Aloha kakou & Happy New Year,

The PBC request forms for 2010-11 are now available on the website at

http://www.wcc.hawaii.edu/ir/PBCouncil/PlanningBudgetMenu.html

pls. check the listings for errors of any kind and send comments to

wccir@hawaii.edu

pls. note that you can also review last year's PBC activities and decisions as well as the new material for this year.

However, in regards to the PBC form for this year, pls. also note that some early submittals were on last year’s form (presumably before the new revised form was available), and in order to not have those submittals re-done, those forms are being accepted for this year only. PBC members should consider this when reviewing the forms and be sure that only one rating score is given after the first round of Council deliberations has been concluded as agreed.

Mahalo for your understanding of this situation.

Bear in mind that this is a Supplemental Budget year when typically we are not allowed to make new spending requests. Consequently we will consider matters such as:

- Allocation of the equipment (new & replacement) fund of up to $500K depending upon our fiscal health for the year;
- Position allocations based on the availability of vacated, unfilled positions;
- Planning for the allocation of performance based budget supplements (good news, if funded by the Legislature we are now attaining our graduation targets for Native Hawaiian students as well as for All Students…the only goals that heretofore we had failed to meet);
- Planning for satisfaction of our Library Learning Commons equipment and position needs since we may have to set up an escrow fund for the equipment and consider re-allocating recently vacated positions to fulfill our LLC needs;
- Other issues you may wish to see on our agenda….let me know as you become aware of items.

Meetings for the coming semester will be held on Fridays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the following days in rooms to be announced later:

February 11
February 25
March 11
April Fools Day…for real we meet
April 15
April 29

Please begin reading the program/unit reviews seriatim as they are posted because we will cover them in that order. Let the reading begin now and we will hope to complete the first round of reviews within three meetings to be followed thereafter by planning and allocation decisions.

Mahalo,
Doug Dykstra
Chair, Planning and Budget Council