Report to CCAO: Transition to Kuali Student/Curriculum Management
September 25, 2013

The UH system is preparing to transition from one curriculum management system, Curriculum Central (CC), to another, Kuali Curriculum Management (KCM). Administrative and technical leaders are Steve Smith, Cara Kawano and Lane Fukuda of ITS and April Scazzola (functional lead) and Joanne Itano from OEVPAA/P.

CC was developed first at Leeward and is now being used by nine of our ten campuses. It’s managed by one parttime person, who over the years has expanded its capabilities and customized it to the curriculum processes of these individual campuses.

KCM is a component of the Kuali open source system and it will be a “system system,” with core curriculum elements shared by all campuses but with some modifications to adapt to specific campuses. We will adopt the Course Management and Program Management components of KCM. This is also an opportunity to build a unified curriculum system that can eventually assist in articulation across our campuses and in streamlining campus curriculum processes. ITS will provide technical and training support.

We’d like to see the transition completed by Fall 2015. In the meantime, here’s a progress report.

September 2013
The CC campus administrators have met twice with considerable success. They have agreed on 28 core items or questions to be included in Kuali. High-priority campus-specific questions can be accommodated as well. The group is in the process of identifying functions that must be in Kuali. A few key functions appear not to be and will either need to be added by an external provider or to be served through workarounds. An Oct. 3-4 visit by a Kuali representative will help us in this evaluation of Kuali functions. This person is from the University of Maryland which has implemented KCM.

The CC group has been asked to keep their campus governance and curriculum leaders apprised of these developments. On 10/18, April will be sharing similar information to ACCFSC.

October/November 2013
An RFP will go out to potential service providers who will work with UH ITS to add certain key functions to Kuali. Two major needs are to develop two-way interface between Kuali and Banner and transfer data currently in CC into KCM. CC currently takes course data from Banner, but course and program changes approved in CC must be manually entered into Banner. Kuali needs to both accept and input data into Banner with minimal human intervention.

Early 2014
A vendor will be selected and will work with ITS to adapt Kuali to UH system needs. The CC group will continue its work on core items and accommodations to individual campus needs. The timeline for implementation, including training, can be established as these processes mature.