Implementation Team for Reverse Transfer and Automatic Admission
October 22, 2009
9-10 a.m.
Bachman 113 with VTC connections to Maui CC, UHH and Haw CC

Meeting Summary

Present:
UHM       Reed Dasenbrook (Chair), Ron Cambra Alan Yang, and Megumi Makino,
UHWO       Lori Ideta and Linda Randall
Hon CC     Farah Doiguchi, and Erika Lacro
Maui CC    Colleen Shishido
Haw CC    Dorinna Manuel-Cortez and Kenoa Dela Cruz
Kap CC     Sharon Fowler and Louise Pagotto
Lee CC      Sandy Hoshino
UHH          Luoluo Hong, Kenny Simmons and Kainoa Ariola-Sukisaki
Win CC      Richard Fulton
CC System    Peter Quigley
UH System      Karen Lee and Joanne Itano

Welcome

Reed Dasebrock welcomed the group and provided an overview of these two initiatives and how it will increase transfers from the CCs to the four year campuses and increase the number of degrees earned. It is hoped that if participants left this meeting know what questions need to be answered and a timetable is determined, that this group may need to meet only one more time.

Automatic Admission
(http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/app/aa/cms/Automatic_Admission_for_Community_College_Graduates.pdf)

Currently students who complete the AA are admissible to a four year campus, though they need to apply. This initiative provides for automatic admission without applying.

- UHM will “mine” CC students records for those likely to graduate in Spring 2010 and share the data with UHH and UHWO. A future consideration is to complete “What Ifs” for students and as part of admission letter, inform students that their credits fit well with XX degree(s).
- CCs may wish to consider moving their date of intent to graduate earlier to Feb 1, 2010. This would be another source of students who will earn the AA degree in Spring 2010. It would be helpful to enter this info into Banner by Feb 7, 2009
- A joint letter of admission from UHM, UHH and UHWO will be sent to the likely AA graduate that they have been admitted, provisionally based on completion of AA with a 2.0 GPA etc. UHM to draft letter and share with UHH/UHWO for review.
- Student will need to accept the admission to one of the campuses and complete a Declaration of Intent form which includes such information of what major or subject area student is interested in and submit a deposit. UHM will draft this and circulate to UHH/UHWO for review.
- A priority registration will be established for these students. For UHM, it is likely early August. It was asked if this could be earlier as neighbor
island students will need to move to O‘ahu etc and knowing earlier than 3 weeks before classes start would help.

- It was agreed that application fees would be waived.
- It was agreed that this would start for Fall 2010 admission with the intent that this will occur each fall and spring semesters.

Reverse Transfer (See http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/app/aa/cms/Reverse_Transfer.pdf)

Students who transfer from a CC to a four year campus often do so without an associate degree and then may not complete a bachelor degree. This student then leaves the UH system without any earned credential. In this initiative, at a to be determined threshold (XX credits), CC transfer students at UHM/UHH/UHWO will have their transcript analyzed against the AA degree requirements and the students’ record will be sent back to a CC campus

- CCs will need to decide which campus should receive this information? Last campus attended, CC campus with most earned credits, last CC home campus, etc.
- Each four year campus will need to complete this analysis. UHM is willing to share the program that they will use to analyze the students’ records.
- CCs will need to decide about residency requirements for these students.
- CCs will need to decide if graduation fee is waived? Could it be a diploma fee instead?
- There was agreement that “transferring the credits back to the CC” is not a FERPA issue but the student will need to agree to earning the AA as it will appear on their transcript.
- How far back will this analysis be done? It was suggested that the first priority is automatic admission. For reverse transfer, it may be useful to start with students currently enrolled in the four year campuses though it might depend on the program used to complete the analysis.
- It is suggested that CCs check with their “line” staff as to impact of reverse transfer on their workload.

Next Meeting

The group agreed that a month is sufficient time to get answers to above issues. To be scheduled by Academic Planning and Policy staff.