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TO: Potential Students, Current Students, and the Hawaii Athletic Training Community

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SUBJECT: Update on Entry-level Athletic Training Education Program

We are writing to update you on recent decisions regarding the continuing CAATE Accreditation Site Visit for the entry level Athletic Training program. A number of accreditation visits are scheduled for our campus in Fall 2009 including the University of Hawaii at Manoa [UHM] WASC visit, the College of Education NCATE visit, and the advanced athletic training program visit within the KRS Department. Therefore, our CAATE site visit for our entry level athletic training program has been postponed to Spring 2010 for continuing accreditation. Please note that currently admitted students graduating from an accredited Entry-Level Athletic Training Education Program will be eligible for the BOC exam.

On a separate issue, we are sure you have heard of the current budget crisis affecting the University of Hawaii, Manoa. We are disheartened to report that for the foreseeable future it is unlikely that there will be funds for new faculty, graduate teaching assistants, or lecturers for instruction and supervision in the program. Therefore, at this time we are holding off on any decisions to admit new graduate students for academic year 2010-2011 until such time as we better understand the staffing situation. We hope to be able to make informed decisions by early spring and before our Priority Admissions deadline of February 15, 2010. The current economic crisis has impacted the University severely and we are all struggling to deal with the current financial situation. We apologize for any inconvenience and share your frustration. We will let you know as soon as we can about the situation for next year.

For the current Pre-Professional Students, we will be holding several group advising sessions in the near future. If you would prefer to meet individually to discuss potential future options, just send an email to Dr. Murata or Dr. Cleary to make an appointment. Thank you for your patience and understanding.