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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Graduate Chairs, Program Assistants, & Secretaries

FROM: Krystyna Aune, Dean of Graduate Division *Krystyna Aune*

SUBJECT: Temporary Policy Amendments Due to Covid-19

Due to the disruption and innumerable impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, Graduate Division will temporarily suspend taking academic actions for graduate students within its jurisdiction (i.e., these actions exclude the MD, JD, and professional masters programs in the Shidler College of Business). Specifically, for those who would be placed on academic probation at the end of this semester due to GPA below 3.0 or due to time-to-degree, we will postpone these actions until the end of the Fall 2020 semester.

Additionally, if graduate students are taking a leave of absence for the Fall 2020/Spring 2021 semesters due to impacts of the coronavirus, these leaves will not count against the two-semester limit of leaves of absence allowed for graduate students. We also want to remind programs that you can request graduate admissions deferrals for up to 2 semesters (Spring 2021 or Fall 2021); these will be processed as an automatic admission into your graduate program (i.e., no review or second decision on the application for the deferred term of admission). Please work with your Graduate Student Services Specialist for your deferment requests.

We hope these policy amendments reduce the stress experienced on the part of our graduate students and prospective graduate students.

We also wish you and yours all the best during this difficult time.

c: Mānoa Academic Deans and Directors  
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