Hawai‘i Community College Sustainability Committee

Report for Faculty Senate Meeting on January 31, 2020

Membership in Spring Semester 2020
- Aimee MacLellan (Pālamanui-MNS)
- Debbie Weeks, Co-Chair (MNS)
- Drew Kapp, Co-Chair (SOC-HSER)
- Kaʻea Lyons (Pālamanui-HLS)
- Kate DeSoto (GSSS)
- Kristine Kotecki (ENG)
- Lew Nakamura (CTE-Agriculture)
- No'el Tagab-Cruz (HLS-HUM)
- Sam Giordanengo (HUM)

Ongoing work by the Committee and towards campus sustainability initiatives
- Committee met on November 22, 2019 (Debbie, Kristine, No’el, Charlotte, Drew) and January 17, 2020 (Debbie, No’el, Drew).
- Committee submitted a Maunakea Committee Statement to UH System Office of Sustainability and Hawai‘i-CC Faculty Senate.
- Committee will continue efforts in early Spring 2020 to identify and recruit more faculty to consider having their courses designated as Sustainability focused.
- Committee continues to work on revisions to the ASC in Sustainability.
- Campus Sustainability Initiatives Coordinator Charlotte Cheek helped launch our Sustainability website with Thatcher Moats. She published our first newsletter “Is Recycling Sustainable?” and is currently working on another to be published soon.
- Several committee members (No’el, Charlotte, and Drew as Hawai‘i-CC Coordinator) have met every other week as part of larger Hawai‘i-CC/UH-Hilo joint committee to plan Lā Honua~Earth Day 2020 (April 22 12-4pm for our Hawai‘i-CC/UH-Hilo communities, April 24 8:30am-1:30pm for K-12 students, and April 25 huaka‘i with environmental service projects for our Hawai‘i-CC/UH-Hilo communities).
- UH Office of Sustainability supported the participation of Drew and Ilana Stout in the ‘Aha ‘Āina Aloha at UH-West O‘ahu on January 10 where they were trained in a
“Teaching Climate Change Affectively” workshop. They will conduct a workshop for our colleagues at Hawai‘i-CC and UH-Hilo later this semester.

- The Sustainability-Mālama ‘Āina RISO, coordinated by Charlotte, held several student and executive board meetings, participated in the Student Club Fair November 18-21 and visited our Hawai‘i-CC Farm on December 6.
- Committee member Sam submitted in Fall 2019 an application, which is currently being reviewed by the Committee on Committees, to form the Environmental (Kauhale) Sustainability Committee that would report to College Council,

Mahalo. Sustainability Co-Chairs Drew Kapp and Debbie Weeks, January 24, 2020