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MEMORANDUM

TO: David Ross, Chair
Mānoa Faculty Senate Executive Committee

FROM: Reed Dasenbrock 
Vice Chancellor
for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: International Programs

Earlier this semester, OVCAA began taking preliminary steps towards a search to fill the Assistant Vice Chancellor for International and Exchange Programs (AVCIEP) on a permanent basis. A search committee was formed, chaired by Dean Schultz from the School of Pacific and Asian Studies, with a number of faculty from a range of disciplines and schools, representatives of the units reporting to the AVCIEP, and community members. A standard step in searches here at Mānoa is a series of “scoping visits,” in which stakeholders are asked about the search, the nature of the position, and the qualities that a successful candidate should possess.

On Monday, I met with the committee and Associate Vice Chancellor Joanne Clark, who has been coordinating the search. The results of the scoping visits clearly confirm what I had been hearing from a number of sources, that there was very little chance that this search would be successful at the present time. Given both the overall financial condition of the University and the questions that remain about the structural of international programs at Mānoa, this is clearly the wrong time to be trying to fill this position on a permanent basis. I have therefore decided not to proceed with this search at the present time.

I seek the help of the faculty in terms of addressing the issues in international programs which stand in the way of a successful search, and I hope to work with you to address these structural issues while awaiting a more favorable financial climate in which to put permanent leadership in place in international programs. I do believe that we have tremendous opportunities in the international arena and that our ability to work internationally will be an absolutely decisive factor in both the quality and reputation of our academic programs.