

**Honolulu Community College  
University of Hawai'i**  
Foundations Board Annual Report  
April 2007

This report summarizes the work of the Honolulu Community College Foundations Board during the 2006-2007 school year.

Course renewals

The principal task facing the Board was to review our original Foundations courses for their 5-year renewal. The groundwork for this task was laid last year with the passing of Math 135 in the Spring of 2006. At that time, Math 135 didn't currently have an SR designation, and the vigorous discussion regarding the application, its meeting of system SR hallmarks, its assessment plan, and subsequent revisions of the 135 application guided us in our recertification process, especially the collaborative work between members of HCC's Foundations Board and HCC faculty in preparing applications so that they adhered closely to system hallmarks and explanatory notes.

In fall 2006, the Foundations Board reviewed and recertified the designations for the following courses:

- REL 150
- ENG 100
- HIST 151
- HIST 152
- PHIL 110
- MATH 100

Before semester's end, we'll review applications for the following courses:

- MATH 140
- MATH 203
- MATH 205

In general, the quality of the approved renewal documents was quite high. We attribute this to clear instructions, the availability of successful renewal examples, and pre-screening proposals before formally submitting to the committee. Our 5-year renewal recommendations were forwarded to the chairs of the CPC and the Gen Ed board for Honolulu Community College.

New Foundations Courses

There were no applications for new Foundations Courses.

Intercampus Cooperation

Intercampus dialog appears to be increasing as other campuses consider joining the multicampus Foundations agreement. The Chairs of the three Foundations Boards currently in existence (at UHM, KapCC, and HonCC) met three times this year. At the first meeting, a brief conference before one of UHM's regular Board meetings, we discussed modifications to portfolios from LCC and WCC, who would like to join the multicampus Foundations agreement. These modifications were subsequently made and the portfolios approved, satisfying a requirement for these campuses to join the agreement and create autonomous Foundations Boards in Fall 2007.

The second time we met, on January 25, we answered questions from other campuses via polycom transmission from UHM. Campuses beyond Oahu appeared interested in, but not committed to, joining the multicampus agreement. The final meeting of the Foundations Board Chairs was held on April 20, also with polycom feed, to summarize the year's work and discuss relevant issues.

The chair also met with LCC History professor Paul Lococo and Liberal Arts Dean James Goodman to assist with their portfolio, and the chair also met with Jeanne Shibuya of Windward to discuss Windward's portfolio as well as attending several of UHM's Foundations Board meetings.

In other business, the Foundations Board, following UHM's action, will formally vote on eliminating the "exclusion rule" that barred students from taking FG and Diversity courses in the same discipline be eliminated. This action will happen in the course of evaluating the recertification applications mentioned for Spring 2007.

#### Foundations Board Website

A goal of Honolulu Community College's Foundation Board is to create a Foundations Website and to move towards and all digital format in applications similar to the way Kapiolani's Foundations Website operates

Respectfully submitted to Honolulu's General Education Board by Jerry Saviano, Chair of Honolulu Community College.