

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 1, 2009

**TO:** Program Review Committee  
Graduate Council of UHH

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**SUBJECT:** Response to Program Review Committee's Report

I would like to thank the Program Review Committee for the thoughtful and thorough review of our application to move the M.A. Program in Counseling Psychology from provisional status to established status. I appreciate the well-considered comments and the helpful suggestions offered by the Review Committee. Below are my responses to the issues that were raised.

1. The program's curriculum has been designed to satisfy the requirements of two external bodies that govern licensure (Hawaii State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs) and accreditation (Council for Accreditation of Counseling Related Educational Programs). The number of courses that meet Goal #4 (to offer research training opportunities) is indeed comparable to other similar programs and the three current core faculty members have worked hard at offering additional research experiences to our students. Nonetheless, I appreciate the Review Committee's suggestion that we can do more to meet this goal. Once the program is fully staffed with two more permanent faculty members, we will be in a better position to offer additional research training opportunities beyond coursework.
2. Yes, the feedback we received from our graduates regarding Goal #3 and Goal #4 are very well-taken. We will work diligently to fulfill these goals and assess our progress in the next program review.
3. I appreciate the Review Committee's recognition of our strong need for two additional faculty members and a program coordinator. As we move towards continued expansion of our student body, the need to fill these positions is becoming increasingly more urgent. I hope that the faculty positions will be filled soon and that we can receive permission to fill the program coordinator position in the near future.
4. Thank you for your comment about the high rate of graduation of our students. The program's admission committee has worked hard to identify and admit those applicants who are strongly qualified. Hence, our student body reflects individuals who are intelligent and hard-working, which I believe has led to the high rate of graduation.
5. Thank you. We are proud of our students and the progress they are making in their practicum/internship sites. I believe that this positive connection with community agency also has shed positive light on UHH overall.

6. Yes, we will assess the number of graduates who have obtained their license during the next program review.

7. I appreciate the Review Committee's conclusion that our program is meeting an important need in the State.