26 August 2010

To: Kalena Silva, Director
Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani
University of Hawaii Hilo

From: Jan Henry Keskitalo, Executive Chair
Ray Barnhardt, Board of Affirmation Chair
World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium

Subj: WINHEC Accreditation of Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani, University of Hawaii Hilo

On August 27, 2009, with follow-up action on August 26, 2010, the WINHEC Board of Affirmation met to consider applications from potential candidates for WINHEC accreditation, per the criteria outlined in the WINHEC Accreditation Handbook (2nd Edition). Based on the report of the Site Visit Review of your institution and your presentation to the Board, we are pleased to inform you that the following actions were taken by the Board of Affirmation and the WINHEC Executive Board:

BoA action: The BoA recommends that the report and recommendations from the WINHEC Site Visit Review Team for the accreditation of the Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani, University of Hawaii Hilo, inclusive of their P-20Mauli Ola Education System, be approved and that KH'OOK be congratulated for being true to their traditional ways and for their exemplary contributions to higher education for all Indigenous peoples.

Motion: The WINHEC Executive Board hereby approves the recommendations from the WINHEC Review Team report on the site visit to the Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani, University of Hawaii Hilo and in so doing affirms the good standing of KH'OOK as a WINHEC-accredited institution and program for a period of 10 years, with all rights and privileges thereof.

We commend you for the high degree of cultural and professional integrity reflected in your programme and congratulate you on your successful WINHEC accreditation review. Please let us know if we can be of assistance as you move forward with your programs.

Sincerely,

Jan Henry Keskitalo, Executive Chair
WINHEC

Ray Barnhardt, Chair
WINHEC Board of Affirmation

Cc: Trevor Moeke, Co-Executive