Dear UH Hilo ‘Ohana:

Early this semester I notified the campus community that the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) is requiring us to:

- Codify institutional governance structures, responsibilities, and policies.
- Clarify roles of the deans in the shared governance process.
- Move “purview over curricular review and approval to the University Congress.”

These changes must be instituted before July of 2009 and fully operational by the beginning of Fall 2009.

I would like to announce that UH Hilo’s Task Force on Shared Governance has been formed to begin to address WASC’s requirements. The members of the task force were nominated by the executive councils of the senates of the degree-granting colleges, the graduate council, and the faculty congress. The first, organizational meeting of the task force will be called shortly.

The membership of the Task Force on Shared Governance is:

Philip Castille, Chairperson
Kathryn Besio, representing the Graduate Council
Sevi Erdenoglu, representing the Faculty Congress
Harry Hennessey, College of Business and Economics
Luoluo Hong, Facilitator/Convenor
Kevin Hopkins, College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management
Jene Michaud, College of Arts and Sciences
Karen Pellegrin, College of Pharmacy
April Scazzola, WASC liaison
Pila Wilson, College of Hawaiian Language

Additional information is on our accreditation webpage:
http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/uhh/accreditation/

I’m profoundly grateful to the Task Force members for their willingness to take on this crucial duty. We will all need to work together to find and implement the solutions that will help bring UH Hilo into compliance with WASC standards.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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