Faculty Discipline Meetings
2015-2016

Discipline meetings foster a collegial environment and improve articulation of courses and transfer of students. Funding to support these meetings is provided by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy. A summary of the meetings for academic year 2015-2016 can be found below.

SEARCh Symposium – July 31, 2015
Representatives from all ten campuses including UH Foundation attended the SEARCh Symposium. The meeting was a chance for faculty and staff in STEM education to discuss STEM projects at their campuses and future plans for STEM at the University of Hawai‘i. The meeting was the second annual meeting under the Office of STEM Education.

University Center Directors – September 18, 2015 / November 3, 2015
Directors discussed the Pālamanui campus opening, campus updates, and how UC goals align with strategic directions. Kauai created a new position, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, which will also be the Director of UC. West O‘ahu reported that there is a subcommittee of Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, and IT that is meeting to determine how to meet course demand in the absence of classroom space.

Academic Advising & Transfer Network – September 24, 2015
Representatives from all ten campuses attended the systemwide meeting. The group was given an update on the upcoming AATN Conference. The group discussed issues raised regarding the new transfer website, prior learning assessment, and credits that define class standing change. The group was given updates on the 2015 AATN Conference, SZPARTI, automatic admission, reverse credit transfer, the redesigned 15 to Finish website, registration via STAR/GPS, and representation on the University Council on Articulation.

April 5, 2016 - Representatives from all ten campuses attended this systemwide meeting. The group was given an update on STARFISH, UHCC developmental education, FS to FQ changes, SZPARTI, the 2016 AATN Conference, and the Hawai‘i Graduation Initiative. A co-chair was elected to represent the community colleges.

Technology for Advising
Over 150 advisors gathered at Honolulu Country Club for the 7th annual systemwide workshop, Technology for Advising. This annual workshop provides advisors with the opportunity to network with colleagues across the UH system. Speakers included Risa Dickson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Jeff Grant, Data Scientist for PAR Framework, Pearl Iboshi, Director of Institutional Analysis and Research, Karen Lee, Associate Vice President and Executive Director of Hawai‘i P-20, Russ Little, Chief Innovation Officer of PAR Framework, and Gary Rodwell, Director for Advanced Academic Technology at University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Topics covered included a Hawai‘i Graduation Initiative Update, Predictive Analytics (PAR) Related to Retention, and Registration via STAR-GPS with two breakout sessions.
Assessment Coordinators – October 22, 2015 / November 9, 2015 / April 28, 2016 / May 18, 2016
The initial focus was on a systemwide purchase of an assessment system. Campuses concluded after meeting with vendors and discussion on campuses that a common software was not feasible. The group decided to regular meetings with four meetings planned for 2016-2017.

Engineering Consortium – November 10, 2015
Representatives from all ten campuses attended the systemwide Engineering Consortium. Topics discussed included enrollment, transfer and graduation statistics, updates on STEM Pathways and engineering workforce, Hawai‘i Graduation Initiative, PEEC/IKE, USA Funds, and engineering technology. Attendees were asked to review campus activities surrounding engineering and highlights of projects.

Foundations Board Meeting – March 3, 2016
Representatives from all ten campuses were in attendance for this meeting. Members discussed the UH Mānoa implementation of the FS to FQ change. UH Hilo and Hawai‘i CC attended to learn about the Foundation Board and its requirements. Campus reports were presented to the group. The group also discussed the transition from Curriculum Central to Kuali Student Curriculum Management. The member campuses reported that each campus will adopt the FQ as a general education requirement, replacing FS.

Hawaiian, Asian & Pacific Issues (HAP) Systemwide Board Retreat– April 21, 2016
Representatives from seven campuses attended this systemwide meeting which discussed the HAP Student Learning Outcomes and reaffirming HAP Articulation. Eight campuses signed a new HAP articulation agreement, and a new Chair and Vice-Chair were elected for 2016-17.

STEM Brown Bag – May 5, 2016
Approximately 40 UH STEM faculty, researchers, and staff; and Hawai‘i Department of Education STEM Coordinators attended the first STEM Education Brown Bag to share STEM-related education, training, grants, research, and workforce development projects. The event provided opportunities for networking, collaboration, and sharing best practices. Participants also were informed of and provided feedback to the STEM Education Assets Clearinghouse (SEARCH).

The group is exploring ways to facilitate students to enroll in upper division courses to complete degree requirements at a sister four-year campus. Anthropology is the pilot program.

UHM College of Education ASNS STEM Teachers – June 14, 2016
The UHM COE is collaborating with faculty and staff at Kap‘iolani CC to develop a course sequencing using the UH ASNS degree program designed to efficiently transfer students who plan to enter the STEM teacher education program at UHM. The STEM teacher option will be incorporated into the 4 ASNS concentrations at the UHCCs. The OSE is facilitating the program development with the intent to expand the STEM teacher education option to all UHCCs. Dr. Tsang from the OSE is attending the NSF Noyce Summit in Washington DC to learn more about
this possible funding source for scholarships for STEM Education students and other program support.

**ICT Consortium Planning Meeting – June 23, 2016**

A planning committee met to discuss the establishment of an ICT Consortium focused on the development of academic pathways that lead to information technology (IT) careers. The committee examined IT-related programs and degree enrollment data from each campus, discussed what programs should be included in the Consortium, and identified possible dates and drafted agenda items for the first Consortium meeting.