

Spring 2009 Diversity and Equity Initiative Report

In the spring of 2009, remaining funds were distributed to sixteen applicants from throughout the UH system. A bulk of the funding tends to be distributed in the fall semester when demand is highest for projects to be implemented in the spring semester. Within the past two years, requests for extra funds to support diversity initiatives have increased for both semesters. This semester applications numbered up to forty-nine and only sixteen proposals were funded. As the fiscal and budgetary conditions worsen at the university, the committee is well aware that ensuring campus diversity remain a priority for the entire UH system.

Summary of initiatives below were categorized by outreach and recruitment, performance, research, speakers, training workshops and miscellaneous.

Outreach and Recruitment (4)

Navigating the Future in Health Professions

Award: \$2100 Sheila Walsh, M. Ed, walshs@Hawaii.edu, Kakaako/Hawai'i Pacific AHEC, John A. Burns School of Medicine

Initiative offered outreach and educational sessions to high school students from the state. Sessions were conducted at UH Mānoa, and the School of Medicine

Pamantasan Conference 2009

Award: \$ 4600 Alvin Tagomori, atag@Hawaii.edu, Maui Community College Workshops for students from high schools and the UH system were held at Maui CC on leadership, culture, history, arts and music. Noted historian Dr. Emmanuel Calairo from De Salle University , Philippines gave the keynote speech.

Introduce A Girl to Engineering Day

Award: \$4000 Olga Boric-Lubeck, olgabl@Hawaii.edu, Electrical Engineering , UH Mānoa, UH Hilo, Hawai'i Community College

Outreach to Big Island middle school and high school girls on engineering as a career. Project activities were coordinated and managed by UH Society of Women Engineers Collegiate Chapter. Members are women students in various engineering fields. The initiative brought special activities to girls in West Hawai'i and East Hawai'i.

Performance

Diwali Festival Celebration

Award: \$600 Carolina Lam cglam@Hawaii.edu, Center for Global Ed. & Exchange, UH Hilo
No report filed

Research (3)

Hawaiian Language Newspaper Translations

Award: \$2500 Elizabeth Kumabe Maynard, Kumabe@Hawaii.edu, Sea Grant College, UH Mānoa

Students proficient in Hawaiian Language throughout UH system engaged in scholarly research on translation of nearshore fisheries and related materials from Hawaiian language newspaper archives and developed academic resources on traditional sustainable and management of fisheries.

Ah Quon McElrath Access Project

Award: \$3000 Center for Labor Ed. & Research (CLEAR), chrisc@Hawaii.edu, UH West Oahu

A web-based searchable data base consisting of transcriptions from recorded video interviews with Ah Quon McElrath on labor history and social economic justice. No report filed.

Using Photovoice as a Research Method

Award: \$1000 Angela Sy, sya@Hawaii.edu, Public Health Science, John A. Burns School of Medicine.

Process used photovoice method to gather community data
No report filed

Speakers (5)

Ma Ka `Ike Ka Maopopo – A Study of Traditional Hawaiian Language and Cultural Practices

Award: \$1500 Kawehi Lucas, lucaskat@Hawaii.edu, Hawaiinuikea School for Hawaiian Knowledge, UH Mānoa

A one semester program of short lectures designed to showcase to cultural practitioners dedicated to preserving cultural , creative, and traditional arts in Hawai'i and health practices.

Sociology of Disability

Award: \$1600 Albert Robillard, britt@Hawaii.edu, Sociology, UH Mānoa

A cybersociology forum on disabilities with speaker Deanna Gregorio from the Philippines.

Represent! 2009 Fall Festival of Writers

Award: \$1250 Robert Sullivan, rsulliv1@Hawaii.edu , English UH Mānoa
Locally and renowned writers gathered at UH Mānoa and Kapi`olani Community College representing fiction, creative nonfiction and poetry.

Rethinking Women in Islam

Award: \$1000 Barbara Watson Andaya, msia@Hawaii.edu Muslim Societies in Asia Program, UH Mānoa
Speaker Ms.Zainah Anwah, activist, scholar and journalist spoke on issues of women's rights in Islam

Symposium on Indigenous women's rights

Award: \$1000 Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal, aplpi@Hawaii.edu
Richardson's School of Law UH Mānoa
A series of guest speakers and practicing professionals participated in panel discussions and lecture series focused on indigenous women's rights in the Pacific region.

Training and Workshops (3)

Palolo 'Ohana Program

Award: \$2000 Ulla Hassager, ulla@Hawaii.edu, Ethnic Studies, UH Mānoa
Training program for faculty and students with immigrant families in Palolo housing project.

Teaching the Teachers: Highlighting Hawai'i Best Science Technology Practices to Support the Education of Science Teachers

Award: \$2600 Tara O'Neill, toneill@Hawaii.edu, Curriculum Studies, College of Education, UH Mānoa
Highlighted 5 Hawai'i public school science teachers

Health Careers Opportunity Program

Award: \$1500 Agnes Malate, amalate@Hawaii.edu ,