



UNIVERSITY of HAWAII  
**LEEWARD**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## **Foundations Board Annual Report April 2009**

This report summarizes the work of Leeward Community College's Foundations Board during the 2008-2009 academic year.

### **Board Organization**

In the Fall of 2008 the seven regular members of the Leeward CC Foundations Board were appointed or reappointed by the Faculty Senate in accord with the Senate's ByLaws. Due to the sudden emergency resignation of the Board's then-chair, Paul Lococo was appointed by the Faculty Senate to complete the 2008-2009 term in November. The FB met four times during the academic year. This academic year was also the first to function with the new General Education Board re-organization, in which the Diversification, Writing Intensive Focus, and HAP Focus Boards report to the Foundations Board Chair.

### **New Foundations Course Approvals**

The Social Science Division submitted a proposal for Anth 152: Global Perspectives on Humanity for the FGB category. After revisions suggested by the Board, the course was approved and will appear in the FGB category in the 2009-2010 Leeward CC catalog.

### **Foundations Renewals**

No Foundations courses were due for renewal review in the current academic year.

### **Foundations Board Web Site**

The Leeward CC Foundations Board web site has been updated, with links not only to relevant Foundations course concerns and forms, but also to the Diversification and Focus Boards.

<http://emedia.leeward.hawaii.edu/GenEdFoundations/>

### **Review of AA Core**

The Leeward CC Foundations Board was tasked with reviewing the current state of the A.A. General Education Core Curriculum since its adoption by our campus in Fall 2006. Formal and informal surveys are being conducted of faculty, staff, administration, and students. Statistical data is being compiled concerning enrollment in courses of the core curriculum, with special attention regarding the Foundations program. A preliminary report will be presented to the Faculty Senate at its May 2009 meeting, with a final report in the next year.

### **Assessment**

The Leeward CC Foundations Board also began the process of assessing the effectiveness of Foundations courses in achieving the goals of the Hallmarks of each category. During the Spring

semester the FB worked to devise assessment tools, with a goal of beginning formal assessment in the 2009-2010 academic year. The FB is also working with faculty in the relevant disciplines to prepare a table demonstrating how individual Foundations courses meet the General Education Outcomes of the Leeward CC Associate of Arts Degree.

### **Ongoing Issues**

The present Leeward CC catalog has been successfully updated to include the General Education Core and graduation requirements. Regarding specific courses which satisfy the Core Curriculum, the catalog needs further updating as it includes courses which were dropped from the Foundations category effective Fall 2008 and fails to include several Diversification courses added since Fall 2006. The FB Chair has been working with the appropriate administration and staff people to ensure that not only the catalog but all other relevant public documents contain accurate and up-to-date information on the college's General Education Core.

Faculty have approached the FB chair with proposals for possible new Foundations Courses. However, with the recent problems concerning UH-Manoa non-acceptance of Math 103 and Math 135, I have advised them to delay their proposals. Note: an exception was Anth 152. As this course is offered at UHM as FGB, and the Leeward Social Science faculty designed the course to match what is offered at UHM, I did allow that proposal to proceed.

Respectfully submitted by:

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