Report on SCR 20/SR 10: Requesting the University of Hawai‘i to Update the 1994 Department of Accounting and General Services Master Building Plan for the College of Education

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This report is written in partial response to SCR 20/SR10: Requesting the University of Hawai‘i to Update the 1994 Department of Accounting and General Services Master Building Plan for the College of Education, which was passed by the legislature in 2004. No specific date for submitting a report was established in the resolution, but we are submitting this report as a means to keep you informed. A more thorough report will be forthcoming pending action on the University’s biennium budget.

Under the leadership of Jan Yokota, Director of Capital Improvements, and Francis Oda, CEO of Project 70, the University is in the process of preparing a long range development plan for the Mānoa campus. Randy Hitz, Dean of the College of Education, is a member of the planning committee for Mānoa. In addition to this, the University has included in its biennium budget request planning funds for the western part of the Mānoa campus where the College of Education currently resides.

We are aware of the very poor conditions of several of the College of Education’s buildings which house classrooms and faculty offices. At least three of the buildings are beyond repair and need to be replaced. In addition, we are aware of the growing need for classroom, office, and research space for the college. The planning funds requested for the next biennium will enable us to study all of the options and make appropriate plans for the College of Education and for the entire parcel of land on which the College resides. We will continue to work with the University administration and the Department of Accounting Services and keep you updated on the progress of this capital improvement.
We appreciate your interest in the University and particularly in the College of Education, and we look forward to continuing a discussion about the capital improvement needs of the College.