other less expensive art schools might also be investigated.
Halloween Dress up Friday, October 30
Faculty selected the Harry Potter theme and Humanities will wear traditional academic cap and gown (cap is optional).

Faculty Senate:
Malia asked the department to comment and/or vote on the following:

Letter to President Greenwood
Libby Young drafted a letter to send to President Greenwood from WCC Faculty Senate. All members present approved.

Assigned time Memo
We agreed to accept the Faculty Senate Resolution on Assigned time and Overload Concerns sent to Angela Meixell on February 22, 2008, which Angela never acted upon. Mark suggests that the objectives be re-assessed.

Planning and Budget Council
We reviewed a draft of the council goals. Mark will represent Humanities on this twenty-three member committee. Ron noted that the committee goals statement #2 must be revised as it now reads:” to fortify the College’s area of weakness.”

Excellence in Education Policy
We agreed to accept the current WCC Policy and Procedures for the Excellence in Teaching Award.

Review of WCC mission and vision statements and core values
Chancellor Doug Dystra requests that the WCC Mission/Vision/Core Values/statement be revisited to reflect our ongoing institutional evaluation. Some assert that the current mission statement does not reflect the higher percentage of Hawaiian students currently attending WCC. It was commented that it is difficult to fit the Fine and Performing Arts within the goals of the current Strategic Plan. Ben suggested that even if no changes are made at this time, it is important to revisit our mission, vision and values on a periodic basis.

New Initiatives
Malia reported that a New Initiative is defined as anything that will impact the campus or infrastructure to include grants, certificate programs, outreach activities, and long-term facility or grounds commitments, such as a day care center. A handout was given with an example attached such as the expansion of aquaculture facilities. Application forms are available on line.

CAAC
Liko reported that a sub-committee has been formed to pare down proposals before going to the CAAC committee. A form listing questions to address will be available when making a proposal.
Other

After hours in art labs
Mark brought up the question of our students working after hours in art labs as they need the facility to work on assignments in ceramics and photo labs unlike drawing and painting, design and color assignments that may be done at home. Paul Field has concerns about security and liability issues. Mark will work on this with Paul Field.

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.
The next meeting is November 19th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Toni Martin