Social Sciences Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2015
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Present: Paul Briggs, Toshi Ikagawa, Kathleen French, Christian Palmer, Frank Palacat

1. Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting (4-16-15)
   Unanimously accepted.

2. Requisitions-Toshi and Frank
   a. Toshi has a request for landform models for geography. They want to get 3 sets so that students can use them instead of just having them in the front.
   b. Discussion about other supplies: posters, whiteboards, whiteboard markers, pens, DVDs, and other teaching supplies for next year. A paper shredder for conference room.
   c. Business cards for everyone in the department.

3. Master Plan-Infrastructure list for the Department
   a. Wheel chair accessible pathway from the back entrance to the front.
   b. Laptop cart, you can order from Mike Tom if you need one.
   c. We would like a spot for students to sit and hang out in the back by the parking lot.
   d. Key access to the two back doors. There is a plan to get them when we get the awnings.
   e. Social Science lab. Theoretically Upward Bound will move to Hale Kako’o when it is completed and there will possibly be space open here for the lab. This could be a space for archaeology labs, psychological experiments, and other uses. It could also be a place to interact with the community.

4. Social Science Goals for Next Year
   a. We discussed the possibility of creating an AA Degree in Social Sciences. What would the benefits for students be?
   b. We discussed the possibility of creating some kind of International Leadership Certificate. The international education committee us working on the international educational matrix to see what resources and courses are already out there.
   c. Should we develop a Global Studies course within the political science department. Possibly link with global studies certificate instead of international leadership. It’s best to create a certificate that is different from other CCs.
   d. We discussed developing programs that would help train people for needs that are developing in the area. We could look at training skills trainers for DOE. Is there anything we could do with the state hospital as it develops and expands? There is a care home being developed. We should get our students prepared to work in these facilities.

5. Update of Psychology Position and furniture
a. We will readvertise the Psychology position in order to get a wider audience. We discussed the possibility of having the department pay for a wider distribution mechanism with the APA or Journal of Higher Ed.