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Dr. Rockne Freitas
Chancellor
Hawai'i Community College
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Dear Chancellor Freitas:

The Committee on Substantive Change of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges met on April 17, 2009 to review the request submitted by Hawai'i Community College for the addition of an Associate of Arts Degree via Distance Learning.

The Committee acted to **approve** the Proposal. The Committee also advises the College that it needs to pay close attention to monitoring student access to the website for student services such as advising. In addition, the College is reminded that assessment of distance learning programs should include student achievement data such as completion rates.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to 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 integrity, effectiveness and quality.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
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