

Hawaii Community College -Palamanui Update

Construction

Bio and Chem/Physics Labs still under construction, instruction at NELHA. As ceilings and floors had to be redone, this has moved along slowly. Unfortunately a damaged shipment of flooring composites has delayed us well into Fall Semester. After handover of labs, we will still have to do installation of instructional equipment and get safety approvals from UH System. Fortunately, the lab at NELHA has been made available to us as a backup. Also incomplete: Solar power, finalization of recycled water irrigation

These items are being held up by a lack of coordination by the architect, consultants, and the builder.

Amenities Improvements for Fall:

- Staff Lunch/Mail room (D181),
- STEM Lab, DMA classroom (E194),
- Lecturers' Office (A115)

Staff will no longer have to eat at their desks, and hopefully this shared space to retreat to for breaks and socialization will contribute to Kauhale building. We will have an improved campus capacity for Lecturer's to work while on Campus, The Stem Lab will provide dedicated space for students to access math developmental applications while near to tutors and math instructional team.

Community

Our Community Landscape Project coordinated by Calley O'Neill is attracting folks for regular work sessions Monday at 4 pm and the improvement of weed control and blown rubbish removal is apparent. Compared to last year, the fountain grass mostly under control.

Community Events which were hosted over the Summer months included:

Hosted Governor's Community Connections on June 24

Kona Kohala Chamber of West Hawaii Workforce Event on Aug 10