UH System Academic Advising and Transfer Network

October 9, 2008
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Bachman 113 with VTC connections to
Kaua‘i CC, Maui CC and UHH

Present: June Nii and Rikki Mitsunaga (co-chair), UHM; Kainoa Ariola-Sukisaki and Gabriele Worst, UHH; Terri Ota, UHWO; David Loeding, Haw CC; Wade Tanaka, Kaua‘i CC; Flo Abara and Kristie Malterre, Kap CC; Candy Hochstein and Larry Andres, Lee CC; Colleen Shishido and Debbie Nakama, Maui CC; Patti Chong, (co-chair) WCC; Joanne Itano (UH System)

Update on HAP and Foundations Board

Lisa Fujikawa of the UHM General Education Office provided the following update. For the HAP board, 5 campuses (UHM, LCC, Kap CC, WCC and Hon CC) are members. Kaua‘i CC’s application is under review. Maui CC and UHWO have indicated their interest in joining. Effective Spring 2009, each campus participating in the system HAP board can designate its own H courses and they will be accepted as meeting the H requirement by all other participating campuses. The HAP board will be discussing system SLOs for H courses. The issue of consistent inputting of H designation into Banner was discussed.


Campus Updates

Maui: Their revised AA degree requirements are in effect. See pg. 12 http://maui.hawaii.edu/programs/catalog/2008/p11_Liberal%20Arts%20AA.pdf. Foundations I are similar to other UH campuses that have adopted by 7 other UH campuses. Foundations II and Category II and III are unique to Maui CC. An AAS in Natural Resources is coming soon and additional baccalaureate degree programs are being discussed.

UHH: Military science being rekindled for Fall 2008 as IS courses and in Spring 2009, courses will be offered as MS courses. BBA in accounting is new for Fall 2008. Faculty are working on courses for their revised general education (see http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/uhh/genedfac/) for detailed information. Revised gen ed requirements effective fall 2009.

Hawai‘i CC: No new programs. FSER changed to CULN. New certificates in electronics and agriculture are offered. STAR is up and running.
Leeward CC: New certificates include ASC in Community Food Security (skills for growing foods organically, preparing farm products for sale to restaurants and markets, knowledge about Hawaiian culture, plants, nutrition and agriculture; certificate of competence in web architecture (principles of designing, programming, developing, testing, maintaining and publishing dynamic web database sites); certificate of completion help desk (entry level positions as help desk specialists); and certificate of completion health care management. FSER changed to CULN. There are articulation agreements between AAT and UHWO and UHM teacher education programs.

It was noticed that Banner looks across the system and gives pre-requisite clearance, even if there is no transcript evaluation by the receiving campus if the equivalency is in SHATATR. For example, Win CC student had a transcript evaluation done for HPU’s PSY 1000 (Intro to Psy). In Win CC’s SHATATR database, there is an equivalency of HPU’s PSY 1000 to Win CC’s PSY 100. Banner will see the equivalency and allow the student to register for Lee CC’s PSY 240.

Terri Ota mentioned that you may contact Scott Masuno at Banner for a report on checking prerequisites for in progress classes that are prerequisites for courses that the student has registered for in the following semester. The report indicates prerequisites courses that the student has failed.

Kapi‘olani CC: Ka ‘ie ‘ie agreement is in its second semester between Kap CC and UHM. First cohort accepted as of Fall 2008, 109 applied, 77 were qualified and 57 enrolled. For spring 2009, 77 have applied. The Mānoa Advising Center is advising these students. Flo Abara is the lead advisor at Kap CC.

UHWO: BA in Public Administration/Health Care Administration is new for Fall 2008 delivered in person at the Pearl City campus and online. The BASS/Political Science is offered online to neighbor island students. The BASS/applied track will be phased out with new concentrations being offered online. Also new is the Bachelor of Applied Science with concentrations in CENT and Culinary Management focused on AS graduates in the CENT program at Hon CC and AS in culinary arts from Kap CC. UHWO has adopted the common hallmarks in foundations and diversifications similar to 7 other UH system campuses. They will accept lower division E and O courses.

