Academic Advisors and Transfer Network  
March 21, 2012  
9-11 a.m.  
Bachman 113 with VTC connections to Hilo, Maui and Kauai

Present: June Nii and Mari Ono (UHM), Ginger Hamilton (UHH), Kelly Ching and Vicky del Prado (UHWO), Cheri Souza (Kap CC), Laurie Libarios and Candy Hochstein (Lee CC), Patty Chong and Lokelani Kenolio (Win CC), Scot Parry and Jean Maskowski (Hon CC), Grace Funai (Haw CC), Wade Tanaka and Creigton Fujii (Kaua‘i CC), Wayne Aguiran and Colleen Shishido (Maui College), Joanne Itano, Lui Hokoana (UHSystem), Suzette Robinson (CC System).

Guests: Ruth Bingham and Lisa Fujikawa (UHM)

Exam Scores Posted in STAR

Ruth Bingham shared the concern that test scores entered in Banner are pulled into STAR and are available to all who have access to STAR/BANNER. The test scores can be released to a campus, a program or an individual by a student and not necessarily the UH system. Should these scores be available for anyone with STAR or Banner access? She believes this is an issue that will need legal interpretation. Lui will take it to the CCSAO and Joanne to the CCAO for their input.

15 to Finish

Joanne reviewed the ppt presentation regarding 15 to Finish. Comments included how can this effort be combined with the limitations in FA (students will be able to receive a max of 12 full time semesters which includes the time/credits earned at the CC and then transfer to a 4 year campus to earn a bachelor’s degree.) There was a concern that if students take too many credits, they may do poorly and no longer be eligible for FA. The message is to present to students that fulltime starts at 15 credits rather than 12 credits. Are the chief academic officers addressing the question regarding sufficient courses/sections being offered?

Semester-by-semester program sheets would be helpful for students to have an academic plan. Students who have a goal are likely more focused in the course taking. Students need more opportunities to do career exploration. Kaua‘i is piloting the use of an academic planner page in STAR to have students input their educational goals and projected date of transfer. A student friendly transfer page with information on various degree programs (i.e. YouTube segments of UHM College of Engineering would be useful for students interested in engineering). Also need to promote 15 credits with DOE college counselors (this is part of the 15 to finish campaign to also introduce it to DOE). Students who take remedial/developmental courses will need to attend summer school to help them catch up and possibly graduate on time. Summer bridge programs focused on getting students through developmental/remedial courses to college level and career
exploration is one suggestion; also providing 3 credit scholarship for summer courses and working with NSO/FYE coordinators to promote 15 to Finish.

Names of NSO/FYE contacts compiled. Lokelani and Joanne will follow up with this group regarding 15 to Finish.

For slide 34, the credits (>24, 24-29 or >30) are all credits earned including in the summer prior to the first fall semester.

2012 Conference Planning Committee

Scot Parry agreed to chair the planning committee. First meeting planned for 4/26, 3-430 p.m. Lokelani will send Joanne the list of those interested in serving on the planning committee. Joanne will send out save-the-date notices. Lui’s office agreed to handle the keynote speaker paperwork and the speaker’s should be in line with the HGI. CCSAO may want input in speaker selection.

Course Articulation practice

AATN affirmed the procedure that once articulation agreements are in place, articulation will be assured through the normal campus review process, and that articulated courses are reviewed once every five years. Faculty discipline groups are convened as necessary. This is a change to the current practice that course articulation agreements end every 5 years and that faculty groups are convened to renew them. The rationale is that the focus should be on program articulation agreements. Joanne will consult with UCA and the CCAO and if there is agreement, will compile a list to share with campuses to ensure that it is inputted in each campus’ articulation database.

CC campuses have $5000 to support meetings of CTE faculty groups. On April 20-21, the CC system is sponsoring the Hawai’i Strategy Institute and on the afternoon of 4/21/12, time is set aside for faculty discipline groups. Faculty from four-year campuses in common disciplines are included in these meetings.

Common Course Numbering

The process developed by ACCFSC and the list of “nonsubstantive” changes” was shared with the group. This process is to be endorsed by campus faculty senates.

Update on UHCC Policies

Noting of credentials policy has been recommended for approval by the CC chief student affairs officers. The registrars have proposed 4 options for the matriculation fee. A policy on definition of the credit hour is also being developed.

Suzette Robinson shared that HB 2639 on providing higher education credit for military experience and/or military courses is moving forward in the legislature.
New CC Co Chair

Loke will follow up. If interested in serving, please let her know asap.