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MEMORANDUM

TO: Brennon Morioka, Dean, College of Engineering

FROM: Michael Bruno, Provost *Michael Bruno*
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SUBJECT: College of Engineering Graduate Program Review One-Year Response from Administration

Mahalo for your one-year program review update.

- The Dean's Council clearly has a diverse array of representative sectors. We hope that the feedback and collaborations prove useful to the College in many ways, including to ensure alignment between students' academic preparedness and the post-graduate careers.
- Congratulations on the continued success of the BAM pathways across departments, particularly in CEE and ME. The College has been among the most active participants in the pathway program. There was also a significant turnout of BAM students at the inaugural BAM luncheon we hosted in April. With continued assessment of the BAM pathway outcomes, we hope to see continued growth and success with the initiative.
- We are delighted to hear about the student club spaces being created in Holmes. We hope that the goal of networking and collaborating between the students will increase the synergies across departments and inspire even more interdisciplinary research.
- President Lassner increased the minimum GA stipend levels beginning Fall 2022 with step increases over the next 3 years. No GA should be below Step 9 for 2022-2023. Internal reallocations may be necessary to address the disparity across programs within the College.
- The Career Opportunities link on your website provides a comprehensive list of event and position options that must be quite helpful for students and alum. It may be helpful to also connect students to GA opportunities that may be a fit in other units via a tool such as the College of Social Sciences connector (open to all disciplines).

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- The turnover in staff certainly presents challenges. We hope that the reorganization plans in the business office in the College are successful in achieving efficiencies and that the transparency provided via a webpage tool will be helpful to PIs.
- We applaud the efforts to work with the community college partners to build the pipeline to baccalaureate and graduate degree seeking students. We also commend the inter-college collaborations with Architecture, SOEST, JABSOM, and Shidler College of Business. The synergies produced by these partnerships can inspire students, faculty, community members and culminate in innovative research, products, and outcomes. We would like to hear more about the external industry revamping efforts.
- Kudos regarding the Engineering Alumni Association of UH collaborations. We hope that the 2023 Spring Banquet is a huge success.

We look forward to seeing the continued success in the College of Engineering programs. Your three-year progress report is due on September 15, 2024.

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