

Systemwide Meeting of Cultural Anthropology Faculty

November 18, 2005

2:30 - 3:30 PM

Dole St. Conference Room with VTC connection to Maui CC

Present: Jaida Samudra (UHM), Lynne Wolforth (UH Hilo and Haw CC), Jack Bilmes (UHM), Andrew Arno (UHM), Christine Yano (UHM), Grace Miller (Lee CC), Carl Hefner (Kap CC), Pam DeGrassa (Win CC), Kathy Fletcher (Maui CC), Colleen Shishido (Maui CC), Joanne Itano (UH System)

Proposed Course Number Change of UHM Anth 200

Christine Yano provided an overview of the proposed course number change of Anth 200 to Anth 301 at UHM. When UHM created Anth 152 about three years ago as a companion to 151, it hoped that 152 would be taken by non majors of anthropology. Anth 200 would be a more advanced introduction to cultural anthropology for those intending to major in anthropology. Currently, both courses are taken by students who are non majors in anthropology and there has been difficulty in making these courses different from each other. A review of other social science departments at UHM revealed that many do not offer 200 level introductory courses.

UHM is proposing to change 200 to 301. 301 would be required for majors in anthropology. It is anticipated that fewer students will enroll in this course and non majors who wish to take an introductory course in cultural anthropology would enroll in Anth 152. Anth 301 would have no prerequisites.

Currently Anth 152 at Hon CC and Kap CC transfer to UHM as a FG (global and multicultural) course. UHM's 152 is also designated FG.

Anth 200 at the CCs and UHM and Anth 100 at UHH are considered equivalent courses and transfer as a diversification social science (DS) course at UHM and as a world cultures course at UHH. Anth 152 from UHM, Hon CC and Kap CC transfers to UHH as a World Cultures Substitute course.

If Anth 200 was eliminated at UHM, then the Anth 200/100 from the other campuses would transfer to UHM as a DS course. The group considered the impact of changing the Anth 200 at the CCs to 152 and currently on at least two campuses the Anth 200 is required for several different programs and changing the number would be difficult.

The recommendation of this group was for UHM to maintain Anth 200 as an "active" course for articulation purposes although it would not be taught.

Carl Hefner agreed to work with UHM faculty to develop course descriptions for 152 and 200 which would differentiate the courses and will share the course descriptions with the rest of the group.