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To the attention of the Principal Investigator, KCC-TAACCT III Grant Program, in fulfillment of the TAACCT grant requirements.

The purpose of this letter is to validate Kawehi Sellers, Assistant Professor, Hospitality and Tourism Education Department, Kapi'olani Community, as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in the development of Gamification for the HOST 101 – Introduction to Hospitality and Tourism course offered by the Hospitality and Tourism program.

Ms. Sellers was selected by myself to lead this portion of the grant as she has consistently demonstrated attention to creativity and student engagement in the development of her courses and individual lesson plans. Ms. Sellers has a Masters Degree in Educational Administration – Higher Education, and has maintained a rigorous agenda for professional development in the area of student engagement. Examples of this would include:

- Concierged a faculty group called Educational Applications of Social Networking C4ward (campus professional development program)
- Active member of the ePortfolio and Genealogy C4ward circles
- Served as Wo Learning Champion (2013-2014)
- Participated in Real World Academics, a professional development program aimed to integrate "real world" assignments into career and technical education courses
- Enhanced teaching pedagogy and discovered relevant teaching techniques by successfully completing the 2011 Hawai'i National Great Teachers Seminar at Kilauea Military Camp

In the development of the Gamification andragogy for the course, Ms. Sellers conducted extensive research on the theory and processes of Gamification. She was able to enlist the support of campus experts such as, Helen Torigoe, Instructional Designer Center for Excellence in Learning, Teaching and Technology, and Steph Nelson, Electronic Resources Coordinator in the Library. As a result, Ms. Sellers is now recognized by the college as the subject matter expert and has been called upon on numerous occasions to present training to others on the campus. Additionally, she has recently presented, "Gamification: Don't Tell Anyone This is Fun," at the spring 2017 League of Innovations in the Community College conference.

Sincerely,

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