RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A MĀNOA ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE AS A PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE MANOA FACULTY SENATE
(January 21, 2009)

WHEREAS the purpose of the Mānoa Assessment Committee (MAC) is to lead coordinating and monitoring assessment activities and to develop assessment policy directed at understanding and improving educational effectiveness, and

WHEREAS, the MAC will serve as a repository of assessment activities, provide consultation to the Administration and relevant offices regarding gaps in available assessment information, recommend changes in assessment processes, review the usefulness of assessment strategies, and ensure that Mānoa uses assessment data to inform decision-making and improve student learning, and

WHEREAS, MAC will be staffed by the Assessment Office, and work closely with the Office of Faculty Development and Academic Support, General Education Office and General Education Committee, and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and will have the following responsibilities:
   a) Establish academic assessment policies necessary to foster a campus-wide understanding of and commitment to improvement-oriented educational assessment.
   b) Identify the most appropriate practices and uses for assessment of student learning at Mānoa.
   c) Review assessment resource needs and recommend concomitant budgetary allocations by the institution.
   d) Liaise with faculty to promote effective academic assessment practices, especially in support of degree programs.
   e) Consult with subject matter/content area experts as necessary.
   f) Produce an annual report (due at the end of each fiscal year, June 30) to the Faculty Senate on the status of academic assessment at UHM, and

WHEREAS, MAC will consist of 13 members: 9 voting and 4 non-voting members.

Voting members (must include at least two members from Faculty Senate who will be Chair and Vice-Chair of the MAC):
   • 4 faculty from the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, chosen to ensure academic diversity
   • 5 faculty from the remaining Mānoa Colleges/Schools or Units, each from a different College/School or Unit

Non-voting ex-officio members:
   • 1 SEC liaison
   • 1 Director of the Assessment Office
   • 2 students, one graduate and one undergraduate, and
WHEREAS, voting members and the SEC liaison will be appointed by the Mānoa Faculty Senate (MFS), the undergraduate representative will be appointed by the Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i (ASUH) and the graduate representative will appointed by the Graduate Student Organization (GSO), and

WHEREAS, the chair and vice chair serve two-year terms while all other voting members serve three-year terms (renewable for a maximum of one additional term), such that there is at least 40% overlap in committee composition over consecutive terms, and quorum consists of a majority of the voting membership, and

WHEREAS, MAC reports to the MFS and the Chairperson has the following duties:

• Preside at all meetings and ensure that minutes are taken
• Develop an agenda for each meeting
• Appoint subcommittees as necessary
• Coordinate the writing of MAC reports
• Liaise with the Faculty Senate, administration, and the university community, and

WHEREAS, the Vice-Chair will perform the duties of the chair in the event that s/he is unable to serve, and

WHEREAS, at minimum, this organizing document shall be reviewed, and amended as appropriate, every five years at the end of the fiscal year (starting June 30, 2014) by the Faculty Senate in accordance with Senate Bylaws. Particular responsibility falls upon the MAC to periodically and regularly review this document in terms of its structure, faculty participation on the committee, and the success of its resulting operations, and to report on needed revisions to the MFS, then be it

RESOLVED, The Mānoa Faculty Senate approved the establishment of a Committee of Assessment as a permanent committee of the Mānoa Faculty Senate.