

Committee on Disability Access – Honolulu (CODAH)
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Activities and Accomplishments

I. Student ACCESS Guidebook

A. Distribution of Student ACCESS Guidebook on Academic
Accommodations

1. VCAA
2. Student Services
3. Library
4. VCAS
5. Apprenticeship
6. Jan Peterson - Distant Education
7. Tech I
8. Tech II
9. PCATT
10. UC
11. Student Employment
12. Ralph Hiatt
13. Health Office

B. Posting of Student ACCESS Guidebook on Student ACCESS website (by
the completion of Spring 08).

1. Guidebook was edited and is currently be worked on to be placed
on the website

II. HCC Access Map – The Access Maps highlights all accessible routes on
campus, including accessible elevators, pay text phones, service animal
restroom, and disability parking stalls.

A. Completed, Printed and Distributed

1. Student Services
2. Business Office
3. Student Employment
4. Library
5. College Skills Center
6. Student Life

7. Health Office

- III. Resources in Student ACCESS
 - A. Continued development of Resource binder for students with disabilities. Information includes all types of services and service providers that may assist students with disabilities both on and off campus.

- IV. Interagency Supports and Agreements
 - A. UH System and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
 - 1. After a year of discussion, the agreement between the UH system and DVR remains constant. Though a formal agreement has been signed at the system level, each campus will be left to discuss and development agreements for services for students with disabilities.
 - 2. Currently DVR in working with HCC and Student ACCESS agreed to pay for sign-language interpreter services for students that have an active and open case with DVR. Student ACCESS will continue to schedule and secure the sign-language interpreters as part of this informal agreement.
 - 3. Continue to work with DVR regarding students with disabilities at HCC.
 - a. Continued issues
 - 1. Proactive approaches in preparing students for college.
 - Student ACCESS went to each DVR office to share information on curriculum, essential core classes, and technical standards of the career and technical educational programs at HCC.
 - 2. Not prepared for the independence at college
 - 3. Addressing Assistive Technology needs prior to starting classes. This would enable students to get the necessary training and gain the necessary proficiency.

- V. Facilities Access – Updates on Facility Access Needs and Improvement
 - A. Accessible Restrooms
 - 85% complete
 - B. Building 2
 - Removal and bumps in walkway – improving flat surfaces for students with mobility issues completed.
 - C. Building 7
 - Painting of entrance to stairwell to avoid tripping
 - Repainting the sidewalk and ramp edges on the mauka side of the building (service request submitted on 1/29/08)
 - D. Cafeteria
 - Painting of curb outside of restrooms to avoid tripping
 - E. Continues update of the List of Disability Access Concerns (last campus walk through 6/07 and List update)

- VI. Emergency Plans
 - A. Student ACCESS is active with the Emergency Planning Subcommittee. The committee continues to work on various emergency response plans for HCC – including addressing individuals with disabilities on campus

- VII. Other
 - A. Policy of Reasonable Course Substitutions, Waivers, and Accommodations at HCC
 - 1. After several discussion of potential change in policy, CODA recommended that the policy as currently stated covers all student requests, with and without disabilities.

Business Being Addressed:

- 1. Confidential information in relation to an emergency situation (pertaining to the Virginia Tech incident. What things can we learn.
- 2. Continued work on facility issues (alternative routes for Student Life, modification of counter heights in a couple of public locations).
- 3. Repainting sidewalk stripping at the back of building 7.