



## M E M O R A N D U M

**To:** Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, Deans, Directors, Data Management & Quality Team

**From:** Tammy Silva, Director, Institutional Research

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**Re:** New Race Ethnicity question format updated

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This memorandum follows the memorandums sent on September 10, 2008 that solicited your suggestions for how UMass Dartmouth will use the new federal reporting system for ethnicity and on December 16, 2008 that described the new race/ethnicity question format that was adopted. An additional category has been added with this memorandum.

For your information, below are the questions we will submit for the new federal race/ethnicity mandate. Included are the two new subcategories – Asian from Indian subcontinent (federal category – Asian) and Portuguese (federal category – White). The previous category of Black or African American (including Africa and Caribbean) will be separated into two categories shown below. This memorandum covers the collection of the data, subsequent memorandums will be sent discussing the methods of reporting the categories and how we calculate percent minority.

### RACE / ETHNICITY QUESTIONS

First question:

1) Are you a Non-Resident Alien (visa holder)?

Second question:

For US Citizens and Permanent Residents:

1) Are you Hispanic or Latino? Yes or No

2) Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please check **one or more** of the following groups in which you consider yourself to be a member:

American Indian or Alaska Native (including all Original Peoples of the Americas)

Asian from Indian subcontinent

All other Asian descent

Cape Verdean

African American

Other Black (including Africa and Caribbean)

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (Original Peoples)

Portuguese

White (including Middle Eastern)

Any questions or concerns should be directed to myself, contact information above, or to Dr Richard Panofsky at [rpanofsky@umassd.edu](mailto:rpanofsky@umassd.edu) or 508-999-8029.