

February 3, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Brian Taylor Dean, SOEST

FROM:

Michael Bruno

Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT:

Program Review Three-Year Progress Report

Thank you for your memo dated December 5, 2016. The School has clearly been doing terrific work in making progress toward addressing the recommendations of the program review team. Particularly impressive are the admirable efforts to bolster enrollments and increase student success in undergraduate SOEST courses. Furthermore, plans to develop a common core curriculum and cohort model sound quite promising and I look forward to learning more about these efforts as they develop. Finally, as VC Dasenbrock noted in his response to the one-year progress report, there was an ongoing concern regarding the instruction and communication issues in Atmospheric Sciences. I am pleased to see that these matters have been addressed since your last report.

The next comprehensive review visit for SOEST is currently scheduled for the 2018-19 academic year. Please feel free to contact Program Officer Goodwin, agoodwin@hawaii.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

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