WCC International Education Committee

Minutes of August 29, 2008 Meeting

Palanakila Conference Room (Room 117) 1:30pm–2:30pm

**In attendance:** Cathie Muschany, Kalani Meinecke, Laurie Tomchak, Letty Colmenares, Pam DaGrossa, Toni Martin, Toshi Ikagawa

**In spirit:** Brian Richardson, Robert de Loach, Roy Fujimoto

**Guests:** DOI Richard Fulton, Jayne Bopp

1. **Action plan for international education at WCC** (DOI Richard Fulton):

   (1) Let’s make action outcomes for this year:
   a) Send to the Strategic Planning Committee
   b) Increase global consciousness at WCC
   c) To do this, we need institutional commitment:
      - Need to fit WCC mission statement
      - Need personnel & money
      → Definitely need a special person in charge!
      - Eventually, should become self-supporting program

   (2) How to attract international students?:
   a) Hawaiian/Polynesian studies
   b) Surfing/Hula
   c) Short-term English emersion programs
   d) Exchange programs (such as Dong Shin University, Korea)

   (3) Foreseeable problems:
   a) Housing: Availability, cost, etc.
   b) ESL program
   c) Visa/I-20

   (4) What will we do now?:
   a) Survey existing International/ESL programs (HPU, KCC, LCC, etc.)
   b) Survey and contact potential host families
   c) Survey the cost of home stay, rent, etc.
   d) Think what we can do, in terms of education, specific to WCC.

2. **Planning for International Education Week** (November):

   (1) Tie with the Common Book (Day of the dead)
   (2) Contact WCC Student Government (Pizza night → International menu night?)
   (3) Contact PAAC: Grant $, guest musician, etc.
   (4) Attraction (*ikebana*, tea, etc.) and food preparation (*→* Inge’s Bio tech project)

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