

Recommendation and Rationale on GE Articulation Proposal
to SEC, November 25, 2009

Upon extensive consultation with both General Education and Admissions and Records Offices, CAPP has formulated the basis for its final motion to SEC.

We favor a smooth transition for students from all affiliated UH campuses to UH Mānoa. To facilitate this, we support the core of the proposal presented in draft form from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs that students having completed all of their diversification and/or foundations requirements at another UH campus be treated as having completed the same category of general education requirements at UHM.

Simultaneously, we express serious concern with language in the proposal that would abolish the course by course evaluation done by the Admissions and Records Office at UHM. While abolishing this activity would cut back on the workload of Admissions & Records staff, the course by course evaluation is essential for determining whether students have met pre-requisites for courses that they choose to take at Mānoa.

Without the course by course Transfer Credit Evaluations (TCE) to determine the equivalency of courses taken elsewhere, students will not be properly advised about where to start in the sequence of courses required for their major, and the electronic pre-requisite checking in Banner will lock students out of all courses requiring pre-requisites equivalent to courses that were taken at other campuses. This clearly sets these students up for failure at UH Mānoa.

We strongly urge that the OVCAA modify the language of the proposal to state clearly that course by course evaluations must still be performed to determine the equivalency of the transfer credits to courses at Mānoa.

We further recommend that the revision to the articulation document work out a much clearer expression of its goals. The final paragraph on the first item (page 1) reads *“The above statement will now apply to students who transfer from one UH campus to another UH campus without an AA degree or completion of GE requirements at the sending campus.”* The coordinating conjunction ‘or’ makes anyone who does not earn an AA degree or who does **not** complete GE requirements eligible to transfer to UHM without needing to work on any GE requirements at UHM. Moreover, confusion results because “the above statement” really refers to the new revision two paragraphs before, not to the current policy immediately above

In summary CAPP 1) recommends that the Senate not accept the Memorandum of Agreement in its current form asks for a revision of the draft policy on transfer of General Education Core Requirements which clarifies the policy. 2) disapproves of abolishing the course by course evaluations as these evaluations form the basis for well-informed student planning and effective faculty advising throughout the student’s career at UHM. 3) recommends that students having completed their Foundations and/or Diversification requirements at any UH campus be treated as having completed the same category of requirements at any campus of the UH System, unless there are factors that may make articulation unacceptable to the receiving campus.