Meeting Notes  
Sustainability Working Group  
February 4, 2013, 2:00-3:30 p.m., HH 309  

Attending: Brian Turano, Aya Hirata Kimura, David Penn, Jim Henry, Jane Schoonmaker, Michelle Katcheck, Tony Kuh, Ron Cambra, Jim Roumasset, Lilikala Kame’eleihwa, Maxine Birkett, Healani Chang, Beei-Huan Chao, Kirsten Oleson, Creighton Litton, Michael Cooney, Kamana Beamer, Rebekah Carroll, Susan Hippensteele

1. SP Status and Update  
   a. Discussion to clarify WG charge

2. Discussion of National Programs  
   a. Discussion of putting together an interdisciplinary degree  
   b. Need for an administrative structure for the degrees  
      i. Credit for what you are doing- Not volunteer  
      ii. Cohere all that we are doing
   c. Strong programs nationally have an Institute attached  
   d. Must have a theme  
      i. Island specific?  
      ii. What is missing in the other disciplines?
   e. Water, Energy, Soil  
      i. Human component is important  
      ii. Existing programs have tracks  
      iii. Focus on islands  
         1. Can be models for continents  
         2. Human components  
         3. Indigenous systems
   f. Two ways to structure  
      i. Traditional degree w/ sustainability  
         1. This way does not challenge the traditional assumptions  
      ii. Sustainability Degree w/ a track system
   g. Discussion of certificates already being offered  
      i. Current cert issues  
         1. Not as visible  
         2. Some students want a PhD not a cert  
         3. Undergrads have high demand for BA  
         4. Consistent demand for a cert still exists  
      ii. Not trying to eliminate anything that already exists

3. UHM Sustainability Degree Administrative Options  
   a. Ways to structure  
      i. Least expensive way w/o an institute/  
         1. Faculty group  
         2. course list  
         3. EECB struggled w/ trying to create a degree from this certificate  
         4. Q: Is this degree program a financial priority for the university?  
      ii. More expensive way
1. Institute for Sustainability
   iii. UG Level- Make Interdisciplinary Studies home for degree?

b. Models for structure
   i. Honors Model
   ii. Interdisciplinary Studies Model

c. Issues
   i. Structure adaptation
   ii. Degrees require more structure than certs
   iii. Offering enough courses to get students through
   iv. Departments ability to schedule
   v. Commitment from faculty to get students through if they join in Fall 2014

4. UHM Sustainability Degree Options
   a. If we follow second model, where to house for Grad school?
   b. Need to distinguish expectations at the Grad level vs. the Undergrad level
   c. Discussion of funding/resourcing

Next steps
1. SH will bring resource information
2. RC will complete updated course list
3. Members send any courses you are aware of to SH/RC

Next Meeting: March 4, 2013; 2-3:30 in HH 309