

Interim Report Action Summary

Report Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interim Report (panel review) <input type="checkbox"/> Progress Report (staff review)	
Institution	University of Hawaii at Hilo	
ALO	Seri Luangphinit	
WSCUC Staff Liaison	Richard Osborn (substituting for Mark Goor, new VP joining WSCUC in August 2017)	
Review Call Date (Interim Report reviews only)	July 26, 2017	
Interim Report Panel	First Reader: Monique Snowden Second Reader: Wanda Nitsch	
Institutional Representatives (Interim Report reviews only)	Name	Title
	Matthew Platz	Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
	Marcia Sakai	Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs
	Farrah Marie Gomes	Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
	Kelli Ikumura	Institutional Research
	Kirsten Mollegaard	Former Director, Distance Learning Adv Com
	Mary Louise Haraguchi	Former Chair, Assessment and member Grad Council
	Ken Hon	Incoming Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (August 2017)
	Seri Luangphinit	ALO
Topics to be Covered as Required by Commission in Letter Dated 3/6/15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Status of enrollment management efforts 2) Demonstration of ongoing educational effectiveness and assessment efforts 3) Update on financial strength 4) Status of institutional research office, data warehouse, and data-based decision-making 5) Demonstration of commitment to fully support distance education programs 	

Findings of the Committee (Interim Report)/Staff (Progress Report):

Commendations	The panel commends UHH for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A well-organized report presented with candor and transparency; 2. The progress made in program review and assessment; 3. The strategic approach being used in replacing faculty members as part of several solutions to the financial challenges facing UHH.
Recommendations	The panel recognizes that some progress was achieved with the five areas of focus for the Interim Report, but they were disappointed that greater forward momentum had not taken place. They determined that the greatest progress took place with areas of educational effectiveness and assessment. Each of the remaining areas were lacking in significant progress. Some encouraging signs were seen as UHH looks to hiring additional personnel in Institutional Research and more staffing for Distance Education. By the time of the Offsite Review scheduled for spring 2021, evidence of significant responsiveness and implementation will need to be demonstrated to have a successful reaffirmation visit in fall 2021. They recognize that administrative turnover has been a major problem and will continue into the foreseeable future with the appointment of an Interim Chancellor and Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the 2017-18 year in addition to other recent appointments to major administrative positions. The panel urges that UHH not wait to continue addressing these issues until just before the 2021 WSCUC reviews take place but that they be a major priority both for those being placed into Interim or regular longer-term appointments. The panel considered asking for a Progress Report but decided to allow the

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institution to spend more time focusing on these issues now through 2021 rather than spending time on writing another report; however, this assumes that administration will make these issues the highest priority.

Rather than providing details for each of the five areas in this review, the institution is encouraged to focus in its self-study on the May 6, 2015 Commission Action Letter to Chancellor Donald Straney backed up by the Accreditation Visit Team Report from the September 10-14, 2014 visit. The panel finds that the same concerns remain as highlighted in the letter and team report. They expect that the institutional report prepared for the spring 2021 Offsite Review will include an update on all five areas, including progress as noted in the Interim Report.

Recommended Actions:

Receive the Report; and

Schedule a Special Visit in <term/year> to address...

Schedule an Interim Report due on _____ [specify date] to address...

Schedule a Progress Report due on _____ [specify date] to address...

Proceed to next scheduled interaction with WSCUC (see below)

(the institution is expected to continue addressing on an urgent and ongoing basis each of the five recommendations contained in the March 6, 2015 Commission Action Letter as UHH moves toward the next scheduled interaction as outlined below)

Next Scheduled Interaction with WSCUC:

Mid-Cycle Review in spring 2019

Comprehensive Review: Offsite Review in spring 2021 and Accreditation Visit in fall 2021

Commission Approval and Date

X Approved on August 16, 2017

Not Approved on and referred back to Committee/Staff Liaison on _____

Note: The effective date of this action is the date of the Commission action

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