

Pacific Islands Studies Faculty Retreat

May 30, 2009, Kauai Community College

Present: Lola Quan Bautista (UHManoa), Tracie Kauipo Losch (Leeward), Fiona McCormack (UHHilo), Puali'i Rossi Fukino (Kauai), Joshua Fukino (Kauai), Dennis Chun (Kauai), Tarcicius Kabutaulaka (UHManoa), Terence Wesley-Smith (UHManoa), Tom Pohaku Stone (KCC), Julie Walsh Kroeker (UHManoa), Ekela Kaniaupio-Crozier (Maui), Molly Kaimi Summers (Kauai), Sa'ili Lilomaiaava Doktor (UH West Oahu).

Minutes: Vilsoni Hereniko

I: Welcome and Introductions: Dennis Chun welcomed everyone on behalf of Kauai Community College, followed by a brief welcome by Saili who then requested that Vili, as Director of Pacific Studies at UHManoa, say a few words and also take the minutes of the meeting. Vili agreed.

II: Update on Pacific courses from each campus and related issues

Kauai Community College

1. Has only one Pacific course: literature of the Pacific (261 level course).
2. There are some Marshallese and Trukese folks living in Kauai, as well as several Tongans.
3. There are many Hawaiians and part-Hawaiians, some from Niihau.
4. Native Hawaiian students comprise about 17% of student body
5. A Pacific literature course is offered occasionally at the 200 level. There is a need to ensure that this course is accepted at UHManoa because its Pacific literature course is offered at the 300 level.
6. Hawaiian Studies has grown in terms of declared majors. Ages of students range from 18-70 and they are from different backgrounds; there are about as many males as females.

Kapiolani Community College

1. Plans to offer an on-line Pacific course every semester, though Regina doesn't have time to build the web course.
2. Hawaiian Studies courses tend to be full; there are 27 sections of the 107 course.
3. There are three faculty members (Pohaku, Keala, and Palani).
4. Will be short of one faculty member next semester.
5. A suggestion is that we develop a site through laulima to assist us all in our efforts to promote the teaching of Pacific courses. The present site is listed under "islands of Oceania."

UHHilo

1. Has a certificate in Pacific Studies but difficult to know how many majors.
2. The College offers a certificate in Pacific Studies: 21 credits, 3 required courses, and elective courses.
3. Wants to introduce a one-credit course that is a weekly seminar with faculty giving one lecture per semester. The advice received is to change this to a 3 credit course.
4. Considering 2 film courses.
5. Students can take some courses at the 100 level.

Leeward Community College

1. Pacs 108 is scheduled for spring 2010.
2. Hawn 107 is offered as an H focus course.
3. There is a need to create a Pacs designation.
4. College has plans to offer a certificate in Pacific Studies.
5. Not many students who are Pacific Islanders.
6. Tracie is the only full time faculty member on tenure-track. She is charged to build both Hawaiian and Pacific Studies.
7. Michelle Tupou is lecturer who has taught Pacific literature as well as Pacific Islands film .

Maui Community College

1. No one is qualified to teach Pacs 108.
2. No Pacs courses at the moment but interested in teaching Pacs courses in the future.
3. Has to consolidate Hawaiian courses first before Pacs courses.
4. There are four faculty members teaching Hawaiian language, Hawaiian studies and ethnobotany.

UHWest Oahu.

1. In fall 2007, College started developing courses. Offerings are more diverse than before. Haw 107 is offered for the first time as Haw-Pac Studies or HPST 201. Haw-Pac Studies HPST 202 is equivalent to Pacs 108. There are plans to change Hawn 202 to HPST 108 in future (the equivalent of Pacs 108).
2. Hawaiian and Pacific Studies are taught together.
3. Has offered courses on film in Oceania, as well as mythology and archaeology. Those teaching include Michelle, Ross, Saili and Leilani. Has three tenure track positions and two lecturers.
4. Looking to combine performance, art and language.
5. Collaborating with other faculty in anthropology (Suzanne Falgout), English, and sociology in cross-listed courses.
6. Has a BA in Humanities, with a major in Hawaiian and Pacific Studies.
7. Has about 25 majors in Hawaiian and Pacific Studies.

8. Major has 49 credits.

UH Manoa

1. Pacs 108 was first taught in spring 2008. There were two sections of Pacs 108 in spring 2009, with about 70 students. There will be three sections of Pacs 108 in fall 2009.
2. Two courses at 200 level have been planned: "Oceania on the Move", and "Islands of Globalization".
3. The B.A. in Pacific Studies consists of 33 credits, with 3 core courses and electives chosen from a range of courses.
4. Three tracks are being planned: "Public Policy and Community Development in Hawai'i", "Contemporary Arts and Performance", and "Contemporary Issues and Politics."
5. Also planned is a senior capstone experience.

III: Articulating Pacs 108 across the system

1. Suggestions include the following:
 - a. Getting someone who is in charge of articulation to attend the next meeting in August.
 - b. Pacs 108 should be a core course that is consistent throughout campus with some room for individual innovation.
 - c. Explore how Pacs 108 can be offered system-wide online.
 - d. Explore the possibility of perhaps only teaching Pacs 108 online at some future date.
 - e. A suggestion is to have four subcommittees that will report at the next meeting. These are: student learning outcomes, on-line courses, articulation issues, teaching workshop.
Members of each committee are as follows:
Student Learning Outcomes/Assessment
Tracie, Tara, Saili
On-line
Fiona, Pua, Pohaku
Articulation
Julie, Kaimi
Teaching Workshop
Dennis, Terence, Ekela, Lola

IV: Pedagogies and Learning Strategies for Pacific and Hawaiian Studies Contexts

1. There were brief reports and accounts of the service-learning component of the Pacs 108 course by various members of the group.
2. Service learning opportunities allow students to provide services to the community.
3. There was some discussion on the challenges and opportunities inherent in service learning at the 100 level. There was a general feeling, though no vote was taken, that perhaps there should be different levels of engagement and interaction with the communities

V: Next Retreat

The next retreat will be hosted by the Center for Pacific Islands Studies at UHManoa.

Date: Morning and Afternoon of Friday 7 August, 2009 and Morning of Saturday 8 August, 2009.

This retreat coincides with the Second Pacific Islands Film Festival, sponsored by the Center for Pacific Islands Studies and Pomona College, which runs from the evening of 7 August to the evening of 9 August, 2009. All participants attending the retreat are invited to attend the film's screenings, which will be free to them. Vili will send the program as soon as it is finalized.