Three new administrators join UH Hilo

by Susan Collins

The University of Hawai‘i at Hilo welcomes three distinguished professors into the administration as the Fall 2000 semester commences. Joining Chancellor Rose Tseng’s management team is Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Rachel Fordyce, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Keith Miser, and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Dr. Stephen Worchel.

“The University of Hawai‘i at Hilo is very fortunate to have Dr. Fordyce, Dr. Miser and Dr. Worchel join the Administration,” said Tseng. “We welcome the new ideas and directions that they will bring to our University. Their combined experience will help lead the way toward the University’s ultimate goal of becoming the premier public comprehensive university of the Pacific. The faculty, staff and students join me in welcoming them to our ‘ohana.”

As Dr. Rachel Fordyce begins her work at UH Hilo, she devotes much of her time tending to the hectic daily routine of a new Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. But she is also keenly aware of the need to plan for the future.

“One of my first priorities is to stress how important planning is,” said Fordyce, “not only so we all have a clear sense of where we are and where we are going, but also so we can make articulate statements about what we need and what wonderful things we have already accomplished, with quite limited resources.

“We need to continue to find resources to keep this University good and to make it better,” she August 1997 2nd Ka Lono Hanakahi 200 W. Kawili St. Hilo, HI 96720-4091

SPOTLIGHT

RCUH: UH Hilo’s One-Stop Center for Grants & Proposal Support

by Ken Hupp

University of Hawai‘i at Hilo faculty have long been recognized as leaders in their respective fields and for their ability to attract extramural funding. Until recently however, they had nowhere to turn for either Pre-Award or Post-Award services to facilitate and expedite their proposals and program administration. Their only recourse was to conduct business by phone with the Office of Research Services at UH Manoa. That all changed in mid-April 2000 with the establishment of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai‘i – Hilo Office.

The Research Corporation of the University of Hawai‘i (RCUH) has actually been around for some time. The state agency was established by the Legislature in 1965 with a fundamental mission to support the research and training programs of the University of Hawai‘i and to enhance research, development, and training generally in Hawai‘i.

RCUH is akin to a service bureau. It hires personnel and procures goods and services on behalf of its clients, including the University of Hawai‘i as its major client, other state agencies, and private research and training organizations.
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added. “This means the involvement of students and faculty. And it means paying particular attention to perceptions held by the community and the region about UH Hilo. The region needs to know how good this University is.”

Fordyce comes to UH Hilo directly from Montclair State University where she served as Dean and Professor of English in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences since 1992. Prior to that position, she was Dean of the College of Humanities at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Fordyce earned her bachelor of arts, master’s and Ph.D. (1973), each in English, from the University of Pittsburgh. Throughout her 30-year career she has held teaching and administrative positions in universities and colleges, including Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Wellesley College.

Her academic work and numerous publications demonstrate an expertise in children’s literature and theatre. Her honors and awards reflect her career: poetry and literature awards in the 1960s, outstanding teaching recognition in the 1970s, and administrative honors since the 1980s.

With her eye on the future of UH Hilo, Fordyce emphasizes the importance of the upcoming Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) visit in 2001.

“Much of what we do this year will be geared to the kind of planning that ensures that we not only retain our accreditation but come out of the visit being able to demonstrate what a really solid university we are,” she said.

Fordyce also stresses the importance of what she calls “the raiding of academic and student affairs together.” Dr. Keith Miser, the new Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs agrees.

“Student affairs programs should be designed to complement and reinforce the academic mission of the University,” said Miser. “This can be accomplished by providing services and programs to help students be academically and intellectually successful. Student affairs can and should help enhance a campus climate that reinforces student learning and ultimately successful. Student affairs programs also should be created to assist students and programs to help students be academically and intellectually successful. Student affairs can and should help enhance a campus climate that reinforces student learning and ultimately successful. Student affairs programs also should be created to assist students and programs to help students be academically and intellectually successful.

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“The combination of ORS being on O‘ahu and the requirement to provide hard copy could cause considerable delays when proposals had to be modified. It obviously became costly in terms of time and money and difficult to drop to Honolulu to resolve problems,” Hopkins said. “By having this office on campus, you can resolve those problems in a more expeditious manner.”

A quick analysis of costs and benefits reveals what a true bargain RCUH is to both the University and taxpayers alike. Although it is technically a state agency, it receives no state funding. Like a business, RCUH is self-supporting and operates entirely on fees charged for its services. RCUH is reimbursed for administrative expenses at 5 percent of the Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) of each project for which total indirect costs exceed 10 percent. For projects that have an indirect rate fixed at below 10 percent, RCUH’s reimbursement of MTDC is only 3 percent. Other rates apply for non-University and University-related “revolving fund” projects. Those fees fund the operations of the office, which include the salaries for Lovell and his staff.

