Preliminary Report of Efforts
March 2014

UH Serving Veteran Students
Task Force
Task Force Charge

- Issued by Interim UH President David Lassner
  11/22/13
- Provide Recommendations that improve veteran access to UH and success of student veterans
  - Survey and catalog current state
  - Understand student vet experience
  - Collect and utilize data
  - Recommend priority actions
  - ID federal policy changes
Veteran-serving organizations
  ▪ Ron Han (HSOVA), Tracey Betts (VA), Ann Greenlee (VETS/DOL), John Carson (ROTC)

Student Veterans Groups
  ▪ Pili Williams, Raymond Banda, James Cavin (HASV)

Campus representatives
  ▪ Flo Abara, Francisco Hernandez, Norm Stahl, Amber Stubbs, Karen Tamaki, Rosie Woodruff, Mahealani Yamashita, Chris Manaseri (7/10 campuses – Hon, Haw, Win)

System Representatives
  ▪ Jan Javinar, Grant Chartrand
Activity

- Charged 11/22/13 - Goal to report by April ’14
- Fleshed out membership (added 2)
- Meet 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} Fridays – 7 X to date
- Research Reports – Katherine Li and Kate Normandin 12/13
- Visited HPU’s Veteran Resource Center 2/28
- Review data and data systems
- Reviewed Best Practices/CAEL recommendations
- Followed legislation (fed and state)
- Drafted Recommendations for review/comment
Recommendations

- On-going system committee to continue effort (P)
- Campus point person – mil/vet liaison (P)
- Campus office or center – physical location (F)
- System office or designee/coordination (P)
- Online presence to serve all campuses/students (T)
- Uniform policies/practices for PLA/ credit for military training/experience (AA Policy)
- VA benefits for non-credit courses as appropriate (AA Policy)
Recommendations (Con’t)

- In-state tuition for VA-benefit eligible students (SA Policy)
- Uniform policy/practice for call to duty (to include holding competitive placements) (SA Policy)
- Awareness of continuity of benefits in scheduling coursework/academic calendar (AA Policy)
- Priority registration for students on VA benefits (SA Policy)
- Priority for hiring vets in work-study (SA Policy)
- Learning Community/cohort opportunities AA Policy)
Recommendations (Con’t)

- Improvements in data gathering/monitoring capacity to promote ID, access and success (T)
- Peer support opportunities enhanced (SA Policy)
- Faculty/staff awareness and training (P)
- Veteran student-specific Student Services (SA Policy)
- Enhanced recruitment and enrollment strategies to promote UH attendance as a choice (SA Policy)
Next Steps

- Complete recommendations
- Draft/Review Report to President Lassner
- Lobby for changes/improvements
- Continue to support military/veteran students on all UH campuses

- Questions/Concerns?
Feedback

- What I like about the recommendations
- What I have concerns about with the recommendations
- How the recommendations could be made even better
Since

- Grouped recommendations into categories:
  - Facilities, People, Policies (Academic and Student Affairs), Technology
- Presented report to Interim President Lassner on 4/25
- Three priority recommendations (timely)
  - Establish on-going committee for serving vets
  - Provide in-state tuition equivalent (until resident)
  - Office or Vet Center as point of contact at each campus
- Sharing of report left to President’s Office