MEMORANDUM

TO: Jan Naoe Sullivan
   Chair, Board of Regents

VIA: David Lassner
     President, University of Hawai‘i

VIA: Risa Dickson
     Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy

VIA: John Morton
     Vice President for Community Colleges

FROM: Lui Hokoana
      Chancellor
      University of Hawai‘i Maui College

SUBJECT: Request to move the Bachelor of Applied Science degree (BAS) in Sustainable Science Management (SSM) at University of Hawai‘i Maui College (UHMC) from provisional to established status.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:
UHMC requests approval to move the SSM BAS program from provisional to established status.

RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE TERM/YEAR:
Upon Board of Regents Approval

ADDITIONAL COSTS:
There are no additional costs associated with moving the BAS in SSM degree from provisional to established status.

PURPOSE:
The SSM program at UHMC was established to prepare students with the skills, knowledge and applied experiences necessary to meet 21st century challenges faced by government agencies, non-profit organizations, communities and businesses trying to balance increasing natural resource concerns with economic and social prosperity for current and future generations.
The program is aligned with the emerging field of Sustainability Science, a problem-driven, solution oriented, decision-making field developed over the past two decades to tackle persistent problems arising from the complex and dynamic interactions between humans and natural systems.

The primary objective of the SSM program is to provide students with preparation for careers in virtually any business or industry that seeks to identify, implement, and design methods to become more sustainable environmentally, economically, and socially. This program prepares students with the knowledge and skills to preserve and protect vulnerable resources without sacrificing the health and economic growth. SSM students learn critical and solution oriented thinking skills applicable in almost any segment of the workforce. Moreover, the program is designed to provide students with the fundamental skills necessary to bridge disciplines and to facilitate sustainable solutions and operations for any organization or community.

**BACKGROUND:**

In August of 2009 UHMC (at the time Maui Community College) was moved from the Accrediting Commission for Junior and Community Colleges to the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities.

At the June 25, 2010 meeting, the Board of Regents provisionally approved the UHMC BAS in SSM program proposal for implementation in spring semester 2012.

At the June 18-20 meeting the Senior Commission reaffirmed accreditation for UHMC for eight years through 2022.

During Spring of 2016 12 students graduated from the program with 11 graduates projected for Spring of 2017.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**
Recommend approval to change from provisional to established status, the Bachelor of Applied Science Degree Sustainable Science Management, University of Hawai‘i Maui College.

**ENCLOSES(S)/ATTACHMENTS(S)**

c: Cynthia Quinn, Executive Administrator and Secretary, Board of Regents