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MEMORANDUM

TO: William Chapman
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FROM: Michael Bruno *Michael Bruno*
Provost

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Interim Vice Provost for Academic Excellence

SUBJECT: Response to BEnvD Program Review One-Year Progress Report

Thank you for submitting the one-year progress report for the 2020 program review of the Bachelor of Environmental Design. Although there was some delay in the submission of this report, we are very pleased by the progress the program has made in addressing the recommendations of the review team.

You have made several curricular changes since the last review. Upon reevaluation of the HSL requirement, you have expanded course options to ensure better alignment with discipline-specific needs to support their future career paths. You have made revisions to the design studio sequence to allow students to more fully engage in high-impact learning experiences through internships and study abroad, as well as a culminating capstone project. Implementation of the Studio Coordinator System approach to address student-to-faculty teaching ratios in the face of growing enrollments in ARCH 101 seems to be yielding promising results, and we look forward learning more about how successful this approach is in ameliorating these same concerns in ARCH 102, 201 and 202 given the increased enrollments BEnvD program has been experiencing across these courses.

Supporting educational pathways for students from the community colleges into high-demand majors such as the BEnvD is a priority for the campus. The articulation agreement the school has established with Honolulu Community College's Architecture, Engineering, and Construction Technologies program, effective Fall 2023, promises to create a seamless pipeline for students. The program's focus on providing more and better opportunities for students throughout the state should be an ongoing priority, and we applaud your efforts in this area.

Your next progress report will be due on July 15, 2025.

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