

## **Committee on Social Equity Progress Report February 25, 2008**

The Committee on Social Equity has been meeting monthly.

### **Committee Members**

#### Fall 2007

Jan Lubin (staff representative)  
Stella Akamine (faculty representative)  
Monir Hodges (faculty representative)  
Janet Garcia (faculty representative)  
Fumi Takasugi (chair and faculty representative)  
Chuck Whitley (faculty representative)

#### Spring 2008

Stella Akamine (faculty representative)  
Monir Hodges (faculty representative)  
Janet Garcia (faculty representative)  
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Chuck Whitley (faculty representative)  
Jessica Asada (student representative)  
Maelynn Paz (student representative)

### **Annual Report**

The committee's work during the past year has been predominantly to get our grant application in to the SEED office at UH Manoa, then handle the logistics of choosing the films and working with the Fiscal Office to actually purchase the materials.

In the fall semester 2007, the committee submitted an application to the Student Equity, Excellence, and Diversity grant to develop the COSE library collection of audiovisual materials (mainly, DVDs) that focus on the issue of social equity. For some time, the committee had been talking about the lack of good materials with a social equity and diversity angle that were available to faculty, staff, and students, when needed.

The application was submitted in early October and the committee received a letter from Amy Agbayani, Director of SEED, dated October 22, 2007, that COSE had been awarded \$2,500 of the possible \$5,000. Since then, COSE has been: 1) shortening the list of audiovisual materials we had created for a \$5,000 award and 2) working with the Fiscal Office to purchase the materials. Additionally, the committee has been in discussion regarding how to maximize our chances of receiving the full amount of award monies for the next round.

On November 27, 2007, the committee held a showing of the film, "Mardi Gras: Made in China," one of the films to be purchased with the SEED grant money. The film showing was co-sponsored by PhiTheta Kappa and International Affairs and Development. COSE worked closely with Lena Low and Beng Poh Yoshikawa to showcase this film, and was able to bring this showing to fruition with a limited amount of preparation time. Fourteen students and 12 faculty/staff members came to the event, held in Building 7, Room 635, according to the sign-in sheet. However, during the showing, there were many standing in the back of the room, so there were probably more faculty/staff who attended, for at least part of the film. A rigorous discussion

session ensued after the showing of the film, and we were reminded of the impact of globalization and how different players in both the creation and consumption of Mardi Gras beads are affected.

The committee has also discussed ways in which to let the campus know when new films have arrived and been situated in the HCC Library. More film showings are one option. Another option raised was to advertise the arrival of new films through other means such as creating fliers and sending out information on the HCC listserve.

At this time, we are working on the logistics of ordering/purchasing and discussing the maintenance of the materials. We are also looking to start planning how to send in another grant application for the next round (deadline October 2008).

Respectfully submitted by Fumiko Takasugi