To:    Doug Dykstra,
       Chancellor, Windward Community College

Via:   Ellen Ishida-Babineau
       Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Via:   Brian Richardson
       Dean of Academic Affairs, Division II

Via:   Liko Hoe
       Presiding Chair, Faculty Senate

Via:   Kathleen French
       Chair, Curriculum Committee

re: Terminating the ASC in Bio-Resources and Technology: Plant Biotechnology

Aloha,

This memo is to request the termination of the ASC in Bio-Resources and Technology: Plant Biotechnology, effective for the Fall 2013 semester.

In the 10 years of its existence, a total of 50 students have graduated and received their ASC BRT-PB. 78% of graduates transferred to higher degree institutions. A number of them have received their BS or MS or MD or Doctor of Pharmacy degrees. 38% of graduates entered the workforce, some with high-paying jobs. And 24% of graduates have become successful plant-based product manufacturers or nursery owners.

The ASC has been successful, but has been replaced by the Board of Regents-recognized Certificate of Achievement in Agripharmatech, which was adopted in May, 2012. The certificate thus represents a redundancy in our curriculum.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Coordinator, Agripharmatech Program

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