

Town Hall Meeting Summary

11/25/08

Achieving the Dream Initiative and HonCC's Implementation Plan

Vice-Chancellor Lacro facilitated the 11/25/08 town hall meeting focused on the Achieving the Dream (AtD) Initiative and the College's implementation plan and next steps.

The attached powerpoint file provides an overview of the information covered in the meeting.

Special focus was spent on the specific action steps identified in the implementation plan, which was created by a cross-campus team in spring 2008. We are now in year one of the implementation phase. The ppt file indicates the specific action steps and those responsible for coordinating the action steps.

Additional information was provided by Ina Miller-Cabasug on the Early Alert System that will pilot in the spring 2009 semester for the English 20 series and the English 22 courses. Ina is the coordinator of the Early Alert subcommittee of the AtD implementation plan and the retention committee. Should you have questions regarding the Early Alert pilot, please contact Ina at ina@hcc.hawaii.edu.

Leon Florendo also provided additional information on the Learning Communities and provided feedback on the results of the fall 2008 semester, as well as what is planned for the spring 2009 semester. Should you have questions regarding the Learning Communities, please email Leon at Leon@hcc.hawaii.edu.

Vice-Chancellor Lacro focused on several data points that address retention and success of students at Honolulu Community College. As noted on slide 10, HonCC's retention from one fall to the next is approximately 37%, compared to 45% of the 7 community colleges and 62% of top performing states. She also made mention of an upcoming AtD Strategy Institute that HonCC members will be attending, as well as discussing the overlap and coordination of activities moving forward with both the AtD implementation plan and the Recruitment and Retention Committee (R&R).

For more information on HonCC's AtD implementation plan or campus activities please contact Erika Lacro at lacro@hawaii.edu. To view the full implementation plan, please visit http://honolulu.hawaii.edu/intranet/atd/hcc_implementation_plan.html