MEMORANDUM

TO: Barbara Leonard
   Chair, Faculty Congress

FROM: Donald Straney
       Chancellor

SUBJECT: Congress motion regarding hiring student teaching assistants

December 8, 2010

I am in receipt of your memorandum of November 8, 2010, transmitting a Faculty Congress recommendation passed on September 24, 2010, regarding hiring student teaching assistants. The motion that passed read:

If the relevant department faculty makes the request, graduate student teaching assistants should be hired in high-enrollment general education courses to assist in evaluating writing and quantitative assignments.

I concur with this recommendation and, by copy of this memorandum, am asking the vice chancellors to develop a cost-effective implementation plan that will achieve the desired support for UH Hilo's high-enrollment general education courses.

Thank you for recommending this proposal, which promises to benefit both graduate students and faculty teaching high-enrollment general education courses.

cc: Daniel Brown, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research
    Philip Castille, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
    Debra Fitzsimons, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs
    Luoluo Hong, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Date: November 8, 2010
To: Chancellor Donald Straney
From: Barbara Leonard, 2010-2011 Faculty Congress Chair
Re: September 24, 2010 Motion Regarding Hiring of Student Teaching Assistants

Dear Chancellor Straney,

The following motion was passed by Faculty Congress at its September 24, 2010 meeting.

Motion to hire student teaching assistants in high-enrollment general education courses to assist in evaluating writing and quantitative assignments:
• E. Stacy, Chair, proposed that graduate teaching assistants be hired to assist with larger GE science courses. Discussion among members and guests followed on language of the proposed motion, funding sources and vetting process for graduate TA.
• After discussion, the motion was amended to read:
"At the request of the relevant department faculty that graduate student teaching assistants be hired in high-enrollment general education courses to assist in evaluating writing and quantitative assignments."
The amendment to the motion was approved by acclamation.
• J. Ippolito, Vice-Chair, proposed revising current language of motion to:
"If the relevant department faculty makes the request, graduate student teaching assistants should be hired in high-enrollment general education courses to assist in evaluating writing and quantitative assignments."
• Vote to pass amended motion as policy recommendation to Administration: 16 for, 2 opposed, 2 abstain. Motion approved.

Barbara Leonard, Chair  
Jean Ippolito, Vice Chair

Please indicate your approval, yes or no below within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you do not approve the motion, please indicate why. Thank you for your kokua.

Yes ☑
No ☐

Comments:
See attached memorandum

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED

Donald O. Straney, Chancellor

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