Social Science Division Spring 2013 meeting

Date: January 11, 2013

Time: 8:30- am-9:30 am

Venue: Movie Land Restaurant

1. Chairperson’s update:
2. Update from CAC-faculty members were updating on current issues from Curriculum and Assessment committee, which are:

* The committee’s recommendation to shorten add/drop period
* The committee’s assignment on evaluating program reviews as assigned to team readers

1. Law courses/Program

* Advise from VPIA to enroll new students in Fall semester only for easier tracking of cohort and easier transition for students.
* The need to follow-up on assessment plan which instructors Jonathan Pinkney-Baird and Daniel Rescue agreed to work on from last meeting in August of 2012.

1. Exchange program-Japanese university students with COMFSM students (culture and history)

* Students will arrive on island in February
* Plan is start communication with Micronesian studies students on topics of history and culture in Micronesia before their arrival in February.
* An open forum will be held upon their arrival-detail is yet to be planned

1. John to put together materials for SS205-Government and Politics
2. John will be involved teaching NGO course and putting together course materials-course is expected to launch in Mid-March of 2013.
3. Recently opened courses for SS and other courses-inform students to enroll if they need additional courses. To encourage students who will be finishing from the Micronesian Studies Program to take SS205-Government and Politics and SS220-Contemporary issues in Micronesia.
4. Update from Faustino with Micronesian studies program assessment. His report includes the following:

* Data from Fall 2012 almost complete
* Collected data from both course and program levels
* Seeing identical results from course and program level-looked at the correlation between assessments, with a passing and completion rates at 75%.
* Identifies the importance of providing evidence from multiple sources (i.e., evaluation question, course level, pre-post test, exit survey results for students, etc.)

1. Faculty also talked about the assessment plan for the program and came up with a question to assess courses for the program and the question will be:

***“Identify the changes that occurred in Micronesia and their impact (both advantages and disadvantages) to the government, economy, and culture.”***

1. The faculty also talked about the need to recommend for an additional position to the division. Further suggested by Faustino that the collection of assessment data is central to this recommendation as data will support that need.
2. Open discussion from faculty members:

* John expressed concern on copy machine to be fixed. Chair responded by saying that she should be responsible for delaying the process.
* Ringlen grateful to be part of the division and thanked everyone for their warm support and welcome. Stated his interest to serve on the facilities and campus environment committee.
* The rest of the faculty remain on their current committees as follows: John Haglelgam (Finance Committee; Faustino Yarofaisug-Planning Committee; Lucia Sam-Recruitment Admission and Retention, she is also the chairperson; Delihna Ehmes-Curriculum and Assessment.
* Faculty members agreed to hold three division meetings beginning this semester to update and share with one another their experiences. The three meetings have been proposed to be held at the beginning of the semester, mid-semester, and end of semester.