

## Leeward Community College Faculty Senate Resolution 20.1:

### Resolution in Support of Faculty Senate's Postponement of Leeward Community College's Course Cancellation Deadline to 20 August 2020

Whereas the Leeward Community College Faculty Senate has the right and responsibility to participate in academic decision-making as protected by the [University of Hawai'i Board of Regents Policy \(RP\) 1.210](#) and Leeward Community College's [Shared Governance Policy \(L1.201\)](#);

Whereas premature course cancellations undermine the college's achievement of the [UH Community College's Strategic Directions](#) and the college's own [Strategic Plan](#) and [Mission](#)--academic policies affecting and within the purview of the Leeward Community College Faculty Senate;

Whereas premature course cancellations impede students' abilities to obtain classes necessary for their graduation, certification, and attainment of educational goals;

Whereas premature course cancellations preempt student choice of instructors and instructional modalities, frustrate quality instruction, and undermine student attainment of course learning outcomes;

Whereas the Leeward CC Faculty Senate has the negotiated right and responsibility to participate in "strategic planning directions, goals . . . and related budget priorities" as provided by the [University of Hawai'i Board of Regents Agreement, R-20](#);

Whereas course cancellations are motivated by the college's budget priorities;

Whereas the Leeward CC administration changed its traditional course cancellation deadline from one week prior to instruction to two weeks prior to instruction without prior notification or consultation of Leeward Community College's Faculty Senate;

Whereas said changes substantially and materially impact the college's ability to fulfil its educational mission;

Whereas the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges only recently closed its extended application deadline on 10 August 2020, leaving many students yet to register and in need of courses;

Be it resolved that the Leeward Community College Faculty Senate reaffirm its negotiated rights to involvement in academic policy and budgetary planning in general and to be notified of and to

be included in discussions regarding changes to traditional course cancellation deadlines in particular;

Be it further resolved that the Leeward Community College Faculty Senate urges the college's administrative team to move back one week its recently announced course cancellation deadline of 14 August 2020 to 20 August 2020 to align with traditional and expected practice.

Adopted this thirteenth day of August 2020 by the Leeward Community College Faculty Senate.

Michael Oishi

Chair, Leeward Community College Faculty Senate