Meeting Notes – Sustainability Committee (November 25, 2009)
9:00 – 10:30 A.M.
UCB Dean’s Conference Room

Attendance:
Sevki Erdogan – Committee Chair/Faculty Congress, Steve Bader – Administrative Affairs, Gail Makuakani-Lundin – Student Affairs, Bill Steiner – Academic Affairs/CAFNRM, Kolin Kettleson—Auxiliary Services, Tom DeWitt – COBE, Justin Avery – Student Rep.

Agenda:
1. Definition of Sustainability at UH Hilo:
   - Should be universal – integrate/adapt throughout the entire university.
   - Encompass a “triple bottom line” infusing environment, economics and social/cultural aspects.
   - Infuse Hawaiian concepts of sustainability (i.e. Ahupua’ā)
   - Bill volunteered to work on a draft definition.

2. Letter to cabinet requesting that sustainability be incorporated throughout the strategic plan.
   - There was agreement that a letter be sent from the committee to cabinet. This would probably happen after a definition/statement is developed.
   - The candidates for Chancellor should be asked about sustainability (background, experience, philosophy)

3. Other Discussion:

   Communication

   - Sevki suggested that the all of the sustainability “crazies” need to talk up sustainability wherever they are located around the university (academic departments, student classes, Faculty Congress, administration etc.)
   - Tom recommended that we link a UHH Sustainability Site to outside social networking sites (i.e. Facebook, Linked, etc.)
   - Would it be possible for the university create a “Sustainability Czar” position?
• The committee could identify “Sustainability Champions” that would be recognized and rewarded for their efforts.

Curriculum

• There was discussion on what it would take to start a sustainability curriculum. Curriculum could be developed through a number of different academic areas like CAFNRM or COBE.

• A “Sustainability Certificate” could also be developed through General Ed that would be available across the entire university curriculum. Sevki & Tom will explore this concept.

4. Announcements

• Justin passed out a flyer for “The Next Step” Sustainability Event he was coordinating which is being held on December 2, 2009 from 6:00 -10:00 p.m. at the Campus Center Plaza. There will be free food, prizes, entertainment and Guest Speaker Senator Gary Hoosier from Kauai.

5. Future meeting schedule to be determined.