




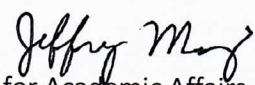
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Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

May 8, 2019

TO: Donald Straney
Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy, University of Hawai'i

VIA: Maenette Benham 
Chancellor, University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu

FROM: Jeffrey Moniz 
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:

Your approval is requested for the revision of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu's list of peer institutions. The current peer list, which dates back to AY 2001-2002—a time when UH West O'ahu was strictly an upper-division campus and enrolled just 740 students—no longer offers an accurate or informative reference point. As a four-year baccalaureate institution with a Spring 2019 enrollment of 2,896 students, UH West O'ahu requires a revised set of peer institutions that more closely align with its current scope and mission.

The campus Institutional Research Office (IRO) recently completed an in-depth study on peer institutions for UH West O'ahu (attached). The IRO identified eight institutions as being most "like" UH West Oahu in terms of scope, mission, enrollment and student characteristics. I am requesting your approval to designate the following universities/colleges as official peer institutions for UH West O'ahu. All of these recommended peers possess the Carnegie Classification of Baccalaureate Institutions, with the majority residing within UH West O'ahu's subcategory of Baccalaureate – Diverse Fields:

Fort Lewis College (CO)
Indiana University-Kokomo
Lander University (SC)
Lewis-Clark State College (ID)

Nevada State College
Shepherd University (WV)
University of South Carolina-Aiken
University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Thank you for your consideration.



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Attachments

University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu Peer Institution Revision 2019

C: Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Alan Rosenfeld

APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

Donald D. Straney

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Date