MANOA ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE (MAC) Update for THE MFS Newsletter

IN FALL OF 2011, the Manoa Assessment Committee did mostly liaiason work with other committees of the MFS as well as with particular degree programs at UH Manoa. Committee members volunteered and/or were assigned as members of the critical thinking working group, the institutional learning outcomes working group as well as the High DFIW working group. The issues in these three subcommittees sum-up the charges to the committee for 2011-2012.

Through the initiative of the staff of the assessment committee (AO), an orientation and briefing on the scope and significance of assessment work at UH Manoa was held in October 2011. This orientation focused on the need to understand the different aspects of assessment work in order to" foster a campus-wide understanding and commitment to improvement oriented-educational assessment and identify the most appropriate practices and uses for assessment of student learning at UH Manoa." . The slide presentation for this can be found in Laulima Resources for the committee and MFS guidance and perusal.

The committee continues to work closely with the Assessment Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and hopes to take a more active role in the projects undertaken by the office such as the Student's Longitudinal Success Project and the Student's Manoa Experience Project.

The results of the work of all subcommittees in which MAC plays an active role, are still to be presented in future meetings of the MFS. Until then, the Manoa Assessment Committee will continue to contribute its share and perform its tasks as a permanent committee of the Manoa Faculty Senate.