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UH West O‘ahu announces new vice chancellor for academic affairs

KAPOLEI --- Dr. Jeffrey Moniz was appointed as the University of Hawai‘i – West O‘ahu's vice chancellor for academic affairs, beginning June 6.

As the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Moniz is the campus' chief academic officer and is responsible for academic planning and curriculum development for the campus. He manages faculty and instructional activities as well as the operation of the library and resource center, course scheduling, new academic program growth and priorities, partnerships with other campuses and the business community, and non-credit program development that enhances the educational breadth, depth, and vibrancy of the campus.

“I’m thrilled to advance the ideas that will continue to build UH West O‘ahu as the intellectual center of my home community,” Moniz said. “I believe that West O‘ahu and its people are wonderfully positioned to help lead us to determine and realize our preferred future.”

He most recently served as the director and graduate chair of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa's Doctor of Education program in professional educational practice. From 2009-2014, he served as director and department chair for the secondary teacher education program.

“We’re so happy to welcome Dr. Moniz to our campus,” UH West O‘ahu interim Chancellor Doris Ching said. “He brings a wealth of knowledge in matters relating to teaching and learning in higher education, curriculum, the role of research at a baccalaureate campus, as well as culture, ethnicity, and race, which is especially relevant at our diverse campus. Born in Wahiawa, raised in Waipahu, and residing in Makakilo, his knowledge of the west side of O‘ahu will serve our campus well.”

Moniz has been a member of the Carnegie Foundation’s Higher Education Network, a network of faculty members from a small number of universities charged with growing the field of improvement science in education. He presides as chairperson of the School Community Council at Waikele Elementary School, and serves on the Executive Council of the Center for Philippine Studies and as vice chair of the Board of Directors for Damien Memorial School.

Moniz earned a Bachelor of Arts in history and a Master of Arts in teaching from Beloit College in Wisconsin. He also earned Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in education from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He teaches and writes about matters of culture, ethnicity, and race, and has presented to a variety of audiences at scholarly conferences and meetings in education, history, anthropology, sociology, social psychology, critical ethnic studies, Asian American studies, social studies, and geographic education.
Established in 1976, the University of Hawai‘i - West O‘ahu is an indigenous-serving institution that offers quality education, small class sizes, and personalized attention. UH West O‘ahu has the newest bachelor's degree-granting campus in the University of Hawai‘i System, serving approximately 2,700 students with academic programs that emphasize interdisciplinary and cross-cultural studies. UH West O‘ahu commemorates its 40th anniversary in 2016. For more information, visit www.uhwo.hawaii.edu, call (808) 689-2800 or toll-free (866) 299-8656. Find us on Facebook and Twitter.