

Hawai'i Community College Sustainability Committee

Report for Faculty Senate Meeting on September 27, 2019

Membership in Academic Year 2019-20

- Aimee MacLellan (Pālamanui-MNS)
- Beth Sanders (Pālamanui-Business)
- Debbie Weeks, Co-Chair (MNS)
- Drew Kapp, Co-Chair (SOC)
- Kate DeSoto (GSSS)
- Kristine Kotecki (ENG)
- Lew Nakamura (Agriculture)
- No'el Tagab-Cruz (HLS-HUM)
- Sam Giordanengo (HUM)

Events and Meetings

- The Fair for Earth Day / Lā Honua on **April 26, 2019** in Hilo was a success:
 - There was participation of approximately 1,600 K-12 students and their teachers, and dozens of presenters and organizations;
 - Over 120 Hawai'i-CC and UH-Hilo student, staff and faculty members volunteered;
 - Sustainability Committee members, associated faculty and staff, student clubs and Hawai'i-CC students played a crucial role in organizing, executing, outreaching, performing at and assisting with the Fair;
 - Highlights included a kīpaepae; keynote speeches by Dr. Manulani Meyer; a student conservation career panel; information dissemination on sustainability and conservation; workshops on environmental issues; native plant giveaways; garden tours; environmental storytelling; face painting for keiki; Hawaiian music, hula and Fijian dance; and much more.
- Spring 2019 Committee members Drew, Debbie and Kristine met with an academic support member on **May 7** to discuss S-Designation and the Certificate in Sustainability;
- In **Summer 2019** both Hilo and Pālamanui campuses each received a Vista volunteer to move sustainability initiatives on each campus forward: Hilo (Charlotte Cheek, site supervisor Drew) and Pālamanui (Karrie Johnson, site supervisor Dr. Richard Stevens);
- On **August 19** at the All College Meeting the Chancellor announced Sustainability as our College's theme this year, and attendees provided feedback on the status of sustainability in our communities and on our campuses;
- The Committee met on **August 20** to discuss the potential formation of an Environmental Sustainability Committee reporting to the College Council, to talk with the Chancellor about sustainability initiatives, and to meet the new Vista volunteers;
- On **August 21** the Committee reiterated its support of provisional S-designation for Fall 2019 for 14 course sections in Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, English, Geography, Microbiology, Physics, and Social Sciences;

- On **August 23**, Committee Co-Chair Debbie Weeks participated in a UH System meeting representing Hawai'i-CC;
- The Committee met again on **August 30** to discuss UH system updates, committee membership, S-designation, and semester goals;
- Committee members met with each other and the Chancellor during the **weeks of Sept 2 and Sept 9** to develop and solidify plans for Sustainability-themed Kauhale Day, Sept 20;
- Committee members and the Vista volunteers met with Matt Lynch, head of the UH Office of Sustainability between **Sept 9 and 11** at both Pāalamanui and Hilo. Some participated and were trained as facilitators in a Climate Futures activity.
- The College Council approved the formation of a Sustainability Committee for Campus Initiatives to include faculty/staff/students on **Sept 13**. At least one member of the Senate Select committee will also serve on this Committee to foster communication. The Senate select Academic Sustainability Committee will focus on the ASC in Sustainability and S-designation of courses, along with any other academic sustainability-related issues that come up. The new committee will be presented to the 'Committee on committees' for final approval. Sam and Kate will move to this new committee and at Debbie plans to serve on both committees. A student, possibly from the Sustainability Club that is being developed, will also serve, along with other fac/staff to be determined.
- Committee members, Vista volunteers, Matt Lynch, the Chancellor and her assistants executed the agenda for Kauhale Day, **Sept 20**, including:
 - Cultural Sustainability and the chant *Mele a Pāku'i* with No'el
 - Economic Sustainability, with Vibrant Hawai'i
 - Environmental Sustainability: climate change with Debbie, campus highlights including Harvestable Gardens at the Model Home from Lew, and student involvement in sustainability projects on Hawai'i Island and Kaho'olawe with Drew
 - Global Climate Strikes, with Kristine
 - UH student feedback from focus groups, with Matt
 - Climate Futures activity, with Matt, No'el and co-facilitators

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for **October 11, 2019**

Mahalo. Sustainability Co-Chairs Drew Kapp and Debbie Weeks , September 21, 2019