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## Foundation Board Annual Report Academic Year 2003-2004

### **Board Decisions**

- History 155 was recommended to be placed in category B in the GMP
- LLL 150 was approved as a category C course for GMP
- Renewal Process: Board is working on suggestions received at the last workshop.

### **Status of Course Offerings**

- **Written Communication** – English 100, 100A, 101 and English Language Institute 100
- **Symbolic Reasoning** – Business 250, Economics 301, Information and Computer Science 141, 241, Math 100, 100A, 111, 140, 203, 215, 215A, 241, 241A, 251A, Natural Resources and Environmental Management 203, Philosophy 110, 110A, 111, 111A
- **Global & Multicultural Perspectives** – American Studies 150, Anthropology 151, 152, Art 175, 176, History 151, 152, 155, 161A, 162A, Geography 102, 151, 151A, LLL 150, Music 107, Religion 150, 150A

### **Board Activities**

- Workshop held in October highlighting proposals, outcomes and assessment
- Members attended a variety of system-wide articulation meetings
- Workshop on assessment and renewal held in April 04
- Facilitated system-wide articulation meeting in April 04

### **Assessment**

- Added questions on assessment to application form
- Discussed role of Board in assessment of Foundation courses
- Possibility of conducting exit interviews as part of overall assessment strategy

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### **Concerns, Issues, Priorities and Goals**

- Much discussion of how to assess a course after five years and how to have courses be renewed for an additional five years
- Concern that original senate language on symbolic reasoning is too vague and might have to be revisited. This has implications for future courses, such as statistics, that might come up for approval.
- Articulation issues were a major concern throughout the year.
- Discussion about the possibility of Written Communication courses being offered in the Hawaiian language.
- Discussion of offering a provisional status to courses. Board felt that a five year term is lengthy and courses that fall on the edge of approval might be approved if we had the opportunity to give a one or two year provisional status to the course.
- Hope to plan for a workshop in September, 2004 for all Department Chairs to discuss the renewal process