STATEMENT OF CONCERN:
ELIMINATION OF REMEDIAL COURSES FOR FALL 1996

WHEREAS, in the beginning of Fall 1995, Provost Sakaguchi appointed a task force to investigate how HawCC can restructure remedial offerings to meet the needs of Hawaii Island students and communities with the least negative impact; and

WHEREAS, the consultative process to include a review of the recommendations of the HawCC remediation task force has not been completed; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Tsunoda states in her October 18, 1995, memorandum to President Mortimer that "As of Fall 1996, all UHCC campuses will not be offering classes in remedial courses at the Adult Basic Education (ABE) level"; and

WHEREAS, the short term, long term, direct and indirect negative impacts of implementing Chancellor Tsunoda's initiative have not been adequately explored; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the HawCC Faculty Senate endorses the following Statement of Concern regarding the elimination of remedial courses in the UHCCs by Fall 1996:

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1. Since there is no system-wide, standardized admissions test to determine students' remedial needs, what is currently being used as a post-admission, local, campus-specific, flexible, remedial placement tool may be inappropriately used as an entrance examination.

2. The impact on students who have dissimilar remediation needs has not been determined (e.g., students who need MATH 001, but not remedial English).

3. The impact on certificate programs where basic, remedial coursework is acceptable, is unknown.

4. Not all curricular changes may meet the Catalog deadline, which may have future potential legal ramifications.

5. Students currently in remedial courses will need to be "grandfathered in" by a plan that has yet to be developed.

6* The mission of UH community colleges, which includes an open door policy, will be altered without adequate and appropriate consultation and an assessment of the negative impacts on the State of Hawaii.
7. The mission of HawCC, which includes an open door policy, will be altered without adequate and appropriate consultation and an assessment of the negative impacts on the Island of Hawaii.

8. The negative impact on students who receive financial aid and who often take remedial courses is unknown.

9. The negative impact on disabled students who often take remedial courses is unknown.

10. The negative impact on programs with low enrollment and whose students are often remedial needs to be explored. Specifically, programs in Trade and Industry (food services, autobody repair, agriculture, and welding), and Business Education are likely to be adversely affected.

11. The loss of revenue for the entire UH system, and specifically the community colleges, due to higher tuition AND the elimination of remedial courses has not been addressed from a cost/benefit perspective.

12. A mechanism to accommodate the disenfranchised remedial students by the Department of Education and local campus learning centers has yet to be collaboratively developed.

13. The implementation of the chancellor's plan may have negative impacts on local economies because HawCC will not be offering courses to meet the basic skills needs of people who: are dislocated workers or unemployed; have low literacy levels; need job retraining/training and vocational rehabilitation; or are displaced homemakers.

    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the HawCC Faculty Senate Chair send this Resolution immediately to Provost Sakaguchi and Provost Sakaguchi or her representative be requested to address the HawCC Faculty Senate at its December meeting in regard to this Statement of Concern; and,

    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Provost Sakaguchi request that Chancellor Tsunoda provide in a timely manner relevant information that addresses this Statement of Concern and the impact of implementing the chancellor's plan so that the Faculty Senate Committees may proceed to address these issues.