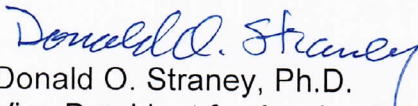




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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vice Chancellors for Academic Affairs
Vice Chancellors for Student Affairs

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: 2019 UHCC Transfer Study

For academic year 2019-20, one of the four system-wide priorities under the Hawai'i Graduation Initiative (HGI) focuses on: *establishing the policies and procedures that allow students to transfer seamlessly to and among baccalaureate programs while minimizing excess credits*. The ISS Transfer committee recommended that a team be formed to conduct a UHCC transfer study in Summer and Fall 2019.

The purposes of the study are to: 1) examine the challenges and successes for students transferring from the UHCC system to UH four-year institutions from the perspectives of faculty, staff and students; and 2) to offer recommendations to the Offices of the Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy (OVPAPP) and the Vice President for Community Colleges (OVPCC) to better support student transfers within the UH system based on the feedback provided by our stakeholders.

The Committee will be interviewing faculty, staff and students from every UH campus. I am writing to ask for your support in recommending 5-10 faculty and staff to participate in the interviews. It would be most informative if you could recommend people working with:

- Student transfer policy and procedures;
- Articulation;
- Transcript Evaluation;
- Transfer Advising;
- Student services including Native Hawaiian student services;
- Other individuals with interest in improving student transfer outcomes.

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Campus interviews and focus groups (1-hour duration) with staff and students will be conducted during the months of June - October 2019. Note that all data gathered are confidential and will be reported in the aggregate and/or anonymously. Follow-up to this memo will come from research team members Kahunawai Wright (MAN, ewright@hawaii.edu, 956-4116), Lara Sugimoto (HON), Jennifer Naguwa (HILO) or Joshua Kaakua (UHCC, jkaakua@hawaii.edu, 956-3867).

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