



UNIVERSITY of HAWAII*
KAPI'OLANI
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MEMORANDUM

October 28, 2014

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Leon Richards
Chancellor

SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Resolution 05052014-4 – General Education Board

I commend the Faculty Senate for taking the initiative to create a General Education Board for the College. The Faculty Senate's proposed General Education Board includes:

- course-based designations: Foundation, Diversification, and Oral Communication
- section-based designations: Focus requirements (Hawaiian, Asian & Pacific Issues; Writing Intensive) and the more recent Research Intensive and Sustainability designations

In creating the College's General Education Board, I would ask that the Faculty Senate keep in mind the following considerations:

- Integration with the curriculum review process for course-based designations
- Compliance with the existing system wide agreement for the Foundation Board
- Alignment with the other campuses in the University of Hawai'i system for the purpose of communication and reporting
- Standardization of the procedures for section-based designations, as appropriate
- Incorporation of outcomes and outcomes assessment to make it possible for the College to know whether our students are learning what we expect
- Development of a timeline to assess the effectiveness of the General Education Board

The creation of the General Education Board is especially timely. The current General Education outcomes were developed in 2010. After a number of cycles of outcomes assessment, faculty have realized that these outcomes merit review.

A recent College project using the Degree Qualifications Profile has also shed light on potential revisions to our General Education outcomes.

By way of this memo, I am requesting that the General Education Board work with Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Louise Pagotto and Tony Silva to update the College's General Education outcomes, review the use of General Education outcomes as equivalent to institutional outcomes, and make recommendations on these issues to the Faculty Senate by the end of the Spring 2015 semester.

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c Vice Chancellor Louise Pagotto
Mr. Tony Silva