WCC International Education Committee

Minutes of
September 18, 2009 Meeting
Hale Alakai Room 118
2:30 pm–3:35 pm

Guest: Richard Fulton (Vice-Chancellor of Instruction)

Committee members present: Floyd McCoy, Kalani Meinecke, Elizabeth Ratliff, Kathleen Zane, Toni Martin, Brian Richardson, Jayne Bopp, Pam DaGrossa, Letty Colmenares

1. Minutes of February 20, 2009 approved- moved by Brian, seconded by Elizabeth
2. Two representatives for UHCC Int. Ed Committee (VC Fulton & Toshi) approved- moved by Elizabeth, seconded by Kalani

Urgent item:

3. Ho'olaule'a booth
   • Int Ed Committee will have a joint booth with Language Arts Department
   • We will do “names” (decipher its origin, meaning, etc.) like last year
   • Language Arts Dept will bring a banner, display, and other information materials
   • We will bring some promotional materials, too (Freeman Scholarship fliers, etc.)
   • May provide a “translation” of a name into other languages
   • Next year, we may provide Chinese calligraphy, etc. → Let’s start thinking now!
   • Think about how to involve more students, too

Main item:

4. International Education at WCC
   • We support the idea to push forward international education at WCC, which includes:
     o Bringing in international students to the campus
     o Sending out WCC students abroad
     o Promoting international education and themes on campus
   • Support for these goals can be found in the UH system strategic goal, especially the global focus
   • The committee needs to create a mission statement on WCC international education, that will be connected to the college’s Strategic Plan
   • An international education program at WCC will most likely need an office, including people & money
   • Some ideas on what can be done
     o Advertise to recruit potential local housing (home stay)
o Promote combined/inter-disciplinary certificate programs to attract international students
o Lower TOEFL requirement to encourage international students
o Obtain support from other institutions which already have support programs for international students (such as KCC and LCC)
o Contact Japanese Chamber of Commerce
o The college needs to provide comprehensive program/support
o We need a central coordinator
o We need to identify the necessary first step: person-in-charge & money

Other items:

- Think and share ideas about International Education Week activities
- Should think about obtaining grant money
- Seek TRIO involvement: to help organize events
- Seek Student Government involvement: international food festival, fashion show, etc.

Next meeting:
   September 25, 2009 (F) at 12:30 pm in Hale Kuhina 106