Joint Meeting of Chief Academic and Student Affairs Officers

July 11, 2012
9-12 noon
East West Center Room 4005

Present:   Reed Dasenbrock, Francisco Hernandez (UHM);  Jacque Kilpatrick and Denise Iseri-Matsubara (UHWO);  Randy Hirakawa and Luoluo Hong (UHH);  Louise Pagotto and Mona Lee (Kap CC);  James Goodman and Chris Manaseri (Lee CC);  Joni Onishi and Jason Cifra (Haw CC);  Ardis Eschenbert (Win CC);  John McKee and Alvin Tagamori (Maui College), James Dire and Earl Nishiguchi (Kaua‘i CC), Marcia Roberts-Deutsch (Hon CC);  Lui Hokoana, Linda Johnsrud and Joanne Itano (UH System)

Guests:   Krystyna Aune and Gary Rodwell (UHM), Cheri Souza and Scot Parry (AATN), Karen Lee, Angela Jackson and April Goodwin (Hawai‘i P20).

Systemwide Academic Advisors Workshop

Scot Parry and Cheri Souza, co-chairs of the 2012 Systemwide Advising Conference provided an overview of this year’s conference. It is scheduled for October 26, 2012 at Hon CC. The conference title is “Auwai: Student Success through the University of Hawai‘i System.” The themes are transfer advising, technology and peer mentoring. A list of potential keynote speakers was shared with a request for feedback or suggestions on other speakers. The CSAOs were thanked for their ongoing support of funding the keynote speaker and allowing advisors to attend the workshop. The UH System Office of the Provost provides staff support and travel support for five advisors from each neighbor island campus. The System Office of Student Affairs and Community Relations manages the internal financial logistics for the keynote speaker and funds the conference centers support.

Core to College Briefing: Common Core and Smarter Balanced

Karen Lee, Angela Jackson and April Goodwin provided an overview of P20, college access activities, the K-12 Common Core State Standards, Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, the opportunities for higher education engagement and the progress of the development of the statewide longitudinal data system. On Friday, September 21, 2012 there will be meeting involving higher education and K12 on Aligning Our Efforts, The Common Core State Standards, Smarter Balanced Assessments and The Role Of Higher Education. More information will follow.

STAR update

Gary Rodwell provided background on reverse credit transfer. About 800 students are likely eligible for reverse credit transfer. Kap CC did a pilot with about 34 students who all agreed to the AA degree and were pleased to be called and awarded the degree. The UHCC system has submitted a grant focusing on reverse credit transfer funded by Lumina/Kresge Foundations. He
also reported on the auto conferral of academic credentials. It will start with certificates at the community colleges. STAR will identify students who have completed certificate requirements, generate a list and forward the list to the appropriate campus for action. Students who enroll in courses that do not meet degree requirements will be identified and a list provided to Lee CC, the pilot institution, by 8/12 for the campus to review and take action. Another activity is exploring how STAR can help with FA from the perspective FA may only be used for courses that apply to the degree. This is in the development stage as this is an institutional responsibility. Haw CC is interested in piloting a solution.

The group unanimously approved the use of STAR to automate the notation of the student completing foundations/basic or diversification/area requirements in STAR based on the GE MOA approved two years ago. December 2012 is the planned implementation date.

Hawai‘i Graduation Initiative Update

Linda Johnsrud reported on the HGI Summit II scheduled for October 11-12, 2012 at the State Capitol. Complete College American will help facilitate the work of campus teams. More details will be coming out shortly. Please save the date.

Extension of Ka i e i e agreement

Reed Dasenbrock, Louise Pagotto and Mona Lee reported on the plans to extend the Ka i e i e agreement between UHM and Kap CC to the other CC campuses. Students are dually admitted and enrolled at Kap CC and UHM under this agreement. Currently Kap CC provides a transcript evaluator at the UHM campus and UHM will be providing an advisor to Kap CC. Currently the list of what campuses need to do to extend this agreement is being developed. UHM estimates that 5.0 FTE may be needed to provide the necessary advising with transcript evaluation supported by the CC campuses. This will be further discussed at the August CCAO meeting.

Update of Automatic Transfer of Credit

Win CC and Kap CC piloted the process and it was not as automatic as hoped. The heaviest workload is the first time as courses from all previous semesters are to be evaluated/transferred. It is expected that each subsequent semester would be easier. Kaua‘i, Maui, Honolulu, Leeward are expected to implement in Fall 2012. Maui reported that the recent Perkins funding to help update STAR rules and the articulation database has been very helpful.

Centralized Transcript Evaluation

This will entail a centralized transfer database and a centralized evaluation of transcripts. It is suggested that Ka i e i e might be the place to start since the decision to expand Ka i e i e is already made. A task force whose charge is to return to the next joint meeting of this group with a recommendation on how to create a simplified or centralized transcript evaluation process was approved unanimously. Please submit names to Ardis/Jason or Lui.
Centralized Financial Aid

Lui Hokoana reported that the process is up and running with three staff located at UHH. FAFSAs are downloaded to the “centralized” office and reviewed. FAFSAs that are complete are sent to the campuses. If applications are suspended, this office does the follow up work. UHH and UHWO will be joining the effort in the near future. UHM may be interested in participating. One campus reported that they have been able to award FA much earlier with this centralized process. New efforts include trying to automate the satisfactory academic progress, reducing unawarded scholarships (some issues are the narrow criteria for the award or department scholarships which often are unawarded); and centralizing loan default. UHH and Haw CC have effective systems for loan default which may be used as a model for the other campuses.

Undocumented Immigrants classified as residents for tuition purposes

Francisco Hernandez recommended that undocumented immigrants who have attended Hawai‘i high school for 3 years; graduated from a Hawai‘i high school and have filed an intent to be naturalized be classified as a resident for tuition purposes. This will be an exemption to the current tuition policy. It is unclear how many students this may impact and the subsequent reduction in tuition revenue. Motion was approved.

Acceptance of student who completed AA degree with a recalculated GPA of less than 2.0

This student would be admitted to a four year campus as an unclassified student and is not eligible for financial aid. What consideration should completion of the AA degree with at least a 2.0 GPA have in this decision? It is the practice of the four year institutions to consider all grades earned in calculating GPA for admission purposes. It is suggested that the issue be defined in writing and sent to the four-year campuses for comment.