

Committee Chair Report
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I
BOARD OF REGENTS' COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Committee met on November 5, 2015.

Vice Chair Tagorda reported on the 6th Annual Complete College America (CCA) conference which she attended along with Vice President for Academic Affairs Risa Dickson (UH System), Associate VP for Academic Affairs Joanne Itano (UH System), Joanne Taira (UH System), Chancellor Erika Lacro (HonCC), Interim Associate VC Kelly Oaks (UHH), Director of Advanced Technologies Gary Rodwell (UHM), and Hawai'i State Representative Choy. CCA promotes five game changers:

1. Performance Funding
2. Co-requisite remediation
3. Structured schedules
4. Full-time is 15 credits
5. Guided pathways

UH is on track in all five areas and is in the vanguard for the last two. The STAR system is widely recognized as a best practice initiated by the University.

The Committee reviewed the proposed work plan for the year and added an annual self-evaluation.

Vice President Dickson reported on program actions during the preceding academic year, including 6 new degrees or certificates approved by the Board, 5 provisional or established programs discontinued by the President, and a large number of curricular changes approved under delegated authority. The Committee noted that faculty and campus administrators were diligent about keeping program offerings relevant and current.

The Committee reviewed the annual report on program reviews and the schedule for upcoming reviews. For the most part, these are proceeding in a timely manner. The committee emphasized the importance of maintaining program quality through regular reviews.

The report on programs with small enrollment or low degree production revealed a diversity of underlying factors. The committee will continue to monitor this on an annual basis and requested addition of an update column to show programs moving off or coming onto the report in the future.

The Committee thanked Vice President Dickson, her staff, and all the faculty and administrators who were responsible for compiling the information in these reports. The reports represent a lot of conscientious attention and they are critical to ensure that academic programs are consistent with the UH mission and strategic plan, that they are appropriate to needs of students, and that there is ongoing assessment of educational quality for continuous improvement.

The Committee met in executive session for personnel matters pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(2) on emeritus title recommendations. The committee recommends two actions for board approval as shown on the agenda in Attachment A-1.