Present: Gaynel Buxton, Monir Hodges, Carol Kagimoto, Nadine Leong-Kurio, Janina Martin, Brent Rubio, Zhuolin Brian Zhang

Chair Brent Rubio convened the meeting at 2:35 pm.

PHI THETA KAPPA (PTK)
Phi Theta Kappa had requested COSE’s support of their October 9th presentation: “Competitiveness and Cooperation: the Story of Taro”. Brent and Nadine attended. Brent provided a summary of the event.

CHARTER
Brent explained that the Staff Senate will not have a COSE member at this time, but will have representatives on five other College committees. The Committee decided not to change the COSE Charter. The Charter allows for variances in committee structure.

SUZUME NO KAI CULTURAL DAY: PERSIAN CULTURE
Brian announced that the Suzume No Kai student organization will be presenting a cultural event to share Persian calligraphy and poetry at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, in the Student Lounge. Brian will send the flyer to COSE members. COSE’s attendance and promotion of the event would be helpful and appreciated.

UH SYSTEM EDUCATORS COMMITTEE CULTURAL EVENT
Shioko Yonezawa, former COSE member, is coordinating a cultural program scheduled for Feb. 26-27, 2014. The program will offer a variety of activities, and is funded by a Honda International grant. Shioko has requested COSE’s assistance. More information is forthcoming.

WORD WALL
Janina suggested an interactive activity to involve the College community and display our diversity: an open-ended “word wall” with topics such as “I am " ---“ “I think ---“ “I believe ---“. For example, a board could be placed in a stairwell, hallway, or the Cafeteria, with sticky-notes for participants’ responses. The Communication Arts department and Communication Arts student organization were suggested as potential partners. COSE discussed the need for a free-standing board and how to proceed within College procedures.

Next meeting: Thursday, Dec. 5th, 2:30 pm