

September 07, 2005

A.K. Parate,
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Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg
New Delhi – 110 002

Sub: Clarification regarding University of Hawaii and American University of Hawaii

Dear Mr. Parate,

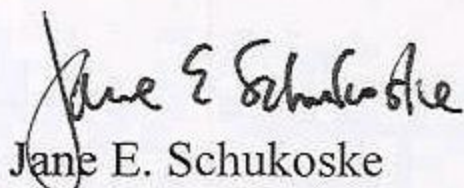
This is in response to your letter of August 4, 2005 on the above subject. While we feel it is necessary to have the malpractice alert on the UGC website regarding American University of Hawaii's operations in India, we also understand the concerns of the University of Hawaii, a fully accredited and publicly-funded university in the state of Hawaii. In order to clear the confusion that could arise due to the similarity in the names of the two institutions, namely, the fully accredited University of Hawaii and the unaccredited American University of Hawaii, we suggest the addition of the following paragraph to the existing alert on your website.

"The U.S. Educational Foundation in India (USEFI) further states that Indian students and academia should not confuse the American University of Hawaii with a similar sounding name, i.e., University of Hawaii. University of Hawaii, established by a state statute in Hawaii in 1907, with ten campuses that comprise the state's only public post-secondary educational institutions, is regionally accredited by the Western Association of Colleges and Schools. This institution is not in any way related to the unaccredited American University of Hawaii. Interested students and academia may log on to www.hawaii.edu for detailed information regarding the university, its accreditation status and degrees and programs offered."

I hope the above clarification is useful.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



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Executive Director