

Minutes of the 16 September 2005 meeting of the UHCOE Diversity Committee

Present (in Wist 218): Rhonda Black, Steve Brown (chair), Morris Lai (recorder), Jeff Moniz, Becky Ozaki, and Mike Salzman.

Chair Steve Brown called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Minutes of the 16 May 2005 were reviewed and approved.

NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) update: The UHCOE NCATE Diversity subcommittee headed by Eileen Tamura turned in its final report; however, the UHCOE has received a one-year NCATE extension, so it is likely that the Diversity Subcommittee will later have to update its report with recent data. Rhonda noted that she had collected, for the NCATE report, extensive demographic data as well as status related to adequate yearly progress for all public schools in Hawai'i. Jeff said he would like to work with Rhonda to conduct research using those data.

For the upcoming holiday season, Rhonda, Becky, and Morris will head the "Celebrating Giving" event. Last year truckloads of donations were delivered to Child and Family Services. The plan is to hold the event (pot luck and donations) on Friday December 2, 2005 from 11:30-1 and donate to the same agency. Also planned is wider-spread publicity aimed at increasing awareness and participation.

Potential workshop topics: In addition to the topics listed in the minutes of the 5/16/05 meeting, one on the effects of (socioeconomic) class on things like access to higher education was suggested by Mike, who pointed out that class also affects high school students choosing to join the military and also which schools get sanctioned under No Child Left Behind. A workshop could include roundtable discussions followed by large-group sessions.

The topics suggested for the 2005–2006 academic year at the 5/16/05 meeting were (a) sexual orientation and safe zones, (b) gender (e.g., the feminization of teaching and the overrepresentation of males in special education and other programs), (c) racism in Hawaii (continued), and (d) the intersection of race, gender, and disability.

Jean Johnson, now chair of the COE Faculty Senate, would like all Senate committees to have a student representative. Diversity Committee members are asked to come up with suggested candidates.

The next Diversity Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday October 19 from 9:30-11 a.m. After that, all Diversity Committee meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month from 9:30-11 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.