Membership
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The Chair commends the membership on their hard work and dedication to the service projects, especially to Janina for spearheading a great and unique service project.

Committee Meeting Dates
Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5, Jan 9, Jan 29, Feb 21, Mar 21

Staff Senate Membership and Charter Update
The Staff Senate withdrew its representation in COSE. However, a COSE Charter revision was deemed unnecessary, as it does not explicitly state the membership of the committee. Thus, the membership and the roles/activities of the committee remain flexible. At such time the Staff Senate decides to be represented again on COSE, the committee will gladly welcome it without needing a charter revision.

“I Am” Board
A free standing board was constructed with simply the phrase “I AM . . .” on top. Students, Faculty and Staff were provided post it notes and pens and they were free to respond in any way desired. This helped to showcase that though we may identify in many ways, we all have the same concerns. Because the first posting of the board was during “Welcome Week” that ASUH-HCC organized, many students were able to see for themselves that they were not alone in their apprehensions about the semester and how they viewed themselves. The board was up for two days in this instance. The second posting was during the International-Day which saw fewer responses due to a smaller number of participants than Welcome Week and only a 4 hour showing.
Responses from Welcome Week included: happy (4x), waiting for what the lord has in store for me, happy to be here, cool, ginger, hungry, I’m an inspirer of knowledge, smile, sheep dawg, Indian Docta, obsessed with manga drawings, loved (3x), azn, a beautiful child of God, still on vacation Disneyworld (sic), blessed, anime lover, naruto, chiisai, passionate, optimistic, in love, a creative dreamer, awesome, Hawaiian (2x), Chinese, okinawan, Filipino, caring, blessed, future governor of Hawaii, going to gain self-confidence, inspired, a Jedi, a human being like you, one of God’s kids, a new grandma, Pinoy, unsure of what to do with my life, special, healthy, a future Pastor, hopeful and excited, awesome, local, hapa, haoule, success, amazing, blessed, spontaneous, a dreamer, educated, Latina, transgender, smart, akamai, multi faceted, motivator, smarter than Aristotle, libertarian, so tired, twerk team leader.

Responses from International-Day: a cat lover, nervous, very busy, da bomb, open minded, a good student, a dragon, fu size, okinawan, a unicorn, hella rad, hella glad, hopeful.

Future Activities
The overwhelming responses on the “I Am . . .” board has motivated the committee to put the responses into a video format. The intent is to soon post the video on HCC’s Facebook wall and the electronic bulletin boards on campus (admin building and cafeteria). Also, future efforts will take the board and post it into various locations on campus, randomly. The board may continue to post “I Am . . .” but will eventually branch into other phrase starters.

The responses from the boards will help to gauge how the student body is feeling and perceiving their campus and how other campus services can react to the responses left on the board.

On Campus Support of Social Equity Events
The committee showed support to various Phi Theta Kappa events that highlighted social equity topics. Besides “International Day” as outlined above, the committee also attended PTK’s “Culture Day” that highlighted Persian Calligraphy and Poetry. Further, we supported “Ho’okūkū a me Laulima – Ka Mo’oleleo o Hāloa” (Competitiveness and Cooperation: the Story of Taro) that was presented as Honors topics at the Native Hawaiian Center Halau.

Special Thanks
The committee would like to extend its special thanks to the Jerry Cerny and the Faculty Development Committee for providing funds to construct the “I Am . . . “ Board and to Jannine Oyama and the Financial Aid Office for letting COSE borrow its rolling white board. We would like to acknowledge the HCC Print Shop for donating a roll of poster canvas for the project.

Additionally, we are grateful to Chancellor Lacro for her untiring support of the project, even taking the time from her enormously hectic schedule to attend one of our planning meetings.

Submitted by Brent Rubio, COSE Chair.