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MEMORANDUM

Note: Sent Via Email on February 1, 2008

TO: Deans in Colleges of Arts and Sciences and School of Pacific and Asian Studies
Please share this message with faculty and staff. Mahalo - Virginia

FROM: Virginia Hinshaw, Chancellor

SUBJECT: Update on Arts and Sciences Reorganization

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to provide a brief status report regarding direction on the organization of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, including the School of Pacific and Asian Studies. Our shared goal is to ensure that A&S is in the best position to serve as the vital heart of UH Mānoa and I thank you for your input during this process – your ideas have been both creative and thoughtful.

From what I've heard and learned from you, there is a need to increase the stature and strengthen the role of the Arts and Sciences on the campus. Many suggestions revolved around facilitating coordination of programs, determining investment areas, generating new revenue sources, and organizing infrastructure to support faculty, staff and students. This drives me to conclude that we need a Dean of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences to provide greater visibility, voice, stature and a shared direction. The individuals working with the A&S dean may carry the title of either associate deans or divisional deans; regardless of the title, the authority and responsibility of those positions, as well as the organization of programs within a division, are critical aspects which I believe need more consideration.

I look forward to working together to make a successful transition to this model after consultation about the transition process with the appropriate governance groups. That consultation will also assist in establishing the most appropriate timeline and process for implementation, and that information will certainly be shared broadly. However, I want to move forward in making strategic investments now that are needed to support A&S. I have asked the deans and I am asking you for suggestions that would strengthen activities critical in supporting A&S.

Mahalo for your continuing involvement and I look forward to working with you as we accomplish this transition.

Best regards – Virginia S. Hinshaw