1. Campus safety is a responsibility that falls to each and every one of us. No one person or unit can ensure your personal safety. In case of an active threat or shooter incident on campus, the UH ALERT system is the primary means of communication by which notices will be sent to faculty, staff, and students. You MUST sign up to receive emergency messages through the UH ALERT system. PLEASE sign up for UH ALERT at: https://www.hawaii.edu/alert/

2. Opening Day of the 2016 Hawaii State Legislature is on January 20, 2016. Adjournment is set for May 5, 2016. This is a Supplemental Budget year and the University of Hawaii has submitted its budget request to the Governor and Legislature. To learn more: http://www.hawaii.edu/budget/budgetdoc and then click on the this link: BOR FY17 Operating and CIP Budget Proposal, 10/01/15

3. What is Title IX? “Title IX is a comprehensive federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program or activity” – U.S. Department of Justice. Who are your Leeward CC Title IX Coordinators: Mark Lane, Kami Kato (for students), and Mike Wong (for employees). Learn more at the Leeward CC Title IX website: http://www.leeward.hawaii.edu/titleix

4. Notice to all BE Building Occupants: closure of the BE Building (1st and 2nd floors) will commence immediately following the end of the Spring 2016 semester. The closure is necessary in order to make improvements to the air conditioning and ventilation systems of the building. No one will be allowed access to the facility during the closure. The building will be on-line in time for the beginning of the Fall 2016 semester.

5. Renovation of the Theatre Building and the Diamond Head Portables (buildings A, B, C) is anticipated to begin during Summer 2016. The Theatre will be closed for approximately one year. The Diamond Head portable buildings will be available for occupancy once renovations are completed.

6. Groundbreaking for our new Leeward Community College – Waianae Coast Campus facility in Ma’ili is scheduled for January 2016 (contractor’s notice to proceed is January 12, 2016). Grand Opening of the facility will be the Fall 2017 semester.

7. We have received project “Design” funds, released by the Governor’s Office, for our Native Hawaiian Center for Excellence. This project will involve a partial renovation of the DA Building, enclosure of adjacent lanai spaces, and an extension of the existing footprint of the building. The goal of the project is to accommodate all Native Hawaiian instructional and student support initiatives/programs in a central location. The consolidation of programs will help to reduce physical or perceived barriers for our students, integrate interdisciplinary indigenous-focused learning, and is directly supportive of the University’s Strategic Directions 2015-2021.
8. Working diligently with our consultants and UHCC system officials, Leeward CC is nearing completion of its updated **Long Range Development Plan (LRDP)**. This has been a multi-year undertaking and will serve as the blueprint or roadmap for future campus development at both the Pearl City and Waianae campuses. The new LRDP will replace our existing plan that was last updated in the late 1990’s. We are hopeful to have the final LRDP brought to the campus community, and ultimately, to the UH Board of Regents for approval in 2016.

9. Demand for **Parking** on campus will become more competitive as the College’s enrollment is expected to grow and the **Rail Project** nears partial or full completion. In anticipation of these challenges, the campus will begin discussions in 2016 on moving toward a permit and/or fee-paying parking system in the near future. Look for more information on this in the coming weeks.

10. The **Rail Project** construction work on the Pearl City campus continues. The new OCEWD buildings, two new parking lots, and a new motorcycle range lot will be completed during the Spring 2016 semester. Following completion of these facilities, work will begin on the College’s **Rail Station** and the re-alignment of Ala Ike. Please take note of the Construction Advisory notices that will be issued by campus officials as disruptions to parking lots and pedestrian pathways may be impacted.