

Report to the Accrediting Association of Community and Junior Colleges
University of Hawai'i Community Colleges
June 2019

1. The annual Hawai'i Student Success Institute was held in March and attended by over 1000 faculty, staff, and administrators. This event provides a venue for sharing accomplishments, findings, and ideas from among the work on the seven campuses and to also learn from invited speakers from throughout the U.S. The principal themes of this year's institute were guided pathways and integrated student support.

An additional half-day institute in conjunction with Achieving the Dream consultants followed the main HSSI convening and focused on specific action plans for the campuses.

2. The Hawai'i State Legislature approved \$455,000 for each of the next two fiscal years for the Hawai'i Nutrition and Training (HINET) program. Developed in conjunction with the State Department of Human Services, the program provides students enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) with more than \$4,700 a year for food, transportation, books and other expenses. During the pilot year the 290 students who were enrolled in 4 colleges in HI-NET showed a much higher year-to-year retention (72% compared to 51% for non-participants). The students served were 58% Native Hawaiian, much higher than the overall percentage of Native Hawaiian in those 4 UH Community Colleges (35%). The Legislative funding will allow the program to be extended to all seven colleges and increase the overall participation rate.
3. The new on-line AA degree was introduced to the public in April. The program is cohort based with students taking one class at a time in a five week format. Over 600 individuals responded to the initial press release and 300 signed up for the 70 open slots on the first day registration was open. Additional cohorts are being formed and additional degree programs are being made available. The AA degree not only serves community college students but serves as the first two years of all of the planned on-line baccalaureate programs to be offered by the University of Hawai'i.
4. Vice-President for Community Colleges John Morton retired on June 1 after nearly forty-nine years with the UH Community Colleges. Erika Lacro has been named as interim Vice-President and a search for the Vice-President has been initiated