

Student Affairs Committee  
November 7, 2019

The Student Affairs committee met on 11/7/19 with various Student Service faculty and staff (Kami Kato, Interim DOSS, Michelle Igarashi, Student Services Coordinator, Gregg Yoshimura, FAO Unit Head, Grant Helgeson, A&R Unit Head) to provide recommendations on the potential adoption of an Academic Renewal Policy and revision of our Course Repeat Policy.

- **Academic Renewal Policy** - Registrars shared they receive 2-3 requests/semester for HawCC and 15 requests over the last 2 years for UHM. All student requests have come from non-traditional students who took courses right after high school, failed most, took a 5-10 year break, and are now returning with renewed focus. After considering the reasons other colleges cited students are requesting to clear their grades, the committee recommends **NOT** adopting this policy because:
  - Students want to gain eligibility for financial aid yet the policy cannot help this situation - FAO takes into account all grades even if cleared from transcript,
  - Students want to gain entry into transfer programs like nursing yet all transfer programs have their own policies for determining a student's GPA and may take into account grades earned even if cleared from transcript,
  - Students want to increase their cum and/or program degree GPA to a 2.0 to graduate more quickly. However, students can use the appeal process to request clearing grades within 2 years of receiving them,
  - Students want to start "fresh" which they could if they went to another CC where prior LCC grades would not be taken into account for GPA calculation.
  - Added Workload for Admissions & Records. UHM reported spending 8 hours per student on clearing records and the generation of a 1/2" pile of paperwork per case. Given LeeCC is a larger campus than UHM and HCC, A&R would see a lot more requests than reported by the other campuses.
  
- **Course Repeat Policy** - The committee recommends **REVISING** this policy for several reasons: 1. There are inconsistencies in language on the website versus catalogue, 2. Should we consider taking the higher versus newer grade?, 3. Why is the summer session excluded in the policy?, 4. Need to include language around GPA calculation in the Course Repeat policy. The committee will be working on developing out its recommendations to share at the next faculty senate meeting.
  
- **Additional Issues** to Explore this School Year: Clarification of how policies are approved and stored for reference; Support for the hiring of a Mental Health Counselor.