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## **Professional Preparation**

University of Hawai`i at Manoa
University of Hawai`i at Hilo

MEd, 1982 BBA, 1978 Curriculum & Instruction Business Administration

## Appointments at Hawai'i Community College

Effective May 1, 2023

Professor Emerita

February 2013 to July 2021

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

January 2016 to June 2016

Interim Chancellor

July 2010 to January 2013

Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

December 2007 to June 2010

Interim Dean for Career and Technical Education

July 2001 to December 2007

Professor, CC

July 1997 to June 2001 July 1993 to June 1997 Associate Professor, CC

July 1999 to Julie 1997

Assistant Professor, CC

January 1988 to June 1993

Instructor

# Significant Campus Leadership and Accomplishments

#### Interim Chancellor

- Worked with administrators to be as transparent as possible with open communication to constituents.
- Made decisions to benefit the college and ultimately the students.
- Celebrated 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Palamanui Campus opened with a blessing, Grand Opening and Open House.
- Managed the budget, performing a balancing act of controlling spending while meeting campus and student needs.
- UH Foundations Office was new to Hawai'iCC
  - o Started Ambassador Program.
  - Hosted a kick-off reception and luncheons with key people and organizations -- business people, alumni, retirees, friends.
- Dealt with several grievances.
- Established a task force to develop a comprehensive Strategic Enrollment Plan (SEP).
- Established a campus-wide task force to review the Hawai'iCC Institutional Learning Outcomes, Mission and Vision.

- Submitted Follow-Up Report to ACCJC to address deficiency sited in the Midterm Report.
- Submitted Selective Substantive Change Proposal to ACCJC for the relocation of the University of Hawai'i Center, West Hawai'i to a new campus site. This was followed by a campus site visit.

## Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

- Duties and responsibilities centered around Hawai`i Community College's (HawCC) commitment to providing excellence in teaching and learning.
- Provided support in the areas of curriculum and program development, distance education, institutional effectiveness including assessment and program/unit reviews, academic reporting, accreditation, scheduling of classes, publication of college catalog, articulation agreements with four-year and high schools, and faculty/staff collective bargain issues.
- In collaboration with Deans, Division Chairs, and staff managed the instructional budget.
- Monitored the establishment and revisions of policies and guidelines;
- Collaboratively worked towards meeting the University of Hawai'i's Performance Based
  Outcomes funding targeting student success 1) increasing graduation numbers; 2)
  increasing student transfer from 2- to 4-year campuses, 3) increasing number of Native
  Hawaiian graduates, 4) increasing number of STEM graduates, 5) increasing number of PELL
  recipients.
- Responsibilities focused on providing leadership and direction to:
  - Assessment Coordinator and Committee (AC) in establishing procedures to assess student learning outcomes at the course, program/unit, and college levels;
  - Academic Support Units Academic Computing Unit, Media, Institutional Research, Institutional Programming, BANNER, Kuali Curriculum, Library, Learning Center, Instructional Technology Support, Pathway, Student Success – in providing the necessary services that are effective, efficient, and of high quality;
  - College to provide continuous improvement for program/unit review;
  - Division/Department Chairpersons on instructional, personnel, and budgetary matters;
  - Grant writing and custodian of grants;
  - Staff Development Coordinator and committee to carry out personal and professional development activities for faculty and staff;
  - AVID implementation of AVID strategies and course redesign and ways to enhance utilization of AVID tools;
  - College Effectiveness Review Committee (CERC) to review Comprehensive Program/Unit Reviews and make recommendations to the Chancellor on campus planning, budget priorities, and the comprehensive program/unit review process;
  - High Priorities Task Force to implement priorities set by the System First Year Success, Academic Pathways/Transfer Pathways, Returning/Working Adults, Online Distance Education;

- Implement System initiatives -- Achieving the Dream (ATD), Complete College America (CCA), 15 to Finish, Integrated Student Support, Developmental Education, Math and English in the first year, Dual Credit, STAR GPS/Balance/Connect/Onboarding, First Year Experience, AA Exploratories, Pathways, Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), WICHE Passport, "Reposition" the UH for state needs during the Pandemic;
- Coordinated the transition to completely online during the Pandemic.

# Interim Dean for Career and Technical Education (CTE)

- Worked closely with the division/department chairs of five divisions/departments.
- Provided leadership for personnel matters recruitment, hiring, and evaluation of faculty and staff.
- Made recommendations regarding contract renewal, tenure and promotion.
- Provided leadership for instructional matters development of new courses and academic programs; program reviews; assessment plans.
- Intervened to resolve student and faculty complaints
- Facilitated Perkins grant development.

## Contributions to the University of Hawai'i Community College System

- WO Learning Champion, 1st Generation
- EXCELL, Educators X[Cross-System] Committee for Enhancement and Lifelong Learning
- Minimum Qualification (MQ) review task force
- Teaching Equivalencies task force
- Articulation Coordinators Committee
- Time to Degree task force

#### Contributions to the Community (current)

Crime Stoppers, Board member Hawaii Economic Opportunity Council, Board member Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, Board of Trustees YWCA Nomination Committee, member

#### <u>Awards</u>

- University of Hawai'i's nominee for the 2018 Governor's Award for Manager of the Year
- Chancellor's A'ali'i Award, 2010, 2021. This award is given to an employee who serves the
  college in an exemplary fashion, with grace and effectiveness despite many challenges and
  obstacles.
- University of Hawai'i Board of Regents' Medal for Excellence in Teaching, 2004
- 1999 Award for Innovation, collaborative project involving KTA SuperStores, the Accounting and Autobody Repair and Painting faculty and students, in recognition of significant innovation that positively impacts the education of students.

 Provost's Award for Outstanding Service, 1996, in recognition of significant contributions to the development of the college and for going "above and beyond" in offering time and talent to the college.

## **References**

Susan Kazama, Interim Chancellor Hawaii Community College



Robert Toyofuku, President BT Consulting dba Advocates



Jessica Yamamoto Interim Exec Assistant to the Chancellor University of Hawaii at Hilo

