E-Focus Committee Report  
Spring 2013  
April 15, 2013

There are no new E-Focus designated courses. The list remains the same as that submitted at mid-term. The next recertification cycle for all current courses is in 2016.

David Panisnick replaced member, Marcia Roberts-Deutsch, who moved to administration.

After discussion, the E-Focus Board unanimously voted to change from instructor based to course based certification, by email vote taken on March 1st. All current instructors/courses have already been certified, so their courses were “grandfathered-in” as certified. It was agreed that the current instructors are responsible for guiding new instructors, for their respective courses, to ensure the hallmarks are being met, agreed upon assessment strategies utilized and subsequent improvements documented. These changes only apply to HCC courses. Transfer courses are subjected to the review system already in place. The five year recertification cycle was again affirmed.

This past semester, the E-Focus chair has concentrated on reinstating a system-wide E-Focus requirement for the AA degree through various meeting and correspondence with philosophy professors at other system college. She has also worked extensively with CTE Program Liaisons and Division Chairs to aid CTE programs in documenting and assessing the ethic component of their instruction. Models were developed for CTE ethics education across the curriculum/program and approved by the committee. Further, the E-focus assessment rubric created and implemented by the Manoa E-Focus Board was adopted as a suggested assessment tool for use by HCC E-Focus faculty as a possible compliment to the E-Focus student evaluations currently in use. It is hoped that this will help in WASC accreditation and that ethics education will soon be once again be expressed in our ILO’s, as it had been for decades.