

## LAPS Dean Report to College Council – January 2015 meeting

The LBRTs DCs have spent three meetings subsequent to the November 21 action of Academic Senate regarding the program modification proposal to enact the recommendations of the AA Task Force convened last spring. The DC meetings on November 25<sup>th</sup>, December 9<sup>th</sup> and January 6<sup>th</sup> have focused on refining the details of the proposal and planning for an All-Liberal Arts meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> during College Hour designed to allow a fuller discussion of issues and concerns across departments within the Liberal Arts area. The hope is to conduct a paper ballot on what appear to be three (perhaps more after the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>) key issues subsequent to the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting and prior to the end of January so that the proposal can be returned to Senate for further consideration given additional input from the Liberal Arts faculty regarding their exact preferences.

At the LBRTS DC meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>, VCAA Onishi, GE Committee co-chair Mai Wong and CRC Chair Deseree Salvador met with the group to discuss concerns related to the GE designation and the Task Force recommendations. VCAA Onishi, Dean Hamasaki and I have met with individuals involved developing and implementing in the General Education designation process since and have attempted to clarify issues with regard to the designation of courses meant to be transferable offerings. The intent is to have a cadre of courses which will meet requirements for the AA degree under the proposed model mentioned above and available to students as recently approved for GE by fall 2015.

Chancellor Yamane, VCAA Onishi, WH Director Marty Fletcher and I met with senior academic leadership from UHH on January 5<sup>th</sup> to explore mutual interest in offering specific programs at the Palamanui site. This meeting resulted in part from conversations conducted by multiple UH partners at a system-wide meeting conducted at West Hawaii on December 11<sup>th</sup>, during which President Lassner and Vice President Morton addressed community members in the evening. The day-time sessions focused on discussions of how the new Palamanui site might serve the needs of the West Hawaii community for higher education offerings through multiple UH campuses and involved both community representatives and administrators from other UH campuses including Manoa and West Oahu. One outgrowth of our meeting with UHH leadership is an interest in a possible 1+3 program for students applying to UHH but not fully meeting their admissions requirements. Other options with high priority for shared development at Palamanui include a 2+2 ASNS to Marine Science and stackable credential offerings in Business leading to a bachelor's degree, perhaps tailored to the resorts on the West Side.

Members of the LAPS faculty attended ARPD Training with Shawn Flood before the semester break and look forward to completing Program Reviews using improved systems this year.

The STEMEI (STEM Enhancement Initiative) group met for the second time on November 26<sup>th</sup> and will be meeting again this month to review lab spaces and renovation needs on a date yet to be determined. The group has identified physical and faculty resources as key issues to be addressed in improving our STEM capacity. We are interested in expanding and improving lab facilities for both physical and biological sciences.

Work continues at a system level to promote the integration of the Lualaba Gradebook with the Starfish early alert system. If successful in a Sakai environment (it is in use at other campuses on the mainland with Blackboard and Moodle), UHCC's might be able to allow the generation of flags whenever a student's grade falls below a set level in the gradebook, ostensibly providing even more real-time early alerts and reducing the reliance on periodic faculty surveys.

Because we anticipate EdReady to be a focus of presentations at the Hawaii Strategy Institute in March, we have suggested that all faculty involved in offering developmental coursework (as well as all faculty involved in the Student Success Committee and all faculty involved in the STEMEI initiative) be invited to attend the HSI event in March.

I will be participating in UH system provided media training along with other Haw CC and UHH administrators on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks go to Lori Medeiros for helping to cover the clerical transition occurring in the Chancellor and CTE Dean's offices. Lori is assisting CTE with personnel actions until a replacement is secured for Luane.

I look forward to an exciting second semester at Hawaii CC this spring.