MEMORANDUM

TO: Council of Chief Academic Officers

FROM: Neal Smatresk
Vice Chancellor
for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Diversification “Sunrise” Dates

I am writing to clarify concerns raised at the University Council on Articulation regarding “sunrise dates” for UH System courses that meet UH Mānoa’s Diversification requirements.

In Spring 2002, the UH Mānoa General Education Committee worked with Barbara Polk and John Muth to review UH System courses that would meet Mānoa’s Diversification requirements. A considerable number of courses were articulated to satisfy the new Diversification categories. These new Diversification designations became effective in Fall 2002.

A question has arisen as to how our Admissions Office evaluates Diversification courses taken prior to Fall 2002. The Office of Admissions cannot determine the core year of a UH System student who transfers to Mānoa. As a result, the Admissions Office has utilized the current Diversification designations and applied them to courses taken prior to 2002 that may meet Diversification categories. If the course transfers as a direct equivalent to a UH Mānoa course, the course number appears on the student’s transfer evaluation as an equivalent and is utilized by the student’s college or school advising office based on how the course fits that particular student’s core year. If there is no direct equivalent, then the course transfers as meeting current Diversification categories. For example, Chemistry 100 does not have a direct equivalent at UH Mānoa. Yet, Chemistry 100 meets the Diversification Physical Science requirement, and we will count the course as meeting this requirement even if the student took the course prior to Fall 2002, which is listed as the effective date.

The administration and faculty at UH Mānoa share the goal of making a student’s transfer process as predictable and transparent as possible and within the area of Diversification, we have been flexible in how we apply the current Diversification designations to those students who entered the UH System and completed courses prior to Fall 2002.

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