International Education Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
8/14/07 12:00pm-1:00pm, Kafe Koʻolau

In attendance: Kalani Meinecke (Convener), Pam DaGrossa, Robert de Loach, Toshi Ikagawa, Elizabeth Ratliff, Laurie Tomchak, Rosemary Casey (Coordinator of Global Mobility, UH Office of International Education)

1. Report on 2007 WCC Study Abroad Tour to New Zealand (K. Meinecke)
Kalani described the itinerary, distributed a summary, and shared photographs taken by a student participant. Both Kalani and Robert reported that it was a wonderful journey and that faculty and students learned a tremendous amount via their exceptional classroom and marai experiences.

In March/April 2008, an award winning Haka group, whom the tour participants had a chance to meet and watch, will participate in the Merry Monarch Festival. Another group of 30-35 will come to WCC and also the Big Island in July.

Rosemary Casey mentioned that University of the South Pacific (Fiji) has the Pacific Arts Center, which may be something to connect with in the future. The Center for Pacific Island Studies at UHM has also hooked up with art events in the past and may a partner to keep in mind. The Office of International Education might be able to facilitate this.

2. UH International Education Initiatives (R. Casey)
The purpose of the OIE is to promote international activities throughout the UH system.

Rosemary provided folders containing statistics on international students, scholars, and partners; some flyers; and a DVD of students comments on study abroad, which she encouraged us to share with our students. She shared with us some of the international activities that are going on at other campuses including KCC’s International Education Week and International Café.

Kalani reported on past attempts to launch a celebration of International Education Week, once held in 2000. He stated that it is a LOT of work and elicited fairly low levels of participation.

The most successful aspects were the international food and fashion show. Rosemary suggested that we might pick just one event and focus on that – and that it needn’t be held during IE week. She advised us to think about our goals and what would fit at Windward. Peace Day in Hawaii will be September 21. It is a newly designated day and this year will be the first.

4. Selection New IEC Convener
Kalani, who has served as convener of the International Education Committee for 10 years (thank you!!), tendered his resignation. Toshi Ikagawa kindly agreed to take the baton from Kalani and will serve as the convener/chair for 2007-2008.

submitted by Pamela DaGrossa