Meeting Minutes

Present: Paul Briggs, Kathleen French, Toshi Ikagawa, Frank Palacat, Lisamarie Bensman

1. Minutes from Feb 10 meeting—will be posted online

2. Feb 19 AAAC Meeting
   a. DC job was to resolve any conflicts in room assignment, if there were any.
      i. Frank P. brought up the issue of lecturer evaluation—how to get records of when last peer eval was.
         1. Best to ask the lecturers.

3. AA Degree in Social Sciences—Discussion
   a. Introduction
      i. Brief discussion of the various WCC AA programs
         1. They need BOR approval, thus they have graduation requirements, Foundations, and Diversification requirements.
         2. There are also Electives, which focus on the specific degree
            a. For example-HWST electives focus on subareas in HWST.
   b. Should we have an AA degree in Social Sciences?
      i. Arguments—pro and con
         1. Con—program coordinator doing all of the assessment for this new program.
         2. Pro—benefit for the students, high interest in Social work. Easier pipeline into UHM School of Work.
   c. If so, here are three possible options
      i. AA degree in Social Science as a transfer degree
         1. Perhaps with Social Science concentrations
         2. SS decided not to go in this direction.
      ii. AA degree in Social Science—Counseling/Social Work emphasis
         1. This would be a terminal degree—perhaps a focus on Alcohol and Drug abuse-CSAC Program
            a. Market is flooded. State certification.
            b. SS decided not to go in this direction.
iii. AA degree in Liberal Arts with a concentration in Social Work.
   1. This would be an extension of what Toshi and Sarah have right now.
   2. Sarah, Frank and Toshi have already designed a pathway in place. Do we want to have slap an AA program on it?
      a. How different would this be from what we have now.
      b. The goal for students is to identify SW goal early, making a smoother transition to UHM of Social Work.
      c. It is publicly available.
   3. Problem is accountability though, who would assess it.
iv. Is there another option? What is the next step?
   1. Frank P. will draft out a program sheet for me and I will approach Patti Chong about the feasibility.

4. Global Studies Course-Discussion
   a. The SS Department discussed the possibility of designing a new course (SOCS 180-Intro to Global Studies)
   b. Comments from SS Department
      i. Is this course a HAP requirement? Probably not, it does not have a specific Hawaiian Asian Pacific focus.
      ii. SOCS alpha would be better for common course numbering.
         1. As opposed to an IS course.
      iii. Possible Learning Community course-History and Sociology
      iv. Brian Richardson-Decision is to invite him to a future meeting to argue for this new course.

5. Next Meeting-April 14 at 1 pm in Imiloa 122