Team G Report for 2006-2007 school year

Strategic Plan Action Strategy:

Develop appropriate sustainable baccalaureate degrees.

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No. of meetings:

-Four Meetings for 2006-2007 school year

Major accomplishments/decisions

-Two possible new degrees were proposed:

1.) IT degree –

Spin off of ABIT
-Web based track
-Networking and system administration
-Only a couple of classes needed to offer this. West Oahu in the process of teaming up with Honolulu CC on this same degree?

2) Electro-optics degree

-Companies in Tech Park, Institutes for Astronomy, etc. are teaming up with MCC ECET program wanting to offer this four-year degree. They are willing to offer internships, scholarships, hire grads, help with curriculum development and teaching as needed.

-This report was used to address what employment areas are growing and which ones are declining in Hawaii.

-The need for high paying jobs on Maui and in Hawaii and the needs of the high tech industry here for workers in these fields were discussed.

-Discussion about the Governor’s proposed STEM academy and the role we would play in that. We talked about how that is necessary to help feed our programs in the STEM areas.

- A man named Milan Moravec (http://moravecglobal.com/) from UC Berkeley has offered to help guide a committee from MCC to move through the process of developing more baccalaureate programs. This would include:

-Identifying the issues surrounding the 4-year programs.
  * which programs to develop

  * impact on the college staff, facilities, etc.

-Professional Development for those involved in this process.