

Aloha all. A preliminary meeting of our Action Strategy Group met yesterday in Pa'ina. Attending were Ki'ope Raymond, Walette Pellegrino and Kathy Fletcher.

There was a short discussion regarding the Strategic Plan, and how it is to be implemented through the Goals, Objectives and Action Strategies. It was noted that Objective 2 concerns "actively preserving and perpetuating Hawaiian culture, language and values." Included under this objective are eight action strategies; we are working on the first at this time.

A description of the duties of team leaders and members was shared. The team leader is responsible for actually implementing the strategies that the members bring forward. It is the team leader's duty to stay in frequent contact with the responsible parties (in our case, flo wiger and Suzette Robinson) where they will work together to execute the strategies, and work with the budget. The team leader clears away roadblocks when necessary.

Team members may be involved because of their expertise, or because of their interest in this area. Members gather the necessary information, develop plans and processes, work and communicate with impacted people, and are involved in the actual implementation as well.

It was decided at our meeting that we would have co-team leaders; Kathy to deal with administration, Ki'ope to provide the expertise and connections necessary. Let us know if this is not agreeable with you.

Mickey Helm's gracious offer to make-up a grid of all the programs available on campus to Hawaiian students was accepted. We also noted that there are some programs that are not specifically FOR Hawaiian students, but might be utilized by them to some degree. Also it was agreed to identify those programs where a "natural" fit might occur; they could be expanded in some way to benefit Hawaiian students.

Ki'ope noted that Lau'ulu is a systemic program designed to oversee various programs for Hawaiian students. Since this group is already in place, it will be helpful to maintain ties with them. Kathy will be put on the mailing list for minutes of the meetings. Walette agreed to attend the next meeting with Ki'ope.

There was a lot of enthusiasm and excitement for our project (and the food was really good too!). The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, 10/13 at 12 noon. Please come if you are able. We look forward to your input.