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TO: ASCC Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students

FROM: ASCC Board of Higher Education

DATE: July 1, 2026

RE: Announcement of Interim President

Dear Colleagues and Students,

The Board of Higher Education is writing to inform you of an important leadership transition at American Samoa Community College, effective today, July 1, 2026.

We begin by recognizing the dedicated service of Dr. Rosevonne Makaiwi-Pato, who has devoted close to 26 years to ASCC, including 9 years as President. Throughout her tenure, Dr. Makaiwi-Pato expanded our academic and career technical programs and demonstrated steadfast leadership and commitment to the mission, vision, and values of our college. Her journey from instructor to student counselor to President exemplifies the best of our institution. The Board of Higher Education recognizes her dedicated service to ASCC and extends its best wishes to Dr. Makaiwi-Pato for continued good health, happiness, and success in the years ahead, with gratitude for her years of faithful service to higher education and to the people of American Samoa.

The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Sonny J. Leomiti, Vice President for Administration and Finance, as Interim President of American Samoa Community College, effective today.

Mr. Leomiti brings more than 20 years of dedicated service to ASCC in various leadership roles. His appointment as Interim President reflects the Board's careful consideration of the college's specific operational needs during this transitional period. The Vice President of Administration and Finance position provides daily oversight of business operations, facilities, human resources, and fiscal management—critical functions that require uninterrupted leadership during an interim period. This alignment of current responsibilities with interim needs will ensure

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operational stability and continuity while allowing our academic programs to continue without disruption.

The Board wishes to express its sincere appreciation to both Mr. Leomiti and Dr. Letupu Moananu, Vice President of Academic Affairs, for their exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication to ASCC. Dr. Moananu's continued leadership of Academic Affairs—the heart of our institution—ensures that our educational mission and student success remain our top priority during this transition. Both Vice Presidents have been instrumental in the college's success, and we are grateful for their commitment to our students and community.

We are confident that under Mr. Leomiti's interim leadership, ASCC will maintain the stability, continuity, and forward momentum that our students, faculty, staff, and community deserve. We ask for your continued dedication and support during this transition.

Please join us in thanking Dr. Makaiwi-Pato for her years of service and in supporting Mr. Leomiti as he assumes this interim role.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Board via email: asccbhe@amsamoa.edu.

Sincerely,

Dr. Oreta Mapu Crichton
Chairperson

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