MEMORANDUM

TO: Ronald Cambra, Outgoing Chair, Task Force on Articulation
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SUBJECT: Common Course Numbering

As you know, the Mānoa Faculty Senate this spring passed two slightly different resolutions in favor of moving towards common course numbering across the system. Each refers to the issue of addressing “discrepancies” in course numbering, and the CAPP resolution asks that “the discrepant courses be identified by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.” My sense of how to proceed in this identification is that we should engage in a broad discussion in all of the groups you chair concerning courses where you know that there are disarticulation issues, keeping in mind of course that these can consist of articulated courses with different numbers or courses with the same numbers that are not articulated. So I want to ask each of you to charge your group with the task of generating candidates for “discrepant courses.” As you identify these courses, I want to ask you to send them to Todd Sammons for consideration by the Task Force on Articulation. Since I am sure that we will identify more courses than we will be able to work on immediately, my request to the Task Force is that they identify 3-5 courses to start with right away.

What we don’t have yet is a clear path forward once discrepant courses are identified. But since most of these committees are on hiatus over the summer, it will be some time before we assemble a list of possible discrepancies to address, so while that work is moving forward, I can be discussing how we are going to address discrepancies with the Council of Chief Academic Officers and other appropriate bodies. The spirit of both resolutions is that we attempt to address any such discrepancies at the departmental level, so we will need to address a process that commits first to departmental-level discussion and then figures out what happens if agreement is not reached at that level. The importance of this work means that it needs to be done right, so all of this may take some time to play out.

Please let me know if you have any questions and if you would like me to come to any of your groups to discuss these issues.