



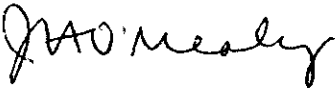
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard Day  
Chair, Department of Second Language Studies

FROM: Joseph H. O'Mealy   
Interim Dean

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO PLAN BA IN SECOND LANGUAGE STUDIES

I am pleased to offer my support for the ATP document proposing a BA degree in Second Language Studies. I've been aware for several years that the greatest number of students pursuing a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies has been those seeking a BA in English as a Second Language, or Second Language Studies, so I think it is high time that the SLS department began to offer the degree itself.

In addition to serving student demand, this BA will also answer State of Hawai'i needs, as seen in the memo from the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Kapi'olani Community College. The approval of the Mānoa BA will afford an opportunity to build closer alliances between our campuses, and integrate degree programs, once an AA degree in the same subject area exists at KCC.

The department of Second Language Studies has a worldwide reputation for excellence and innovation. I have full confidence in the department's ability to create a cutting edge degree program that will be a source of great pride for UH Mānoa. I can confirm that no new or additional resources will be needed to carry out this proposal. I urge the Council of Chief Academic Officers to approve it.

Thank you.

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