October 31, 2007
2:00-3:30 p.m.
Bachman 113
Videoconference to LCC, UHH, Maui CC

Present: Louise Pagotto and Bee Kooker (CCAO); Linda Currivan (ACCFSC), Charleen Marlow and Pat Patterson (CCs/ACCFSC); Kenith Simmons (UHH); Mary Heller (UHWO); Ron Cambra, Lynne Higa for Mike Kirk-Kuwaye, Tom Hilgers and Kelly McDaniel for Jan Heu (UHM); Liana Hofschneider and Bryan Gallarde (Student Caucus), Linda Johnsrud and Joanne Itano (APP)

Guest: Jeff Scofield (UHH)

Transfer of credits and impact on total credits allowable for Financial Aid

UHH’s current transfer of credit policy does not accept CTE credits for transfer. This is inconsistent with E5.209 which states that all 100+ level courses are transferable. One reason is the number of students who reach their maximum in financial aid during the final year or semester and then may not be able to complete their college degree. Thus, transferring credits that are not applicable to the degree could work against the student in terms of financial aid. UHH reports that about 160 credits is the maximum allowable for financial aid and that about 150 students annually reach this cap. Reasons for students reaching this maximum are varied. Policy should be written to reflect the broadest number of students. Further discussion involving VCAA Phil Castille and others at UHH will be the follow up.

Update on Multicampus Foundations and H Board

The Foundations board met and discussed how courses with diversification designations are to be renewed. Maui CC is the latest campus to join UHM, Kap CC, Hon CC and Lee CC in this board.

The H board is ready to start obtaining signatures for each campus’ participation in the H board. Faculty Senate Chairs are to sign with the intent to have this announced at the November 2007 BOR meeting. The effective date is targeted for Summer 2008 or Fall 2008. The proposal will also be distributed to CCAO. The H board will also develop general education outcomes for the H requirement.

Comparable courses – same alpha, number, course description and GE designations

Colleen Shishido on behalf of the Systemwide Academic Advisors and Transfer Network brought this issue to UCA because of the confusion it creates in students when comparable courses are different in one of its characteristics. Mostly recently Bot 105 changed its GE designation at UHM, thus a student completing this course at a non UHM campus, would receive a different GE designation for this course than the one at UHM. It is difficult to monitor changes
in course alpha, numbers, titles and GE designations within UHM due to its size and lack of central reporting. It is suggested that disciplinary groups meet and it was suggested that chemistry and biology be among the first groups to meet. Disciplinary meetings are part of the supplemental budget in the VPAPP request. ACCFSC are in support of disciplinary meetings. The CCs are planning to convene disciplinary groups and it may be a good idea to incorporate the 4 years campuses with their meetings. Their plan is to meet once every two years. This issue will also be brought to the CCAO for discussion.

Transfer Data from 2 year to 4 year

Table distributed. Joanne to follow up with IRO regarding questions related to the table provided.

Next Meeting

Spring 2008 or as needed. Please email Joanne Itano (itano@hawaii.edu) with any agenda items.