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From: The Achieving the Dream Core Team, UHCC

Regarding: Placement and Enrollment Policies

The UHCC Achieving the Dream joint Core and Data Team requests UHCC system-wide support for a required Developmental course placement and enrollment policy that will promote student success of under prepared students. This is in line with a similar recommendation made by the UHCC Developmental Education Committee.

At the October 14, 2010 Achieving the Dream Core and Data Team meeting, a review of the AtD cohort data revealed approximately 30% of the recent AtD entering cohorts are missing placement scores in English or Math and, hence, may lack fundamental skills to be successful as their academic preparation is unknown.

The Team unanimously approved a motion for a system-wide placement policy that requires entering classified students (those in the AtD Cohort) to have:

1. demonstrated placement prior to registration (typically through a COMPASS test score) and
2. based on placement, enroll in applicable remedial/developmental courses in their first semester but no later than the first year.

Honolulu Community College’s faculty senate approved this policy to start in Spring 2011, and Maui College’s Faculty Senate approved the first part of the policy and is working on passing the second part. Additionally, the Team closely reviewed best practices from the colleges reporting at the national AtD Strategy Institutes and college data across the country and has concluded that moving forward with a required placement and enrollment policy will improve student success. Should you have questions regarding these recommendations please contact me. 808-934-9808.

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