Meeting of the Association of Emeritus Regents
March 9, 2007
Waialae Country Club

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Stuart Ho, Chair.

II. Election of Officers
By unanimous consent, the following officers were elected: Roy Takeyama, Chair; Stuart Ho, Vice-Chair; Stan Mukai, Secretary-Treasurer.

III. Opening Remarks
University of Hawai‘i President David McClain indicated that the Emeritus Regents would be taking on additional responsibility via the Candidate Advisory Council. There is a bill currently in the Legislature which will allow the Emeritus Regents to recommend their candidate for a seat on a council to advise the Governor on candidates for the Board of Regents.

President McClain thanked the Emeritus Regents for their support; reviewed the UH Centennial events; described the impact of the UH on the community; and reviewed the financial status and strategic plan. He also described the Centennial Campaign goal of $250 million, and reviewed the results of the Second Decade Project, which showed that the West Oahu region has the most need for UH resources.

He thanked the Emeritus Regents and the UH Foundation for their support.

IV. Guest Speaker
UH West Oahu Chancellor Gene Awakuni presented plans for the development of the new UH West Oahu campus in Kapolei. They hope to break ground in April 2008, anticipating 1500-2000 students by Fall 2009. The 200 acres of land reserved for University use will use 150 acres for the campus and 50 acres for mixed uses, including affordable housing. Academically, the campus will not compete with UH Manoa—it will be a small campus alternative with workforce-geared programs. Their goal is to increase the going rate of high school graduates who enter the UH system, and to serve under-represented groups. They will provide high demand workforce programs for career changers and career advancement.

In response to questions from the audience, Chancellor Awakuni said that UH West Oahu would have its own academic niche; an athletic program might be a later enhancement; they have and will continue to maintain their distance learning component; and they don’t expect to have any problems in attracting faculty.
V. Other Business

Roy Takeyama spoke about Senate Bill 14, which provides for an emeritus regent to sit on the Advisory Council to screen BOR candidates for the Governor’s appointment. He said that next year, there will be 10 vacancies on the new 15-member Board—3 new members, and 7 expired terms. Mr. Takeyama asked the Emeritus Regents to consider filing applications to the Advisory Council to be considered as a Regent.

VI. Golf Tournament Results

Ed Kuba announced that the Regents beat the Trustees this tournament, 6 ½ to the Trustees’ 5 ½.

There will be another Golf Tournament this year, on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, at the Oahu Country Club. Diane Plotts, an Emeritus Regent, is president of Oahu Country Club.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Takeyama
Chair Designate
Emeritus Regents Association