Draft Vision Statement for Discussion

Action required: SPC members are asked to:

- review the draft vision statement developed by the drafting subcommittee
- following discussion, agree the version of the draft vision statement to be issued for consultation

1. Background

The SPC met on January 12th 2011 to continue their discussions on a potential direction for UH Hilo’s vision. Although the committee made good progress with their discussions (see paper SPC 09/11), the committee was not able to develop a full draft statement. As such, the drafting subcommittee was tasked with meeting to develop a draft statement that could be discussed at an additional meeting of the SPC on January 14th 2011. This additional meeting was necessary to ensure that the committee met their objective of issuing the draft mission and vision statements for consultation from the week commencing January 17th.

The drafting subcommittee met in the afternoon of January 12th the outcome of their deliberations is given below. This draft vision statement is intended to reflect the discussions had by the full SPC on January 12th and to act as a starting point for further discussion and development on January 14th.

2. Draft Vision Statement – starting point

UH Hilo will be a university of choice by providing rich opportunities and a vibrant learning community for our students to thrive, compete, innovate and lead in their professional and personal lives. We will be distinguished by:

- fostering learning and achievement through a caring and engaging environment;
- working together across differences to tackle real-world problems;
- providing students with applied experience connected to the people, culture, geography or environment of Hawaii; and
- weaving cultural knowledge and ways of knowing into the fabric of our university’s academic and social activities.