

Leeward Community College

Policy on Institutional Mission

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Introduction

The broad educational purposes of Leeward Community College are expressed in the institutional mission statement. The mission statement communicates to students and the general public the commitment of the College to achieving student learning.

The mission statement for Leeward Community College is consistent with the broader mission statements established for the University of Hawai'i system and the community colleges as an integral component of the University system.

Specifically, the Board of Regents has established that:

The primary mission of the University of Hawai'i system is to provide environments in which faculty and students can discover, examine critically, preserve and transmit the knowledge, wisdom, and values that will help ensure the survival of the present and future generations with improvement in the quality of life. (RP 4.201, III.C.1)

As the only provider of public higher education in Hawai'i, the University embraces its unique responsibilities to the indigenous people of Hawai'i and to Hawai'i's indigenous language and culture. To fulfill this responsibility, the University ensures active support for the participation of Native Hawaiians at the University and supports vigorous programs of study and support for the Hawaiian language, history, and culture. (RP 4.201, III.C.3)

The University of Hawai'i Community Colleges are open-door, low-tuition institutions. Community colleges offer two-year college transfer and general education programs, two and four-year career and technical education programs; semiprofessional, career and technical, and continuing education programs, and such other educational programs and services appropriate to community colleges. (RP 4.201, III.C.4.a.4)

Related University Policies

[Board of Regents Policy 4.201 Mission and Purpose of the University](#)

[University of Hawai'i Systemwide Executive Policy E4.201 Integrated Long-Range Planning Framework](#)

Policy

1. Components of the Mission Statement

The Leeward Community College mission statement shall define the College's mission and incorporate the vision, purposes, and common values of the University system, emphasizing a fundamental commitment to access and quality. The mission statement shall also highlight the University and the College's special advantage and distinction in Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific affairs. In addition, the mission statement shall clearly differentiate Leeward Community College's "mission in terms of instruction, research and service roles, campus type, degree levels, populations served, student selectivity, and special campus distinctions." (*RP 4.201, III.C.4.a.4.f*)

2. Periodic Review of the Mission Statement

By Board of Regents policy, the mission statement must be reviewed at least every fifteen years. Leeward Community College policy is to review and revise, as needed, the mission statement each six years in conjunction with the creation of the new strategic plan.

Under unusual circumstances, the mission statement may be reviewed more frequently in response to proposals for significant new programs or activities that are not included within the currently approved mission statement.

3. Mission Statement Revision Process

The periodic review of the mission statement shall include a process that solicits broad input and consideration from among the faculty, staff, students, and community members. The review will be based on inclusive dialogue among all constituencies.

The Chancellor will initiate the review in consultation with campus governance groups. A representative committee from these groups will be charged with conducting the review.

4. Mission Statement Approval

The University Board of Regents must approve the mission statement. Prior to submittal to the Board of Regents, the following entities must approve the College mission statement:

- Faculty Senate
- Campus Council
- Student Government
- Na 'Ewa Council
- Chancellor

5. Mission Statement Dissemination

The Leeward Community College mission statement shall be widely distributed, including, but not limited to, publication in the:

- College catalog

- College website
- College strategic plan

Campus Approvals

Faculty Senate approval date: November 14, 2018

Campus Council approval date: May 7, 2018

Chancellor approval date: March 27, 2019