

Dear Chris:

During a conference call on July 23, 2004, a Reader Panel of the Substantive Change Committee considered the proposal for a Master of Science Degree in Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. and Environmental Science. On behalf of the team and the Panel, I would like to express my appreciation to you; Don Price (Director of MS in Tropical Conservation Biology); and Jim Juvik (Graduate Coordinator) for your availability. Your comments were helpful. The proposal was considered by the Substantive Change Panel because the Commission has not yet granted the University general Master's degree granting authority by the Commission.

You will be pleased to know that the Panel acted to approve the proposal. The Panel commended the University for the overall quality of the proposal, in terms of needs assessment, attention to library services, planning of educational effectiveness; and interdisciplinary focus.

Within 30 days, you will receive a letter confirming the Panel's approval.

Please accept my hearty congratulations and very best wishes for the program's success.

Sincerely,

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