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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Joanne Cooper  
Chair, Mānoa Faculty Senate

VIA: Jean Toyama  
Liaison to GEC

FROM: Brent Sipes   
Chair, General Education Committee (GEC)

SUBJECT: Language Waiver Consultations

Attached is a resolution adopted by the GEC on 9 January 2002 regarding language waiver consultations.

The GEC has met with gridlock on the issue of language waiver consultations. As a committee, we are as divided as the faculty on this issue. The language of the Senate language waiver resolution is not clear as to the scope or impact of "consultation." Consequently, in order to address the other pressing charges, the GEC wishes not deal with the consultations.

Whereas the 12 April 2000 Senate resolution on Language Waivers states that Schools and Colleges "will consult" with the GEC, the 6 December 2000 Senate resolution on General Education Governance states that Schools and Colleges "should consult" with the GEC. I hope that this change in resolution language allows the GEC to excuse itself from further waiver consultations.

Attached are three waiver consultations received by the GEC after the end of the Spring 2001 semester upon which we have not consulted. I am not sure if these are now to be sent on to the Vice-Chancellor's office or how to properly dispose of them.