



## **UH HISA SENATE REPORTS**

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The committee began recruiting members on August 24<sup>th</sup> and held its first weekly meeting on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. In the 5 meetings held leading to the submittal of this report 11 sub-committees have been established that address specific projects/issues. A secretary position was created and filled by Colin Phifer who will be responsible for recording meeting minutes and webpage maintenance. Chairs of each sub-committee were established. This report summarizes the organization of the committee as of the submittal date.

### **Committee Organization Summary as of Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Chair: Stefan Kropidlowski (stefanj@hawaii.edu)

Secretary: Colin Phifer (colin.phifer@gmail.com)

**Student Membership: 52**

**Number of sub-committees: 11**

**Collaborating partner entities: 14**

- 1) County Councilman Pete Hoffman's Office
- 2) Island Sustainable Products
- 3) Sodexo Food Services
- 4) UH Hilo Ag Club
- 5) UH Hilo College of Ag Professor Norman Arancon
- 6) University of Hawaii Bookstores
- 7) UH Hilo Sustainability Committee
  - o Vice Chancellor Debra Fitzsimmons
- 8) UH Hilo Athletics
  - o Athletic Director Dexter Irvin
  - o Tennis Team
- 9) Rebounces (tennis ball recycling program)
- 10) UH Hilo Auxiliary Services
  - o Director Kolin Kettelson
- 11) PATH (Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii)
- 12) Hilo Bike Hub
- 13) Edwin H. Mookini Library
  - o Thora Abarca
- 14) NetImpact (student RISO)

## Sub-Committees

### 1) **Lights Out Campaign**

- Number of committee participants: 10
- Chair: Stefan Kropidowski
- Collaborators: Auxiliary Service
- Purpose: To place sticker in all appropriate rooms across campus reminding campus users to turn off lights when they are not needed.

### 2) **Hawaii County Bag Ban**

- Number of committee participants to date: 8
- Chair: Makalele Gorsich
- Collaborators: County Councilman Pete Hoffman, Island Sustainable Products
- Purpose: To pass a county-wide ban on the free distribution of plastic grocery bags in order to halt the continued addition of chemicals and harmful materials to our landfills and environment and encourage the movement of our island away from being a disposable society.

### 3) **Campus Community Gardens and Edible Landscaping**

- Number of Committee participants: 6
- Chairs: Samantha Robinson, Jessie Potter, Jessie Watson
- Collaborators: UH Hilo Ag Club, Prof. Norman Arancon
- Purpose: To establish a community garden(s) and fruit bearing trees on campus to be available for student use.

### 4) **End of Semester Paper Reclamation**

- Number of committee participants to date: 2
- Chairs: Emily Lambert, Leina'ala Hall
- Collaborators: Auxiliary Services
- Purpose: To reclaim as much paper as possible for recycling and divert it from the landfill at the end of the semester.

### 5) **Sudexo Waste Reduction and Reclamation Campaign**

- Active Committee Members to date: 7+
- Chair: (tentative) Franziska Kleinhempel, Erick Knutson, +?
- Collaborators: Sodexo, Ag Club, UH bookstore, Prof Norman Arancon
- Purpose: To divert as much student generated cafeteria waste as possible through reduction and diversion. The introduction of a waste sorting system will be combined with an awareness campaign. Food waste and compostable paper waste will be collected and processed by the Ag club for campus gardens.

### 6) **Campus Composting and Vermiculutre (worm farming)**

- Number of Committee participants: 4
- Chair: Eric Knutson
- Collaborators: Ag Club, Prof. Norman Arancon, Sodexo, Auxillary Services
- Purpose: 1) To divert compostable cafeteria waste and campus grounds crew green waste to campus compost managed by the Ag club. 2) To Host a vermiculutre workshop and provide students with the opportunity to manage their own worm compost in their homes.

**7) PATH Urban Cycling Course**

- Number of Committee Participants: 2
- Chairs: Ellen Posner, April Koperniak
- Collaborators: PATH, Hilo Bike Hub
- Purpose: To encourage the advancement of sustainable transportation options such as biking by training community members how to safely cycle in urban settings.

**8) Tennis Ball Recycling**

- Number of Committee Member participants: 3
- Chairs: Stefan Kropidowski, Laurent Columbo
- Collaborators: Athletic Department Director Dexter Irvin, UH Hilo Tennis Teams, Reboundes.
- Purpose: To prevent the estimated 2500 tennis balls that are purchased by the UH Hilo tennis teams each year from ending up in the landfill. Used Tennis balls will be collected and shipped to Reboundes who will re-pressurize and re-sell them at reduced cost.

**9) NetImpact “State of the World” seminar by Jesse Law Oct 8<sup>th</sup>.**

- Number of Committee Member Participants: 5
- Chairs: Laurent Columbo, Justin Avery
- Collaborators, NetImpact (primary Sponsor), Island Sustainable Products
- Purpose: ”To raise the awareness of initiatives on campus and to highlight what individuals and groups are willing to do to be a part of the change (role models) and communicate the opportunities to be a part of the change on campus.”

**10) Library Sustainability Literature Display**

- Number of Committee Participants: 1
- Chair: Tristan Estrella
- Collaborators: Mookini Library (Thora Abarca), NetImpact
- Purpose: To build awareness of the collection of sustainability literature available to students that was donated to the library by the 2008-9 UHHS student sustainability Committee.

**11) Campus Recycling Action Committee**

- Number of Committee members Participating: in formation (2)
- Chairs: ??
- Collaborators: Auxiliary Services, UH Hilo Campus Sustainability Committee.( Vice Chancellor Debra Fitzsimmons)
- Purpose: To minimize the amount of reclaimable waste generated on campus that is sent to the landfill.