This letter seeks an endorsement by your respective Boards for the newly created Foundations Board at Kapiʻolani Community College (KCC) as per decisions arrived in the multi-campus Foundations Board meeting on April 24, 2004. The Foundations Board is largely based on a model created recently by HCC that was endorsed by the UH Manoa Foundations Board and the General Education Committee in March and April of 2004. I have attached a copy of the letter from KCC’s Faculty Senate announcing and describing the purpose and composition of KCC’s Foundations Board for your review.

Both the KCC and HCC Senate leadership has been at the forefront of efforts to initiate and implement collaborative articulation processes in the University of Hawaii system. Indeed, KCC, HCC, and UH Manoa are the core campus members of the new trilateral partnership of Gen Ed articulation. As such, the purpose of the KCC Foundations Board is to review courses as well as enable our campus to engage in discussions and planning for an articulation process based on the WI model.

KCC’s Faculty Senate created the Foundations Board on an urgent basis so that we could be an active member and to participate in discussions and decision-making as a core campus in the trilateral engagement. It must be underscored that KCC’s Foundations Board will be nested in a larger articulation
structure at the campus. The Faculty Senate at KCC did not want to create an elaborate structure on short notice. The Senate expressed the need for greater deliberation and consultation with KCC faculty at large and other constituents for the creation of additional articulation Boards and the necessary delineation and clarifications of their roles, responsibilities and lines of communication. This is a priority task of the Senate in the Fall semester of 2004.

We look forward to this collaboration to develop a transparent and efficient structure for articulation of courses between the three campuses and work towards the creation of a WI model of articulation.

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