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UCLA *Graduate Division*

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To the UCLA Campus Community

Dear Colleagues:

It is with mixed emotions that I inform you that Associate Dean Shirley Hune will conclude her service as Associate Dean in the Graduate Division on June 30, 2007. Professor Hune's husband, Dr. Kenyon Chan, was recently appointed Chancellor of the University of Washington, Boethel campus and she will assume a position on the main campus in Seattle.

Professor Hune served as half time Associate Dean in the Graduate Division for a decade. For the past five years, she has served full time as Senior Associate Dean with considerably expanded responsibilities. This latter period has been primarily dedicated to expanding the outreach and diversity activities in the Graduate Division's portfolio where Shirley has provided leadership for four major diversity initiatives.

With Professor Richard L. Weiss, Shirley she was successful in attracting support from the National Science Foundation's *Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP)* for a program designed to increase minority participation in doctoral studies. Several years ago, she assumed responsibility for the UCLA component of the *UC Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP)*, Phase I which was also funded by NSF as a system wide undertaking. In 2004, she designed the program and was the primary author of the proposal for a new suite of diversity related activities under Phase II of AGEP. With consortium partners at UCB and UCSB, she co-authored the University of California Diversity Initiative for Graduate Study in the Social Sciences (UC DIGSS) which also received NSF funding. Together, these projects have provided more than \$2,000,000 to UCLA's outreach and diversity budget. Shirley has also provided Graduate Division administrative leadership for *UC Leadership Excellence Through Advanced Degrees (UC LEADS)*, another system wide diversity initiative that provides enrichment and research opportunities for UCLA undergraduates aspiring to advanced study in the sciences.

Since beginning her service in the Graduate Division, Shirley has provided executive leadership for the *Institute of American Cultures (IAC)*, a consortium of UCLA's four ethnic studies centers, chairing its executive committee and overseeing its principal programs. These include a grants program for UCLA faculty and graduate students and pre and postdoctoral fellowship programs.

From March to August 2005, Professor Hune served as Acting Dean of the Graduate Division during my period of residency at the National Science Foundation.

In sum, Professor Hune, has an impressive array of administrative accomplishments both on the UCLA campus and system wide as coordinator for the *UC AGEP* programs. That she has been able to advance so many diversity initiatives while remaining an active scholar is a great tribute to her and one highly deserving of recognition.

We thank her for her dedication and commitment and are grateful for her many contributions to graduate education over the last fifteen years. Please join me in expressing appreciation to Shirley and in wishing her

and Kenyon well as they embark on this exciting new life phase.

An announcement inviting nominations/applications for the Associate Dean vacancy will be circulated separately.

Sincerely,

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