February 16, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Eric K. Martinson, Chair
    University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents

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CC: Pat Cooper, Interim Dean
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FROM: Robert Cooney, Chair
Mānoa Faculty Senate

RE: Resolution Approving the Proposal for a New Graduate Certificate in Reading K-12

The Resolution Approving the Proposal for a New Certificate in Reading K-12 was approved by the Mānoa Faculty Senate at the February 15, 2012 Senate meeting with 52 votes in support of approval, 2 votes against approval and 4 abstentions. The Resolution is attached.

The Committee on Research and Graduate Education (CORG) reviewed the Proposal and provided a report to the Senate at the February 15, 2012 Senate meeting. Documents pertaining to this resolution can be accessed in our documents archive at: http://www.hawaii.edu/uhtmfs/documents/archive.html. The committee reports and deliberations can be accessed at: http://www.hawaii.edu/uhtmfs/minutes/2011_12/index.html.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.
Presented to the Mānoa Faculty Senate by the Committee on Research and Graduate Education (CORGRE) for approval at the February 15, 2012 Senate meeting. Approved by the Mānoa Faculty Senate on February 15, 2012 with 52 votes in support of approval, 2 votes against approval, and 4 abstentions.

Resolution on the Creation of a Graduate Certificate in Reading, K-12

Whereas, there is currently a nationwide effort to improve the preparation of PK-14 teachers in the area of reading, and federal programs, such as Reading First, require states to engage in professional development in this field; and

Whereas, the Hawai‘i DOE’s recent document Literacy for Learning Initiative calls for schools to hire literacy coordinators or coaches, who in turn need special training; and

Whereas, the provision of a specialized certificate in literacy is expected to attract teachers eager to upgrade their credentials who may not have the time or inclination to pursue an entire advanced degree in education; and

Whereas, the proposed Reading, K-12 Certificate consists of five required existing 3-credit courses, thus imposing no additional cost on the College of Education;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Manoa Faculty Senate approves the creation of a Graduate Certificate in Reading, K-12, in the College of Education, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa.

Robert Cooney, Ph.D., Senate Chair

Richard W. Chadwick, Ph.D., Senate Secretary