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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chancellors

FROM: Vassilis L. Syrmos 
Vice President for Research and Innovation

SUBJECT: Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) 2012 Faculty Workload Survey Research Report Supplement

In 2012, the Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) generated a Faculty Workload Survey Research report, which investigated the views of principal investigators (PIs) on federally-funded grants and contracts active during academic year (AY) 2011. In October 2015, the University of Hawai'i (UH) obtained a summary of the report results specific to UH.

The institution-specific report indicates that with respect to administrative challenges, UH is generally in line with other institutions. The top three (3) burdensome issues identified were effort reporting, research compliance, and project finance and personnel issues, of which we are currently in the process of addressing and correcting.

The effort reporting process at UH has changed with the implementation of the Kualii Financial System (KFS) in 2012, in which effort reports can now be generated automatically to streamline the process. In addressing research compliance issues, the UH Research Compliance Task Force (RCTF) was created in April 2014 to identify and recommend improvements to current compliance processes and procedures at UH. In October 2015, the RCTF released a report assessing research compliance at UH and provided recommendations to promote and advance UH's research enterprise. The report may be viewed at: <http://www.hawaii.edu/research/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/UH-RCTF-Report.pdf>.

For project finance and personnel issues, the Office of Research Services (ORS) is currently working with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH) to incorporate finance, procurement and hiring information into the ORS Grants and Contracts Certification Program to provide more transparency to these processes.

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RCUH is developing its own module and will be presenting its program in the next calendar year.

A copy of the FDP report is attached for your reference. I hope that you will find it helpful and informative. Please distribute this report to interested personnel within your campuses.

Attachment

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