

LAPS Dean Report to College Council – March 2015 meeting

The LBRTs DCs have finalized a Curriculum Modification Proposal aiming to enact the recommendations of the AA Task Force as amended slightly based on a recent all –LBRTs meeting and vote on specific issues and it is hoped the new proposal will receive approval of the CRC and Academic Senate in March for inclusion in the 2015-16 catalog.

Discussion about the possibility of joining the UH system Foundations Board continues at the DC level. LBRTs DCs agreed to solicit questions about the process for joining the board from faculty and division/department meetings this month.

The STEMEI (STEM Enhancement Initiative) group should have toured the Kapiolani CC STEM Center by the time of the College Council meeting for which this report is submitted. All members of that group were invited to attend HIS and we plan to double-dip our Oahu visit to see for ourselves what KapCC did to promote interest and success in STEM areas. Plans call for scheduling science and math classes in what will soon be the former Manono Nursing lab this fall after nursing labs are moved to Hale Aloha in what might be a precursor move toward emulating KapCC's STEM Center.

A special training session on EdReady will be presented to any interested HawCC faculty or staff member at 9:30 on Wednesday March 11th in the Manono Nursing Lab and a similar session is being hosted that afternoon of our DOE partners on the island. Davilla Gose, EdReady Project Director, will be presenting in person and polycommed to WH. Counselors have a session just for them at 11.

At HSI Gary Lopez, Founding Director of NROC, the group responsible for EdReady, will be presenting to two dozen high school principals and their selected representatives about EdReady and COMPASS preparation for their students. Dr. Lopez will also be meeting privately with John Morton and Peter Quigley that afternoon.

The bill promoting an expansion of Early College opportunities to all Hawaii public schools passed both the House and Senate Education Committees in recent weeks and is being heard by budget committees. Hawaii might choose to join more than two dozen other states that support Early College coursework for students who test college ready before they graduate from high school.

I attended the March meeting of Hawaii CC's Student Success Committee on the 4th where Shawn Flood presented data on our CCSSE results and discussion ensued about areas for improvement based on those data specifically focused on faculty-student interaction, the area where our results showed the greatest need for improvement compared to other colleges within the UHCC system. Several campus reps will be attending a system-wide CCSSE conference on March 20th at Windward.

The DCs have recently viewed five year's worth of course success rate data for all classes offered by the college and we are looking at seeking advice from local DOE experts on the use of data teams for guidance on how we might institute similar processes for using data to drive instructional decision-making. California CCs have a system in place for doing just that and some other UHCCs have consulted with them on their processes. One of the consultants being used in developing the UHCC Student Success Council, Rob Johnstone, is associated with the BRIC project in California.

Expect our DMA program to submit a joint proposal with three other CCs to enter into a 2+2 degree option with UHWO sponsored in part by UH System Coordinator Chris Lee. Violet Murakami and I recently travelled to UHWO to visit their new state archive of moving images and their Cyber-CANOE classroom.