



UHHS SENATE REPORTS

NAME: CAFNRM Senator Jessie Watson
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SENATE MEETING: 09-013
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CAFNRM Faculty Senate Meeting 9/18/09

- Epscor Proposal regarding greenhouse development for filming plant materials at UHH farm
- Operational Logistics of CAFNRM office since the secretary's position has been cut, there is a possibility of hiring a student to help when needed
- Engineering program, whether it will be applied engineering or agricultural engineering and how it will affect CAFNRM
- Discussion about under enrolled classes and changing the credit hours of classes from 3hrs. to 4 hrs, 1 for lab and 3 for lecture

CAFNRM Meeting with Dean William Steiner 9/18/09

- Work Study has been cut in half because of budget cuts
- Agriculture club will provide cohesiveness to the college, by bringing students and faculty together
- CAFNRM's enrollment has increased to 153 students
- Ideas on growing food on farm and selling it, with money going back to the farm for fertilizer, management, etc.
- CAFNRM's vision of becoming more sustainable and improvements to the college and farm
- Update on CAFNRM receiving police horses from Oahu
 - It is up in the air right now, private bidders want them as well
 - If we do not get them, we will work to get other horses, so the polo team will be able to compete

Enrollment Management Implementation Team (EMIT) Meeting 9/21/09

- Academic Success Rates
- Retention Rate of UH Hilo -63%
- 6-year graduation rate- 32%
- Academic success rate- 39%
- The reason of this team is to increase these numbers, whether it be with transfer students or first time freshmen

- 5,000 student population goal is important, but this is not the basis of the team
- There is a need to bring in the Division chairs, because what is implemented affects them greatly
- We need to work now to make sure there are enough seats for students in the spring
- Recruitment, retention, and graduation are most important

Student Outreach Committee Status

- We have compiled a mini survey that includes the following questions:
 - What is the University of Hawaii Student Association (UHHSA)?
 - What do you like about UH Hilo?
 - What improvements would you like to see at UH Hilo?
 - What would you like to see out of UHHSA this school year?
 - Voice your opinion:
- We will hopefully have pizza as an incentive for students to fill out the survey
- The survey will be during the lunch hours of a Tuesday and a Wednesday
- We are looking into a computer based survey as a sustainable alternative to paper