Aloha!

Our UH Mânoa campus has two committees working on our strategic plan/academic priorities and decisions regarding budget allocations, so it is important for everyone to be aware of their activities and to provide input.

1. Process Committee: The charge for this committee is available at [http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/chancellor/process.html](http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/chancellor/process.html) and information regarding the activities of the committee is available at [http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/ovcafo/newprocess/index.html](http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/ovcafo/newprocess/index.html). I would encourage community members to visit the website, so that everyone will be aware of the directions of the committee and also provide ideas and input directly to committee members.

   Basically, this committee has two charges which are to recommend: (a) a process for “updating” or “refreshing” our Campus Strategic Plan so our academic priorities are clear and (b) a process to advise me on the investments/reallocations needed to accomplish those priorities.

   Alan Teramura (Natural Sciences) is serving as convenor of this committee which is already meeting; other members include Ann Sakuma (Administration, Finance and Operations), Ashley Maynard (Psychology); Brian Taylor (SOEST); Christine Sorensen (Education); Gregg Geary (Sinclair Library); Jaime Sohn (ASUH); Keith Sakuda (Management); Klaus Keil (Faculty Senate); Mary Tiles (Faculty Senate); Ming-Bao Yue (Chinese Literature); Peter Crouch (Engineering); Walt Niemczura (Chemistry).

2. Budget Workgroup: This group is now being established and their work will be focused on assisting with prioritizing and advising me on decision-making in the event that UH Mânoa experiences additional budget reductions within the near future. The Workgroup Charge is online at: [http://manoa.hawaii.edu/chancellor/budget.html](http://manoa.hawaii.edu/chancellor/budget.html) and information on the Workgroup is available at: [http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/ovcafo/newbdgtwkgrp/index.html](http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/ovcafo/newbdgtwkgrp/index.html).

   Vice Chancellor Kathy Cutshaw (Administration, Finance and Operations) is serving as convenor of the group; other members include Klaus Keil (Faculty Senate); Ross Christensen (Faculty Senate); Tom Bingham (Arts and Humanities); Maenette Benham (Hawaiian Knowledge); Christine Sorensen (Education); Peter Crouch (Engineering); Marla Costa (Nursing); Annette Chang
(Social Sciences); Francisco Hernandez (Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs); Gary Ostrander (Vice Chancellor, Research and Graduate Studies).

At this time, as we all recognize, the budget situation is uncertain and remains a significant concern. I believe it is important for this group to start discussions now about allocation decisions the campus needs to consider should additional cuts come during the academic year and into the next biennium. The simultaneous efforts of the Process Committee will be highly important in recommending a campus process for these decision-making activities during the coming year; however, I believe we need to start planning now because waiting until it happens is not advisable and learning what we might need/want to do beforehand enables the campus to be more strategic.

Mahalo,
Virginia S. Hinshaw, Chancellor

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