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 PK-3

The Resolution Approving the Proposal for a New Certificate in PK-3 was approved by the Mānoa Faculty Senate at the February 15, 2012 Senate meeting with 53 votes in support of approval, 1 vote against approval and 4 abstentions. The Resolution is attached.

The Committee on Research and Graduate Education (CORGGE) 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/uhmfs/documents/archive.html. The committee reports and deliberations can be accessed at: http://www.hawaii.edu/uhmfs/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 (CORGE) for approval at the February 15, 2012 Senate meeting. Approved by the Mānoa Faculty Senate on February 15, 2012 with 53 votes in support of approval, 1 vote against approval, and 4 abstentions.

Resolution on the Creation of a Graduate Certificate in PK-3 Education

Whereas, the Hawaiʻi DOE’s strategic plan calls for qualified PK-3 teachers in K-6 schools, in light of recent national recognition of the unique qualifications necessary to effectively teach at the pre-kindergarten to grade 3 level; and

Whereas, the proposed PK-3 Certificate program will provide teachers with professional in-service training and certification desired by the DOE; and

Whereas, the proposed PK-3 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 pre-kindergarten through grade 3 education (PK-3) in the College of Education, University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa.

Robert Cooney, Ph.D., Senate Chair

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