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FACULTY SENATE

To: Louise Pagotto, Interim Chancellor for Kapi'olani Community College

From: Susan Inouye, Faculty Senate Chair , Kapi'olani Community College *SI*

Lynn Hamada, Faculty Senate Vice Chair , Kapi'olani Community College *Lah*

Re: Resolution regarding Action Request AR 1617034: Changing Oral Communication Degree Requirement to Attribute

Date: May 4, 2017

On May 1, 2017, at the Faculty Senate General meeting, the Senate discussed Action Request 1617034, brought by the Admission, Academic Standards and Graduation Committee, which sought Faculty Senate approval to change the current Oral Communication General Education requirement to an attribute, similar to HAP and WI attributes.

This proposed change would move the OC requirement out of the "General Education" requirements, and move the requirement over to graduation "Focus Requirements".

Approval of this change would allow students to take a course within their concentration that has been designated an OC class, without having to take an additional course. The OC requirement at our UH four-year campuses are all 300+ level course requirements so there is no impact on transfer of attributes as in the case of the HAP and WI attributes.

The Admission, Academic Standards and Graduation Committee endorses the OC hallmark recommendations made by the KCC General Education Board in May of 2016 which include:

1. Create and formalize KCC specific OC hallmarks using a hybrid of the UHM and KCC proposed criteria with input from the General Education Board and approval from Faculty Senate;
2. Review current OC designated courses to ensure they meet the revised criteria;
3. Utilize the revised criteria to approve future courses seeking an OC designation;
4. Allow individual instructors to customize requirements for their section(s) of a course and receive an OC designation, provided they meet the hallmarks, and have these sections identified in BANNER when students register for classes;
5. Create and implement a training program for instructors

The motion, which passed, reads:

MOTION #8: Motion to recommend moving the Oral Communication requirement from a General Education requirement to a course attribute.