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SUBJECT: Follow-up Review on Proposed Executive Policy on Micro-Credentials

Following the formal consultation for this draft Executive Policy on Micro-Credentials, administration reviewed all comments received and the draft policy has been revised in order to address the concerns. Listed below is a brief description of the changes made:

- We added the phrase “at the program level, by faculty” to Section III.B to underscore the faculty’s role in developing curricula, including micro-credentials.
- We clarified the signification of a digital badge and a badge’s relationship to a micro-credential.
- We replaced the terms “competency” and “competencies,” which have a specific meaning in the parlance of the accreditation world.
- We renamed the category of digital badges issued in recognition of a credit-bearing micro-credential to “Academic Achievement.”
- We clarified what is meant by the term “Open Badges standards.”
- We added the phrase “including how they might lead to a credential” to Section III.G to underscore the fact that the policy allows each campus to determine if and how to enable micro-credentials to be stacked toward full UH credentials.
- We added the phrase “in a central repository” to Section III.H to provide additional parameters for campus storage of micro-credential records.
- We executed a number of stylistic and vocabulary changes in response to feedback collected during the formal consultation process.

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Attached are redline and clean copies of the revised draft policy. Please review the revised draft and the changes made in response to consultation. If you identify any errors, please email ovpas@hawaii.edu by **May 15, 2024**.

Mahalo.

Attachments

c: Registrars
Financial Aid Officers