REMEMORANDUM

TO: Kitty Lagareta
Chairperson, Board of Regents

VIA: David McClain
President

VIA: John Morton
Vice President for Community Colleges

FROM: Leon Richards
Interim Chancellor

SUBJECT: Request to Change Kapi'olani Community College's New Media Arts Program from Provisional to Established Status and to Terminate Information Architecture Specialization.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval for a change from provisional to established status for Kapi'olani Community College's Associate of Science degree in New Media Arts with specializations in Animation and Interface Design and termination of the Associate of Science degree in New Media Arts with a specialization in Information Architecture.

RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Fall 2007

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with BOR policy governing Academic Affairs, Section 5-1a, Kapi'olani Community College requests BOR approval to establish the Associate in Science in New Media Arts with specializations in Animation and Interface Design and to remove the degree from provisional status.

No additional costs are expected at the current level of operation. The New Media Arts courses were offered first as experimental courses in fall 1997, then in fall 1998 as part of the student-designed Associate in Technical Studies degree. Later these same
courses became the foundation for the Associate in Science degree program in New Media Arts. Since 1997, the College has maintained the program through state-appropriated funding, tuition and fee revenue, continuing education revenue, and external grants.

The program health indicators of demand, efficiency and outcomes reflect a program that has been deemed healthy by all these measures. Given the increasing importance of technology in all spheres of business and in the specialized areas of animation and interface design, the prospects for continued need for graduates are exceptionally good. The program offerings through continuing education address the need for workforce development for both small business professionals and professionals in the field who desire skills upgrading. The New Media Arts program is flexible and robust enough to meet both of these needs as well as to provide graduates with the skills to create new businesses, thereby contributing to the economic development of the state.

Program details are included in the attached documents.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

Approval of the change from provisional to established status for the Associate in Science in New Media Arts with specializations in Animation and Interface Design at Kapi'olani Community College, effective fall 2007. Approval of the termination of the Information Architecture specialization in the A.S. degree in New Media Arts.

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c: Executive Administrator/Secretary of the Board Presley Pang