Aloha

Welcome to James Dire, new VCAA for Kaua‘i CC.

Next Meeting

August meeting cancelled. Please contact Joanne if there is an agenda item that needs discussion prior to the September 15, 2010 meeting.

UHM Four Year Semester Plans

Ruth Bingham provided an overview of the newly posted four-year semester plans for the 131 baccalaureate degrees at UHM (located at http://manoa.hawaii.edu/ovcaa/programsheets). This is a useful communication tool for students/advisors to demonstrate how students may complete a degree in four years. These plans have started discussions among faculty regarding the feasibility of some degrees such as taking a chemistry, biology and calculus course in the first semester of college and the minimum number of credits needed to earn a bachelor’s degree (120 credits is 15 credits/semester for 8 semesters)

UHM BS in Molecular Cell Biology

This program proposal will be offered by the Dept of Microbiology and is a degree that is consistent with current state of the science in biology. Only one new course is proposed and there is space in existing courses for the anticipated increase of majors in this new degree. Initially, it is anticipated that students in current biology and microbiology programs will move to this new program. It is suggested that for the action memo that process of degree approval be addressed and that student interest, the value added of this degree and industry need for graduates with this degree be added. CAOs endorsed this program proposal.
UHM ATP MS and PhD in Marine Biology

Jo-Ann Leong and Pat Cooper provided an overview of this ATP. Currently students have an option to specialize in marine biology within MS/PhDs in botany, microbiology, oceanography and zoology. There are 46 majors in a marine biology specialization currently. As an island in the Pacific Ocean, these are logical degree for UHM to offer. CAOs endorse the ATP.

Systemwide Written Communication

Tom Hilgers provided a list of four issues that the W systemwide committee identified and asked that CAOs remind the faculty of the policies of W. The issues include: cap of 20 students, a W course may not have an F course designation, at least 40% of the grade of the course should be based on writing and combined W and non W courses are not to be offered.

Auto Admission

Reed Dasenbrock provided an update regarding this initiative. Should AS degrees be included in auto admission as they have few general education requirements (less than 15 credits). These students are currently admissible to four year campuses (24 credits with 2.0 GPA). CAOs will submit AS degrees that have clear transfer pathways, i.e. ASNS to science/engineering degrees, AS in Nursing to BS in Nursing, etc. for a future CAO discussion.

CAOs agreed that automatic admissions should be offered in the Spring 2011 to those from the Spring 2010 group who did not accept, did not respond, accepted but did not enroll and are not currently enrolled in a UH four year institution or any four year institutions.

Reverse Credit Transfer

CCs need to review relevant policies such at residency prior to the implementation of Reverse Credit Transfer. Current students who qualify have been determined. A future issue is to mine the data for students who have transferred from a UHCC to a UH four year campus and has dropped out.

Complete College America

Joanne Taira provided an overview of this initiative and requested assistance in responding to several questions of the self assessment. Responses are requested by end of the week as a draft is due to the President by August 3, 2010.