

University of Hawaii at Hilo

RE: MOTION: ON-LINE LABS NOT EQUIVALENT TO REAL HANDS-ON LABS

Background: At the meeting of the CAS Senate December 6, 2013 I introduced the following motion:

“Whereas on-line laboratory courses do not train students in hand motor skills with laboratory equipment and safety, on-line laboratory courses are contrary to the mission of hands-on laboratory courses. On-line laboratory courses are not academically equivalent to hands-on laboratory courses. “

The motion was then referred to the Academic Policy Committee for further review and then to the UHH Faculty Congress as follows below. The motion passed (?) and was then moved for consideration by the All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs (ACCFSC)

Whereas on-line laboratory courses do not train students in hand motor skills with laboratory equipment and safety, on-line laboratory courses are contrary to the mission of hands-on laboratory courses. On-line laboratory courses are not academically equivalent to hands-on laboratory courses. On-line laboratory courses should be designated as such with a different alphanumeric code; for example replace the “L” code for “laboratory course” with “OLL” for “on-line laboratory course.”