Meeting Notes – Sustainability Committee (November 10, 2009)
8:30 – 10:00 A.M.
KFP Conference Room

Attendance:
Sevki Erdogan – Committee Chair/Faculty Congress, Steve Bader – Administrative Affairs, Gail Makuakani-Lundin – Student Affairs, Bill Steiner – Academic Affairs/CAFNRM, Nadine Austin – Auxiliary Services.

Open Agenda:
1. Student reps were unable to attend this morning’s meeting. Is this a good time for students or should we consider changing the meeting schedule.

2. Will a sustainability statement be included in the UHH strategic plan – either in the updated version or when a new one is developed? What about the university’s mission statement? What is the process for inclusion?

3. Sevki suggested that the Faculty Congress could take the initiative to include a sustainability statement.

4. Having such a statement would guide building and construction, long range development as well as, everyday operations and daily life at UHH.

5. What has HAWCC been doing regarding sustainability? Are we coordinating efforts with them?

6. Campus Closures – discussion on consolidating operations during closures. Other ideas - summer classes could be offered in one building (UCB), dorm use could be restricted to one or two building etc.

7. Current budget crisis could be an opportunity to change wasteful habits – become more disciplined about energy savings and sustainability.

8. In light of the EKH move another E-Waste day should be planned.

9. Bill discussed four current initiatives on campus: Edible Gardens, Dorm Gardens, Fruit Trees around campus and a Composting area. Nadine said signage for the composting was approved by Debra. The other activities need to be discussed and coordinated with Lo-Li and Kolin. In the past, gardens have been started and later neglected or people have planted trees without consulting anyone.

10. Gail talked about a previously discussed “Kipuka” concept which would establish a sustainability zone on campus and incorporate the initiative to plant native fruit trees and build a traditional Hawaiian “hale”.