The following is a brief description of the independent study I propose for this semester.

The objective of this IP is to become knowledgeable in planning and evaluating sustainable enterprises.  This is in support of my MP which includes launch of a not-for-profit focused on developing the leaders and entrepreneurs for Hawaii’s future.  The IP, entitled **Hawaii Sustainability Planning and Decision-Making** will consist of independent reading of relevant literature and analysis of a sustainable enterprise on the Big Island of Hawaii.  The Hawaii Sustainability Primer will be used to evaluate the selected enterprise model. Examples of sustainable enterprises include: NELHA Sustainable Aquaculture; Hamakua Springs Farm model for Sustainable Agriculture; Big Island Dairy Farm-Sustainable Dairy; Energy Lab at Hawaii Preparatory Academy-model for a 21st Century Sustainability Education (LEED Platinum schoolhouse going through the process to attain living building certification). Key best practices and evaluation of the selected model from the independent learning will be summarized in a 3-5 page (double spaced) memo to be completed by April 15, 2011.

A description of the readings is provided below.

Books and Literature:

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