December 20, 2011

To: Senate Faculty in the College, Engineering, and Nursing

Dear Colleagues:

Please consider applying for a grant to participate in the University of California – Historically Black Colleges and Universities Initiative. The goal of this initiative, launched last year, is to increase the number of students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HCBUs) enrolling in UC doctoral programs. This effort supports UCLA’s and UC’s diversity goals and values, and thus contributes to the excellence of our university.

As described in more detail in the call for proposals (RFP), UC faculty grants are available to support HBCU students conducting summer research with UC faculty at a UC campus. Funds are also available to support departmental efforts to facilitate increased applications from HBCU scholars to UC graduate programs.

The RFP, forms and list of HBCUs can be found here: http://www.ucop.edu/research/gs/uchbcu/call.html.

Information about the UC-HBCU projects funded in 2011 can be found here: http://www.ucop.edu/research/gs/uchbcu/awards.html.

Proposals are due at the Office of the President on Wednesday February 15, 2012. Questions about the Initiative and the grant competition can be directed to me or Vice Provost Christine Littleton. The Graduate Division will host a workshop in January to assist you in preparing your proposals.

With best wishes for the holidays and New Year,

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cc: Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Scott L. Waugh  
   Vice Provost Judith L. Smith  
   Vice Provost Christine Littleton