



UNIVERSITY of HAWAII
MAUI COLLEGE

March 3, 2022

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
2401 Walnut Street
Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Re: University of Hawai'i Maui College STARS 2.2 Inaugural Report Submission

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of University of Hawai'i Maui College (UHMC), we are pleased to submit documentation for AASHE's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS), version 2.2. This documentation reflects the most accurate sustainability tracking data to our knowledge at the time of submission.

UHMC began as Maui Vocational School in 1931. In 1958 it was renamed Maui Technical School to reflect an upgrade of education to a technical level, and in 1965 it was incorporated into the University of Hawai'i system under the state Community College Act. In 1966, the college was authorized to confer the Associate in Arts and the Associate in Science degrees, and the school's name was changed to Maui Community College. The first lower division transfer courses followed in September 1967. In February 2010, the UH Board of Regents approved a name change to University of Hawai'i Maui College to more accurately represent the college's programs and services, which include baccalaureate programs. UHMC is one of seven community colleges in the UH system, and the only one of the seven that offers four-year degrees.

UHMC remains the only college in Maui County, serving three islands and providing comprehensive educational opportunities with education centers on the islands of Lāna'i and Molokai, and in Hana, Maui. The main campus is in Kahului, Maui.

Historically, programs in higher education have focused on individual elements such as sustainable business, development, and agriculture. The UHMC Bachelor of Applied Science in Sustainable Science Management (SSM) is the only degree program of its kind within the UH system, with a focus on providing decision support tools for holistic analysis of complex integrated systems by applying the rigor of the scientific method and systems thinking.

With a long history of research, education, and practice of sustainable principles through various initiatives, UHMC promotes sustainability efforts throughout its operations and facilities. Our administration is tasked with streamlining these efforts across operations, education, research, campus and community engagement, and cultural connections.

A few of UHMC's sustainability initiatives include the following:

Student Ohana for Sustainability: In 2011, UHMC established the Student Ohana for Sustainability (SOS) Club. The club promotes opportunities to work with a diverse group of independent thinkers, committed to promoting sustainability practices through community-based educational projects, ranging from Earth Day events to beach clean ups, while advocating sustainable practices.

UHMC Sustainability Committee: Originally formed in 2009, the UHMC Sustainability Committee began functioning as a formal committee in 2016. Members voted to adopt a definition of sustainability that is applied to all sustainability-based projects and campus plans. The Committee also developed a comprehensive decision making framework for UHMC, known as the UHMC Sustainability Plan.

Hulihia Center for Sustainable Systems: In 2021, in partnership with Kamehameha Schools, the Hulihia Center for Sustainable Systems was established using research and practices developed through the SSM program. Hulihia is a unique combination of community determination and advanced systems analysis designed to reach more sustainable decisions. Hulihia works with community members, decision-makers, experts and academics, and applies in-house systems thinking and modeling skills to illuminate the likely costs, vulnerabilities, and benefits of decision alternatives. UHMC is optimistic that Hulihia will be successful and serve as a template for other communities, and be a valued asset in the AASHE STARS system.

We are pleased to submit our report for your review and we look forward to building and improving our sustainability programs in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lui K. Hokoana', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lui K. Hokoana, EdD
Chancellor