

Windward Community College
University of Hawai'i
Foundations Board Annual Report
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This report summarizes the work of the Windward Community College (WCC) Foundations Board during the 2008-09 academic year.

Course Renewals & New Foundations Courses

No renewals or new Foundations proposals were received this academic year. ICS 141, a new course at Windward Community College, was encouraged to apply for Foundations designation because it has the FS designation at other campuses but the Math/Business Department has not submitted the proposal yet. They are working on it. It was communicated to the instructor for the class that it is imperative that he clarify to the students that his course would not satisfy the FS requirement at other campuses.

Math 115 originally satisfied the FS requirement for the AA degree at WCC prior to WCC joining the Multi-campus Foundations Board. The course was allowed to satisfy the FS requirement only for the AA degree at WCC until summer 2009 to give the Math/Business Department time to determine if they would apply for FS designation as they needed more time than the original December 2008 deadline. The department has decided not to apply for FS designation at this time. Therefore, it will no longer be listed as satisfying FS for the AA degree beginning fall 2009. This course had not been previously articulated as satisfying the FS requirement at UH Manoa. Beginning fall 2009, all the courses listed in the catalog as satisfying Foundations requirement were all reviewed and approved by the WCC Foundations Board.

The Foundations Board has spent the year reviewing and clarifying procedures for applying for Foundations designation and guidelines for the Board. Revisions to the proposal form were also proposed for next academic year. The Board has also requested that proposals be submitted electronically.

Multi-campus Foundations Board

The multi-campus Foundations Board, composed of the Foundations Board chairs of UH Manoa (UHM), Honolulu Community College (HonCC), Kapiolani Community College (KapCC), Leeward Community College (LCC), Maui Community College (MCC), and WCC, will meet on April 27, 2009. Monica Stitt-Bergh from the UH Manoa General Education Office, previous facilitator of this group, moved to a new position and was replaced by Lisa Fujikawa.

The final meeting on April 27 will summarize the year's work and discuss relevant issues. There is still the issue from last year of UH Manoa's College of Arts & Sciences requiring certain FS courses.

Foundations Board Website

The Foundations Board website was created to give information about the Foundations Board and to provide the form to apply for the Foundations designation. A listing of the courses that have been approved for the Foundations designation was added to the site at the beginning of this academic year. Minutes of the Foundations Board are also available at the website.

The Foundations Board website can be found at
<http://windward.hawaii.edu/Committees/Foundations/>