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Focus on UH Hilo returns to airwaves
Focus on UH Hilo has returned to the television airwaves for the Fall semester. The program, hosted by Chancellor Rose Tseng, can be seen Wednesday evenings from 8-8:30 on Channel 4. The Fall premier aired on August 23 and included a conversation with new UH Hilo Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Rachel Fordyce.

Focus on UH Hilo highlights University programs, up and coming developments and UH Hilo’s partnerships with various community organizations.

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Because of its exemption from state statutes such as those relating to procurement and personnel, RCUH has the flexibility to function more like a business. Accordingly, RCUH has its own personnel, payroll, accounting, and disbursing systems, independent of the state system. This makes it possible for RCUH to process transactions more expeditiously, which in turn makes it possible for the researchers to focus more of their efforts on research rather than administrative activities.

While most of the projects handled by RCUH are confined to the State of Hawai‘i, many transcend the boundaries of our state and reach into different parts of the world. Because of the unique nature of research activities, RCUH must remain flexible to meet the needs of projects, while adhering to the rules and regulations attached to projects by sponsoring agencies.

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The RCUH staff (l-r): Terrilani Chong, Paula Gealon, Noelaani Ho‘opi‘i, and Doreen Koizumi

New Administrators

Prior to Colorado State, Misher held the position of Dean of Students and Associate Vice president for Administration at the University of Vermont.

He also served as Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Residential Life in the 1970s at Vermont. All of these positions have given him significant experience in the many areas of student affairs including marketing, recruitment, retention of students and fund raising and development.

“In addition, student affairs must be responsive to the special needs of students representing different cultures and heritages, national origins, sexual orientations, ages, genders, or abilities,” said Misher. “Also, a strong division of student affairs must provide an array of services, programs and opportunities to assist students with their personal development. And finally,” Misher added, “a division of student affairs must provide numerous opportunities for learning in both formal and informal settings. Examples of these activities can include educational programs, speakers, debates, lectures, and programs in the visual and performing arts.”

Misher’s publications and presentations include a focus on building a diverse campus community, understanding and serving a multi-racial student body, retention issues, student dissent and activism, and student leadership development. His honors and awards reflect a deep devotion to service and support of students and faculty throughout his career.

The University also welcomes the new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Stephen Worchel.

“My first order of business will be to take some time and learn about the College and University,” said Worchel. “By learning more about the College and collecting data on various activities and units, I will be in a better position to craft reasoned cases for resources, set future goals, and make fairer decisions.”

“Captured within this framework of learning is my goal of developing good lines of communication with faculty, staff, and students,” he said. “Communication is critical for both exchanging information and setting the foundation for building trust.”

In addition, Worchel hopes to identify resources such as material, space, talent and interests, and find ways to make the best use of them. “I’m a strong believer in interdisciplinary endeavors,” he said. “I hope I can engage the faculty in brainstorming: dreaming? with me about possibilities.”

Worchel received his bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of Texas at Austin in 1967, and his Ph.D. in social psychology from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina in 1971. He comes to UH Hilo from the University of Southern Maine where he served as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences since 1998. He also served as a member of the Jean Byers Sampson Center for Diversification in Southern Maine since 1996 as a Board member of the Southern Maine Biosciences Institute since 1999.

Worchel’s teaching interests include social psychology, leadership, environmental psychology, intergroup relations, cross-cultural research, conflict management and ethnicity and race, among others. To date he has 116 publications to his credit on a variety of psychology related topics.

“When I had a main message for faculty, it is that we are all in this together,” said Worchel. “I’ve seen so many academic institutions split down we-they lines. Although I am in an administrative position, I still hold grants and conduct research and look forward to teaching. I view myself as part of an academic family and the quality of my life is interdependent with the faculty, students, and staff. Each of us has certain responsibilities, but we sink or swim together. I look forward to working with everyone.”

Although aware of the dangers of bringing three new faces on board at once, including the lack of history and
Two UH Hilo faculty members receive high honors

A native of North Dakota, Jalbert earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Dickinson State University in 1989 and an MBA at North Dakota State University in 1991. He received his Ph.D. at Texas Tech University in 1997. The honoree of the 2000 Chancellor’s Award for Teaching Excellence by an Instructor or Lecturer went to Instructor of Psychology Cheryl Ramos. A Big Island born and raised in Pa’auilo, she joined the UH Hilo faculty as an instructor in the fall of 1998. This award recognizes excellent teaching by a non-tenure-track faculty member.

