February 16, 2012

MEMORANDUM

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

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FROM: Robert Cooney, Chair  
Mānoa Faculty Senate

RE: Resolution Approving the Proposal for a New Graduate Program in Marine Biology

The Resolution Approving the Proposal for a New Graduate Program in Marine Biology was approved by the Mānoa Faculty Senate at the February 15, 2012 Senate meeting with 47 votes in support of approval, 2 votes against approval and 4 abstentions. The Resolution is attached.

The Committee on Research and Graduate Education (CORGE) 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 47 votes in support of approval, 2 votes against approval, and 4 abstentions.

Resolution regarding UHM Faculty Senate approval of the proposed graduate program in Marine Biology

Whereas, there is an established demand for graduate training in marine biology based on the number of students requesting admission to the present marine biology specialization within existing programs (ca. 100 per year); and

Whereas, the coastal and oceanic waters surrounding the Hawaiian archipelago are a natural laboratory for the study of a variety of marine ecosystems, marine biogeochemical processes, reef and oceanic fisheries, and human/marine interactions; and

Whereas, the University of Hawaii at Manoa has both appropriate facilities and faculty expertise to excel in such a program; and

Whereas, there are numerous employment opportunities for individuals trained in marine biology to fill positions in Hawaii, nationally and internationally in science, management, policy, education and biotechnology; and

Whereas, a graduate program in Marine Biology will support the needs and interests of existing and potential graduate students;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Mānoa Faculty Senate approves the creation of a Marine Biology Graduate Program, involving both a Masters and a doctoral degree, at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa.

Robert Cooney, Ph.D., Senate Chair

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