

Resolution adopted by the GEC on 9 January 2002 regarding language waiver consultations:

Whereas, the Senate resolution of April 12, 2000 clearly states that the Hawaiian/Second Language Graduation Requirement can be reduced, replaced or waived by a vote of the School or College's Chartered Faculty Senate at which two-thirds of the total Senators vote in support of the change, or in the absence of a Chartered Faculty Senate when two thirds of the faculty of that School or College faculty vote in support of the change, and except for "consultation," there is no requirement that any other committee or administrative officer approve such a change, and,

Whereas, it is clear that once passed by the duly constituted faculty body, any and all objections, suggestions or opinions offered by the General Education Committee regarding a valid petition to reduce, replace or waive the requirement are not binding, the idea of "consultation" with the General Education Committee after the fact is an empty exercise, and,

Whereas, the General Education Committee has a complicated and time consuming set of tasks quite apart from such a responsibility to "consult,"

Therefore, be it resolved that the General Education Committee respectfully rejects the responsibility to "consult" on matters of the Hawaiian/Second Language Requirement.

*Adopted by the General Education Committee, 10 January 2002*