Dr. Wilson, “Cheryl Ramos has shown exceptional skill at involving her students in daily discussions that make the material covered in class pertinent to their own lives and to local issues. She is extraordinarily community-minded, and has the noted skill of relating the material taught to the needs of the local community.

“One of the community was extremely impressed with the praise her students gave her,” he added. Ramos in her acceptance speech, “I would like to thank my community of students and colleagues for this award. It is truly an honor and a thrill.”

“I also need to thank the people of my hometown community of Pa’auilo and the community of Hilo for teaching me, nurturing me, and supporting me in my life’s work,” she continued.

She added a special thank you to her father, from whom she learned by example “the importance of community.”

Ramos concluded by saying, “I want to thank all of the people of my community for their support.”

A professor of finance and an instructor of psychology at UH Hilo received top honors at the UH Hilo Spring Commencement held on May 13, 2000. Dr. Terrance Jalbert

Jalbert, professor of finance, is the recipient of the 2000 University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents’ Excellence in Teaching Award. This award is presented annually to a four-year faculty member.

Jalbert has been a member of UH Hilo’s faculty since 1996, beginning as a visiting assistant professor of finance. In the fall of 1997, he was appointed to the position of tenure-track assistant professor of finance.

“Dr. Jalbert was noted by the committee for his excellent teaching skills that have resulted in his student’s test scores rising above the national norm. We are very pleased with the results of his work,” said Dr. Pila Wilson, chair of the selection committee and last year’s recipient of the noted award.

“In addition, we were impressed with the teaching techniques of Dr. Jalbert, including the generous amount of time he spends with his students, and his friendly manner,” Wilson added. “Several students noted in their letters of recommendation that Dr. Jalbert creates a lot of fun in his classes. The committee was very impressed with this effective style of teaching finance in a fun and friendly class atmosphere.”

In his acceptance speech, Jalbert said, “What teaching really means to me is the ability to go to the University every day and to interact with people who are engaged in the learning process. I thoroughly enjoy being part of that process.

“I feel particularly rewarded on those occasions when I am able to affect someone’s life in a positive way,” he added. “It is wonderful to see someone’s eyes open to something they had not previously considered. That is what teaching is all about to me.”

Following his initial remarks, Jalbert asked all his students and former students in the audience to stand. “Four years ago I had no concept of what ‘live aloha’ meant,” he said. “You have taught me what ‘live aloha’ means. You are wonderful students. You have had a wonderful impact on my life. Thank you.”

Jalbert also thanked his colleagues in the School of Business, noting that his work is “only one piece of a team effort.”

Student Services relocates for renovations

The Office of Student Services has temporarily moved its operations to the Campus Center and Housing Office while the Student Services Building undergoes renovations. Renovations are targeted to be completed by the middle of next year.

While phone numbers remain unchanged, the new room assignments are as follows:

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WASC Self Study Update: September

As part of a Taiwan investment delegation to Hawai‘i in July, Governor Po-ya Chang, minister of the interior Republic of China and governor of Taiwan Province (left), and Mr. George T.P. Huang, chair of the GEO International Explorer, Inc. were welcomed at a reception held at UH Hilo. The event was co-sponsored by the County of Hawai‘i, the Hawai‘i Island Economic Development Board, and UH Hilo and included a presentation on the U.S.-China Center. The proposed Center, which sits on 40 acres adjacent to the University, is geared for general academic programming, student housing, and campus related commercial amenities, while fostering continuing education in general education and business, and to encourage cultural exchanges between Hawai‘i, the U.S. mainland, and China.

This academic year, UH Hilo will conduct a comprehensive self study for reaccreditation. Our accreditation agency, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), periodically required us to carry out such self studies, in which we examine the effectiveness of our institutional operations and educational processes in the light of WASC’s expectations.

Since the last self study and WASC site visit in 1994, UH Hilo has experienced many administrative changes, survived some serious fiscal challenges, and redefined its mission and its place in the University of Hawai‘i’s statewide system. Along with the changes at UH Hilo, the self study must also take into account WASC’s changing expectations for institutions, which have expanded over the past few years to include an emphasis on educational assessment.

Accordingly, self study committees have been formed to address:

- Assessment
- Institutional Effectiveness
- Educational Programs
- Educational and Human Resources
- Student Affairs and Co-curricular Programs
- Physical and Financial Resources

The self study steering Committee will coordinate efforts, produce the self study report, and prepare for the WASC Site Team visit in December 2001.

The committees are already at work, and their findings and activities will be reported monthly in this column and in special announcements. You may also keep up-to-date on the progress of the self study by visiting our Web page: www.uh.hawaii.edu/.

