With the completion of our Self-Evaluation Report and the campus visit by the team of members from our peer institutions in 2012, and the recent final report from the team and action letter from ACCJC received earlier this month, Honolulu Community College moves into a new phase of accreditation work. As the Chancellor has announced, the College has been placed on Warning, with a requirement that we address three specific recommendations (Nos. 2, 3, and 4) by October 15, 2013, and three others subsequently. The complete report and Commission letter are posted on the campus website (www.honolulu.hawaii.edu) under the “Quick Links” sidebar. The three most critical items include two that were identified as problems six years ago and have not been fully addressed, and one that has an impact on a key Eligibility Requirement.

It should be understood that being on Warning does not compromise the status of the College as an accredited institution, nor jeopardize the validity of the degrees and certificates it grants. It does, however, clearly signal that we must address significant deficiencies (some of which were, as noted, first identified in 2006 during the time of our prior accreditation cycle.)

To that end, the Chancellor and her staff will be working to identify the best and most immediately implemented means to address and resolve these problems, and will keep the campus informed.

In the meantime, the Accreditation Oversight Committee (AOC) has begun to meet to set priorities identified in our Actionable Improvement Plan (AIP), many of which are linked to the recommendations set forth by the visiting team and ACCJC. The members of the AOC include Silvan Chung, Sally Dunan, Katy Ho, Patrick Patterson, Marcia Roberts-Deutsch, Steven Shigemoto, Cynthia Smith and Maggie Templeton. They have agreed to serve through Academic Year 2013-2014 in order to provide continuity during this critical period.

The College will also participate with its sister colleges to address recommendations given to the UH Community College system as a whole.