The new academic year has begun with substantial enrollment growth in the University of Hawai‘i system, and providing an excellent and affordable education to an increasing number of students is a welcome challenge for Honolulu Community College. In addition, we have now entered a very active phase of work in preparation for our next accreditation visit in the Fall of 2012. That may seem still rather distant, but there is substantial work to be done to reflect on and document the ways in which we meet our campus mission. This newsletter, begun last academic year, will continue to provide updates to the campus community as that work proceeds.

There have been some changes in the leadership of our self-study since committees were initially formed last Spring. Listed below are the current co-chairs and committee members who have volunteered to conduct research and prepare a report on the various Standards that we must address in our self-study. (It should be noted that our accrediting agency, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, or ACCJC, has given a more formal name to the report—Self Evaluation for Educational Quality and Institutional Effectiveness—but for ease of communication, we will continue to refer to this internally as our self-study.) NOTE: Several of the committees are at full strength, but several could benefit from some additional members. If you are interested in joining in this important college endeavor, please contact Marcia Roberts-Deutsch, Accreditation Liaison Officer (845-9410, or marcia@hcc.hawaii.edu) or the committee co-chairs.

The Standards co-chairs, along with overall self-study co-chairs VCAA Erika Lacro and Marcia Roberts-Deutsch, comprise the steering committee for accreditation. Several members of the steering committee participated in a training workshop on September 24, and will share new ideas and information with their committees. We also benefit from the guidance of Chancellor Rota, who now serves as Chairperson of ACCJC. As work on the self-study proceeds we will also expect to identify areas of college operation that should be addressed and refined or resolved prior to the visit of an ACCJC team in Fall 2012. Some of the issues we can expect to require particular attention include: the status of the program review process for all units, the relationship of program review to the planning and budget process, the documentation of SLOs and their regular assessment, and the management of the growth in our distance education offerings. As the response to our 2009 Midterm Report indicated, we have already made substantial progress in these areas.
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