



UNIVERSITY of HAWAII*
LEEWARD
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

March 20, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Della Teraoka
Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

FROM: Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Approval of Credit/No Credit grading option for all courses at Leeward CC

On March 15, 2017, the Leeward CC Faculty Senate approved Motion 17.44: On behalf of the Curriculum Committee, Senator Fujita moved that the Faculty Senate approve the retention of the Credit/No Credit grading option for all courses at Leeward. VOTE: 17-Y, 0-N.

The argument against it was that sometimes students mistakenly opt for the Credit/No Credit option, which means that the course cannot be used towards the acquisition of a degree because all courses must be graded Standard Grade A-F.

The arguments for keeping this option was as follows:

1. The number of students that make such a mistake was so small that it was not a significant issue.
2. If a mistake was made they can rectify it during the first week of the semester during the change of registration period. If they failed to do so during the first week they can still drop the course and re-register for the same course during the next two weeks, so they have 3 weeks to rectify the problem.
3. Leeward CC has an open door policy and not having this grading option would restrict student access to education. Some people are not interesting in acquiring a degree they simply want to learn. Students who are working towards a degree would not want to risk affecting their GPA by taking a course outside their field with a letter grade option. Even though they wished to expand their knowledge they may hesitate to take a course that is difficult or different because doing poorly and getting a low grade would affect their GPA. Even though they wished to simply learn new things they may hesitate. The goal of Leeward CC is "To help people learn." Not having the Credit/No Credit option would limit access to learning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William McDaniel Albritton".

William McDaniel Albritton
Faculty Senate Chair

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Della Teraoka".

Della Teraoka, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

4/3/2017

Date