MEMORANDUM

TO: Council of Chief Academic Officers
FROM: Neal Smatresk
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Articulation and Review of Core Courses with “Sunset” Dates

The General Education Program at UH Mānoa (UHM) mandates periodic review of courses. The goal of the review is to ensure that General Education courses continue to have the hallmarks associated with their General Education category.

UHM’s core courses are scheduled to be reviewed in the next couple of years. Core courses include those in the Foundations and Diversification categories of the General Education Program. Most of the courses in the UH system that articulate to UHM as satisfying a core requirement are scheduled to be reviewed before Fall 2007.

Review of Diversification Courses
There are seven Diversification areas: Biological Science, Natural Science, Science Lab, Arts, Humanities, Literatures, Social Sciences. To keep the review as manageable and as meaningful as possible, the UHM General Education Committee has created a relatively simple procedure for review of Diversification courses: departments that offer Diversification courses will be asked to certify via a checklist that each course continues to have the appropriate hallmarks. Departments will use eligibility criteria, hallmarks, and explanatory notes to guide their decisions.

While the basic review process has been created, some details need to be worked out during Spring 2006. These procedures will be developed during Spring 2006 and suggestions from other campuses will be welcomed.

There are over 1,700 UH system courses on the Diversification articulation list that need to be reviewed. Because of the large number, the review may be extended through 2007. In this case, the course’s end date (sunset semester) will be extended: UHM will continue to articulate the course as satisfying the Diversification requirement until the review can be completed.
Review of Foundations Courses
There are three Foundations areas: Written Communication, Global and Multicultural Perspectives, Symbolic Reasoning. The procedures to review Foundations courses are still being worked out.

If you have further questions, please contact UHM’s General Education Office at 956-6660 or gened@hawaii.edu. Thank you.

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