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SUBJECT: Revisions to Proposed Executive Policy on Micro-Credentials

Aloha e Executive Director Fern,

Following formal consultation on the proposed policy on micro-credentials, administration has made revisions to the policy in response to comments and concerns received. Here is an overview 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.

Attached for your information are redline and clean copies of the revised policy and the complete list of comments received during consultation with noted responses. This

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revised proposed policy has been disseminated to all Faculty Senates and governing bodies for further review. You may contact me at alan3@hawaii.edu if you have any questions or concerns. Mahalo.

Warmest regards,

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Attachments