Campus Report on HGI Activities 2014-2015

Campus: Leeward CC

Goals for 2014-2015

- Increase number of degrees/certificates awarded.
- Increase number of degrees/certificates awarded to Native Hawaiians
- Increase dollar amount dispersed in Pell grants.
- Increase the number of STEM degrees awarded.

Summary of HGI activities at Leeward CC

1. Continued implementation of reverse transfer for AA degree completion and automatic noting of credentials.
2. G2FO (Going to Finish On-time) cohort program at the Waianae campus recruited a second cohort of 32 students in Fall 2014. Cohort one started in Fall 2013 with 32 students and had an on-time 2 year graduation rate of 19%. G2FO supports the 15-to-Finish initiative by requiring students to commit to a full-time 15 credit course load each semester in order to graduate within three years. Most students enter the program with developmental English and math needs.
3. Title III grant funds were awarded in Fall 2014 to support expansion of cohort program model to Pearl City campus for Native Hawaiian students, as well as to support expanded recruitment for G2FO at the Waianae campus.
4. Early College program expansion has continued. Leeward partnered with Waianae, Waipahu, and Leilehua in Fall 2014 to offer 12 courses, and with Waianae, Nanakuli, Waipahu, Campbell, and Leilehua to offer 19 courses. The program will continue to grow in the fall with two additional schools (Mililani and Sacred Hearts) and a total of 21 courses.
5. Co-requisite developmental math course (MATH 78) to be taken concurrently with MATH 100 or MATH 115 starting in Fall 2015.
6. Continued expansion of ENG 24 (six credit developmental writing and reading course that collapses two levels of deved English into one level), and ALP (Accelerated Learning Program) co-requisite ENG 22 taken concurrently with ENG 100.

The following general data was pulled from Academic Logic:

- 1466 total degrees and certificates awarded in 2014-2015 (1090 total 2013-2014)
- 318 total degrees and certificates awarded to NH in 2014-2015 (262 total NH 2013-2014)
- Pell Grants awarded: 2857 students for a total of $7,700,176.00 for 2014-2015
Leeward Community College completed five years of broad campus engagement of its “Student Success Committee” work. In 2010, the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs decided to embed the College’s ATD efforts in a college-wide committee in order to increase faculty and staff engagement in developing, implementing, and evaluating success strategies. After five years and nearly $500,000 investment in developing innovations to close achievement gaps and increase persistence and graduation rates, Leeward’s Institutional Effectiveness Officer analyzed the progress made by the Student Success Committee’s efforts against its stated goals. His findings overall concluded that Leeward has:

- Increased number of graduates by 30%
- Increased number of transfers (to 4-year institutions) by 19%
- Reduced the number of “Gatekeeper” courses by 16%
- Reduced the time spent in developmental education sequences by one semester
- Increased number of courses with >70% completion rates by 10%

Since its launch in 2012, the Leeward CC Wai’anae’s G2FO (“Going to Finish On Time”) program has shown great promise in improving on-time degree completion, by contracting students to specific course scheduling, study time, counseling interventions, and credit completion milestones. The G2FO program provides academic, personal, and financial support so participants can finish on time. In May 2015, 6 (19%) of the 32 G2FO cohort members are graduating in a two-year time frame. Thus, the G2FO rate far exceeds Leeward’s current “on-time” (two years) graduation rate of 4%.