RESEARCH DESIGN

HCC Associate of Arts Division Chairs requested that a survey of recent graduates be conducted to assess perceived outcomes and to gauge satisfaction with the program.

David Cleveland (HCC Assessment Researcher) developed the short survey instrument and administered the survey to almost all of the A.A. graduates present at the Waikiki Shell just before the start of Commencement on May 12, 2006.

Demographics of the 22 respondents:
64% female, 36% male; Median age = 27, Age range: 19 to 55; GPA range 2.5 to 4.0, mean GPA - 3.25; 2/3 had attended colleges other than HCC (mostly UH-Manoa, Kapiolani CC, & Leeward CC); Intended Transfer Campus: 62% UH-Manoa; Wide range of transfer majors.

KEY FINDINGS:
Respondents rated the preparation they received (Poor, Fair, Good, Excellent) fifteen WASC mandated General Education areas.

Overall - Graduates Feel Very Well Prepared:
For twelve of the fifteen General Education areas, over 50% of respondents rated their learning outcomes as Excellent.

Among the top ranked learning outcome areas were a number of global (non discipline specific) outcomes:
Ability to learn independently; Appreciation for/tolerance of diversity; Critical thinking/reasoning; Logical reasoning; Historical/cultural knowledge & reasoning; Ability to examine ethical issues

WIDE RANGE OF SATISFACTION LEVELS WITH ASPECTS OF HCC INSTITUTIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Figure 3: BAR GRAPH - QUALITY OF PREPARATION - RANK ORDERED BY MEAN VALUE
1.0 = POOR ...... 4.0 = EXCELLENT

COMMENTS: WHAT THEY LIKED BEST: Faculty, Small classes; Awesome staff & faculty; Personal Attention

WHAT THEY LIKED LEAST: Course/Program selection; Class availability; Parking/Cafeteria; Class cancellations; facilities; chairs/desks; communication: deadlines