Please direct any questions or concerns you may have to one of the Steering Committee Co-chairs, April Komenaka (komenaka@hawaii.edu) or Helen Rogers (hrogers@hawaii.edu).
Town Gown effort kicks-off with inaugural bus ride

Working in concert to transform Downtown Hilo into a College Town, UH Hilo, Hawai‘i Community College, the Downtown Improvement Association, and the Palace Theater have collaborated efforts to offer exciting activities to integrate the general public and student population.

“The DIA plans on renovating the Downtown bus terminal into a Visitor’s Center that will be more receptive to visitors and students alike, the UH Hilo/HavCC Student Activities Council will be selecting movies for students, hosting readings and performances and other events in the Palace Theater lobby, and other social, academic, internship and employment opportunities will be offered,” said DIA President Steve Hussey.

“To make it more accessible for our students to get to Downtown Hilo and other places of interest, UH Hilo has been working with the County of Hawai‘i to re-route and expand on the Hele-On Bus service,” said UH Hilo Admissions Coordinator Jim Cromwell. After beginning August 12, the Hele-On Bus provides service from our Student Housing to Downtown Hilo and the Prince Kuhio Plaza from 7-11 p.m. This service operates every Friday and Saturday night until May 2001.

“There will also be a few bus stops right on campus so students can literally walk out their front door and hop on the bus,” Cromwell added. “Weekday service begins at 7:20 a.m. and will be extended to 8 p.m. And thanks to the UH Hilo and HavCC student governments, students with a valid ID will be able to ride for free after 7 p.m. Bus tickets for daylight hours will be sold for 50 cents a piece in Campus Center 210.”

On Saturday, August 19, Chancellor Rose Tseng and UH Hilo administrators and HavCC Dean of Student Services John Carroll officially inaugurated the Hele-On Bus’ expanded schedule with a bus ride from campus to Downtown Hilo. Upon arrival, passengers were greeted by Hussey and various merchants. The group was given a walking tour of Downtown Hilo, followed by a showing of Hamlet in the Palace Theater.

Retired Subaru Telescope director donates $18,000 to canoe club

Over the summer, Chancellor Rose Tseng accepted a large cash donation made to the University to support its canoe club.

Dr. Keichi Kodaira and his wife Uta presented Tseng with a check for $18,000 to fund the purchase of two canoes, paddles, a canoe cart, construction of a secure storage area for the existing canoe house, and other operating expenses of the club.

“This fund was originally presented to me by the astronomy-related community in Japan in memory of my 20-year devotion to the Subaru Project and my six-year service as Director General of the National Astronomical Observatory,” Kodaira said.

“I have a strong belief that the University make every effort to encourage members of the Hilo astronomy community to join the Canoe Club as one way of uniting the astronomy and UH Hilo family. Further, it is our desire that the University regularly invite all of the astronomy institutes at University Park to join the Canoe Club,” he added.

“We are hopeful that this will be the start of many more joint activities which bring our two communities closer together.”

“One of the great privileges I have as Chancellor of the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo is the opportunity to know wonderful and generous people such as Uta and Keichi Kodaira,” Tseng said. “Their support of the University and astronomy communities is truly inspirational. I thank them from the bottom of my heart.”

“This unselfish gift to be used for canoes, equipment and operating support is a blessing,” said Canoe Club Advisor Susan Yugawa. “We are overwhelmed by the generosity of Uta and Keichi Kodaira. The University expresses its deepest gratitude.”

Autonomy Education Program

by Jim Manke

On November 7, Hawai‘i residents will have a historic opportunity to ensure the future success of the University of Hawai‘i. That’s when voters will decide a proposed amendment granting constitutional autonomy to the 10-campus UH system.

Our legislators voted overwhelmingly to place the constitutional amendment on the ballot. Testimony in support was offered by alumni, business leaders and others in the community.

The proposed constitutional amendment is the natural progression of legislative autonomy granted to UH over the last decade.

It’s important to keep in mind that on November 7 any ballot left blank will be counted as a “no” vote. In the coming weeks, the University of Hawai‘i will launch a public education campaign on what constitutional autonomy will mean for UH and the State of Hawai‘i. Stay tuned!

(EDITOR’S NOTE: Jim Manke is Director of Media Relations for the UH System.)
Jon Cauley, Professor of Economics, was invited by Dr. Reginald Kwok, director of the seminar “The Center for Chinese Studies, UH Manoa, to present a seminar on “State-owned Enterprise Reform in Post-Mao China with Implications for Socio-Political Change.” Additionally, Cauley and Jerry Calton of the School of Business will have their paper on “Corporate Social Performance, Stakeholder Theory, & Welfare Economics: Prospects for Convergence on Pareto Optimal Conditions of Trust-Based Governance and Business Best Practice” published in the Proceedings of the International Association of Business and Society: 2000.

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