



May 4, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: James Goodman  
Dean, Arts & Sciences

FROM: Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Approval of Revisions to Back Language Credit policy

REFERENCE: Please see [PLA Manual](#)

On May 3, 2017, the Leeward CC Faculty Senate approved Motion 17.50.

**17.50: Motion (Judd):** On behalf of the Standing Committee on Assessment, I (Senator Judd) move that the Faculty Senate adopt the proposed revisions listed below to the currently approved Back Language Credit Policy:

**Back Language Credits:** Students placed above the 101 level in Hawaiian or foreign languages offered at Leeward CC, can receive, at no additional cost, credits from the courses they are exempted from upon completing the next course in the sequence with the grade of C or higher. Students whose level is above that of 202, including native speakers of the languages, can receive credits for the full course sequence provided they register for and pass the highest course (202) in the sequence with a grade of C or higher.

**Vote: 19 Y, 0 N - Motion passed**

Rationale for Item Change:

The foreign language faculty would like to amend the currently approved back language credit policy. The amended policy will require students who place above the 101 level in Hawaiian or foreign languages offered at Leeward CC, can receive at no additional cost, credits for the courses they are exempted from by completing the next level course in the sequence with a grade of C or higher. Students whose level is above that of 202 including native speakers of the languages, can receive credits for the full course sequence provided they complete the highest course in the sequence with a grade of C or better.

The foreign language faculty would like to update the current back language policy to be more in line with UHM. They would like to do this so that Leeward CC could then pursue a Memorandum of Agreement with UHM's Hawaiian Language and Foreign Language departments. If Leeward CC is able to obtain the MOA, any Leeward CC student who obtains credits via Leeward CC's back language policy will automatically receive the credits. As Leeward CC currently does not have an MOA with UHM, any student who has back language credits must personally petition to have his/her credits accepted by UHM. Part of the petition is that the Leeward CC faculty must write a letter of support, and submit a copy of Leeward CC's syllabi. Not only is this tedious, we do not know how many students do not even ask to petition for the back language credits, and "lose" the credits when they transfer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'William Albritton', written in black ink.

William Albritton  
Faculty Senate Chair



