

## Assessment Office: January 2012 Update

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### OFFICE AFFAIRS

- Hired a graduate research assistant (20 hrs/wk) to support the cohort study to replace two graduate research assistants who recently left.

### GENERAL EDUCATION/WASC COMPETENCIES ASSESSMENT

- **General Education Office (GEO):** Discussed assessment progress on the 5 WASC Competencies (critical thinking, information literacy, oral communication, written communication, and quantitative skills) and the update report due to the OVCAA on March 1, 2012 with the GEO director and staff.
- **Writing Intensive (WI):** In partnership with the GEO, drafted a plan to assess written communication in the College of Nature Sciences and College of Social Sciences.
- **Cohort Study**
  - Students are picking up Book Store gift cards and submitting general education assignments/exams. Out of the initial 251 participants, 194 returned for the spring semester.
  - For study details go to <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/assessment/studentsuccess/>.

### ANNUAL ASSESSMENT REPORTS

- **Academic Programs:** 166 of 230 academic programs submitted annual assessment reports. Sent follow-up emails to non-submitters and began analysis of reports.
- **Special Programs:** 33 of 45 co-curricular/special programs submitted annual assessment reports. Began analysis.

### CONSULTATIONS/CUSTOM WORKSHOPS

- **Law School:** Discussed how to create metrics for each goal in the proposed strategic plan with a member of their strategic planning committee.

### ON THE CALENDAR

- **Cohort Discussion Groups:** 7 discussion groups are scheduled for February and March
- **General Education Foundations Board:** Presenting the cohort study results with a focus on Foundations Symbolic Reasoning
- **UHM Library:** Providing survey design feedback