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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Dean, Directors and Department Heads
From: Juan A. Jarrett
Subject: H-1B Visa Reform Act of 2004

The H-1B Visa Reform Act of 2004 which was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush in December 2004 contains a new anti fraud fee which will increase the fee for an H-1B application by \$500. This new \$500 anti fraud fee will be used by Federal agencies to protect against and to help detect fraudulent H1-B visa applications.

This fee must be paid by all employers (including institutions of higher education) who file a new H-1B petition, or an H-1 B petition to change employers. This fee will be effective for H1-B petitions filed on or after March 8, 2005. Please note that all other H-1B fees remain. This anti fraud fee is an additional fee. Departments who are considering sponsoring H-1B employment visas should revise their budgets to include this new anti fraud fee.

If you have any questions please call my office at 545-0360.