

Proposal for Foundations Board Research Group

The purpose of the Foundations Board Research Group will be to allow the Academic Senate to find the process to move to University of Hawai'i Foundations. The members of the Foundations Board Research Group will report back to the Senate their findings including the pros and cons of Hawai'i Community College moving from our current General Education Committee (GEC) process to adopting the Hallmarks of Foundations. This research group will also meet with the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs (VCAA) to get Administration input on the transition from GEC to Foundations. The research group might also attend Foundations Board meetings at the System level to get a better understanding of what they do. This research group should be seen as a fact finding endeavor for the Academic Senate.

It is important that the faculty share their collective voice and work with the Administration in forging a more efficient transfer path for Hawai'i Community College.

The Charge for the Foundations Board Research Group is:

- Explore the process of Hawai'i CC academics moving to Foundations
- Explore the timeline of moving to Foundations
- Explore the pros and the cons of Hawai'i CC moving to Foundations
- Study how the Foundations process works at all the other UH Community Colleges in the System
- Study how the Foundations process affects students, especially those that want to transfer

Foundations Board Research Group's term of action will end by the March meeting of Academic Senate (March 24, 2017). A full report on what is the best course of action for the Academic Senate will be presented at that meeting. If the Foundations Board Research Group feels more time is needed to complete its charge the Chair of Group can request this of the Senate with a new date of completion.

The committee will be made up of six (6) volunteer Academic Senators, approved by the Academic Senate. The chair Foundations Board Research Group will be chosen from the committee membership. The chair will be responsible for communicating with the Department Chairs to make sure the various departments are aware of the Group's findings and to coordinate what the Department Chairs have already discovered with the Group's findings. The final report should have input from all departments before submitting it to the Senate.