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Dr. Leon Richards  
Chancellor  
Kap'iolani Community College  
4303 Diamond Head Road  
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Dear Chancellor Richards:

Hawai'i Community College staff has informed me that all six of the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges plan to offer an Associate in Arts in Hawaiian Studies in order to fulfill the Board of Regents Policy for its commitment to the indigenous people of the state. Staff has also informed me that the curriculum for this degree already exists and that it is a reorganization of courses already being offered.

Based on the information provided this is not a substantively new program and the Associate in Arts in Hawaiian Studies will not require a full substantive change review by the Commission.

On behalf of the Commission I wish to thank the College for keeping the Commission informed and express continuing interest in the institution's educational programs and services. It remains the College's responsibility to inform the Commission of any program change. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring quality, integrity and institutional effectiveness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan B. Clifford".

Susan B. Clifford, Ed.D.  
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Cc: Dr. Robert Franco, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
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