UHM: Mānoa Advising Center opened in June 2008 to serve needs of newly admitted Fall 2008 students, pre-xxx students and non-declared majors. There is a campus-wide mandate for mandatory advising for all freshmen at least once per semester. There is a council of academic advisors consisting of advisors from 17 units. This council reviews and clarifies UHM policies related to advising and academic actions to ensure uniformity in implementation and foster communication among colleges; currently discussing how to handle petitions from special programs and how to handle the mandate that students must select a major by the end of their sophomore year. A website is being created for two audiences, students and advisors (training, networking and orientation).
Standardized program sheets for Ka’ie’ie students are being developed. Twenty five have been approved and are being tested. 26 have not yet been started and will be developed as the need occurs. There are several program sheets in revision. The plan is to make them public.

Windward CC: New certificates of completion in Subtropical Urban Tree Care with two options, Tree Worker and Arborist. New certificate of competence in Information Computer Science: Applied Business and Information Technology and Information Computer Science: Web Support. There is an existing ASC in Bio-Resources and Technology (Plant Biotechnology) which prepares students for careers in plant biotechnology, small business (selling herbal tea or making their own fragrant soap) and qualifies them to transfer to Bachelor of Science degree programs. Knowledge and training in Plant Biotechnology will be an asset to the productive and efficient use of natural resources for promoting sustainable management of our environment. WCC now offers courses in each FG group (FGA: HIST 151, FGB: HIST 152, FGC: REL 150).

Kaua‘i CC: Has adopted common hallmarks for foundations and diversification, effective Fall 2009. Wade Tanaka expressed concern regarding the lack of standardization of math courses at the less than 100 and lower division math courses. Joanne Itano provided an overview of math summit. See www.hawaii.edu/mathsummit for further information.

Update on Curriculum Central

Among the CCs, Leeward and Kapi‘olani CCs are testing the program. Maui CC is working on the data and Hawai‘i and Kaua‘i CC are reviewing and discussing use of the program. The three four year campuses will meet in mid November 2008 to discuss also joining in the use of this program.

Acceptance of transfer courses at a second UH campus

The concern was brought up regarding a situation about students who transfer from most likely a CC from a non UH system campus, who, let's say wants to do nursing. The student has anatomy and physiology completed from a non UH campus and the CC accepts it as equivalent to their campus' A & P. Then the student transfer to Kap CC or UHH or UHM and wishes to apply to the nursing program and the receiving campus does not accept these A & P courses....so the student must retake the courses and is delayed in their progress.

In surveying the four year campuses about this scenario, the following information was provided

UHM (June Nii)

*Our practice is to do transfer credit evaluations after a student has been admitted and paid their partial advance tuition payment. We generally refer*
students to the Transfer Credit Search at our office's website for inquiries about
how courses would transfer to Manoa.

I have done transfer credit evaluations, as well as the other admissions officers,
for students with extenuating circumstances, stressing to them that it is
unofficial and subject to change.

In the example below, the A&P course met the requirements for the program at
the two-year campus; however, it may not have sufficient content and/or the
rigor for the student to go on to higher level courses in the professional
programs (i.e., nursing) at the 4 year campuses. It is better for the student to
retake an approved A&P course and be adequately prepared for the demands of
a 4-year professional degree program than to have to struggle.

Students can petition for courses to be reviewed again by submitting to our
office more information in the form of a detailed outline/syllabus and list of
required textbooks, and we will send the information to the Department for
reconsideration.

From UHH (James Cromwell)
UH system practice is we are to follow the previous college transfer credit
evaluation unless it is from an international institution in which case it is
evaluated from scratch.

From UHWO (Robyn Oshiro)
Currently, UHWO academic advisors do unofficial evaluations for any
prospective student. In order for the student to have an official evaluation
completed, the student must apply, submit all their official transcripts and be
admitted to UH West O'ahu.

List of academic advisors

Please send a list of academic advisors to Suzi to develop a system list of academic
advisors.

Other

Larry Andres is the representative to UCA (Fall 2008-Spring 2009)

Co Chair: Candy Hochstein, LCC (Fall 2008-Spring 2010)