UHCC Placement Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2011
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Dole St. Conference Room
HawCC via polycom
KauCC via polycom
UH MauC via polycom

Present: Earl Nishiguchi, Debbie Winkler, Marilyn Bader, Guy Nishimoto, Russell Uyeno (for Erika Lacro), Gail Levy, Noreen Yamane, Cheryl Chappell-Long, Kristine Kory-Smith, Charles Sasaki (for Louise Pagotto), Emily Nye, Wei-Ling Landers, Suzette Robinson

E-Write
Gail Levy reported on the progress to pilot E-Write at LeeCC. In fall 2011, eight LeeCC English faculty took the E-Write test and have agreed to have students take the test in spring 2012. In the meantime, LeeCC is setting up the infrastructure to support the test. Each E-Write test takes 3.9 Compass units, and Gail has secured enough units (ACT provided free units and LeeCC provided funds) for 200 students to participate in the pilot.

ACTION: Gail asked the council members to contact their faculty regarding E-Write. If faculty are interested in the pilot project, they are to contact Gail Levy at LeeCC.

Re-Test Updates
- Wei-Ling reported on the number of students re-tested at WinCC.
  For Math:
  139/276 or 50% placed the same
  74/276 or 27% placed higher
  63/276 or 22% placed lower

  For English:
  There didn’t appear to be any retest for reading

  1 person took the Writing Retest and placed higher.

- Marilyn Bader reported on number of students re-tested at HawCC
  See attached report

- Debbie Winkler reported on students’ placement at UHMC
  Reading: 34% improved placement; 60% remained the same; 6% placed lower
Guy Nishimoto reported on the number of students re-tested at KapCC and LeeCC. See attached report with conclusions. Highlights include:

• Still, no tidal wave of retesting. The OVERWHELMING majority of students--84% at KapCC and 91% at LeeCC--are taking all three parts of COMPASS once. (See Table 1.)

• We might expect the numbers of tests to double (100% increase) from the first 14 month period to the next year. And so it has at Leeward, up about 99% (from 3,891 to 7,750), but not quite at Kapi’olani, up about 77% (from 5,119 to 9,078).

• The OVERWHELMING majority of students are still retesting only twice. VERY few are retesting more than two times. (See Table 2.)

• A significant proportion of retesters continue to improve their placement. At Leeward, the percentage usually falls in mid-40% range in all areas. At Kapi’olani, the percentages vary. The percentage improving their writing placement is conspicuous: about 62%. The rate for reading is a little low: about 37%. For math, the rate is similar: about 45%. (See Tables 3-8.)

• In general, the students who improve their placements and take courses based on those improved placements do about as well in those classes in terms of success rates as might be expected from the general success rates in those classes. But such students at KapCC and LeeCC actually do MUCH better (about 70% at KapCC, 79% at LeeCC) in the writing classes than the overall success rates (about 56%). They also tend to do better in the MATH classes (57% and 65%) than might be expected from overall success rates (ranging from 41% to 51%). (See Table 8.)

The most popular months for re-testing are June, July, and August.

Placement Re-test budget reports:
Campuses are using the funds to purchase additional Compass units and office supplies.

Placement Advisory Council Composition:
After discussing the composition of the Placement Advisory Council, members concurred on the following:

• Membership and participation will continue to be based on discipline/focus with campuses represented within the discipline/focus.
• New appointments are needed: A reading faculty is needed to fill the reading discipline position.

ACTION: Chancellor Yamane will submit the name of a reading faculty. An invitation will be
extended to that faculty.
A Banner representative is needed.  
**ACTION:** Suzette Robinson will contact Hae Okimoto for a representative. 10/6/11 Hae O. will serve on the Placement Advisory Council until another Banner representative can be identified.

Clarification on the counselor position is needed.  
**ACTION:** Suzette Robinson will contact the present counselor for clarification of status.

- Kristine Kory Smith, pending BOR approval, will take leadership of the remedial program called Ready Set Grow (RSG) and will continue to sit on the committee as the liaison between the RSG program and the Placement Advisory Council.

See attached 10/10/2011 membership list

**UHWO Testing Policy**
Emily Nye reported on UHWO’s new testing policy.
- Students may take the UH West O`ahu COMPASS test (math or writing) up to two times each, free of charge. After that, a fee will be assessed for each additional test.

- A one week (seven calendar days) waiting period is required before a student may re-take the UH West O`ahu COMPASS test.

Currently enrolled UH West O`ahu students and those who have applied and paid their UH West O`ahu application fee may take the COMPASS test at the University.

**Compass Uploader Demographic Questions**
Cheryl Chappell-Long reported that, in conjunction with the Vice Chancellors of Student Affairs, 11 UHCC Systemwide Compass Demographic Questions were agreed upon. See attached. These questions will uploaded into Compass for all students taking a Compass test in spring 2012. The institutional researchers will review the results of the responses.

**ACTION:** All Placement Advisory Council members are asked to share the demographic questions with the faculty on their campuses and with their discipline colleagues.

Next meeting:  
Wednesday, March 7, 2012  
3:00-5:00 p.m  
Dole St. Conference Room

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