MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS’ COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND FACILITIES MEETING

AUGUST 18, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Barry Mizuno called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2014 at University of Hawai‘i, Bachman 113, 2444 Dole Street, Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96822.

Committee members in attendance: Committee Chair Barry Mizuno; Committee Vice Chair Jan Sullivan; Benjamin Kudo; Jeffrey Portnoy; Stanford Yuen.

Others in attendance: Regents’ Chair Randy Moore (ex-officio committee member); Lee Putnam (ex-officio committee member); Michelle Tagorda (ex-officio committee member); President, David Lassner; Vice President for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer, Howard Todo; Vice President for Legal Affairs/University General Counsel, Darolyn Lendio; University of Hawai‘i—West O‘ahu Chancellor, Rockne Freitas; and Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents, Cynthia Quinn; and others as noted.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2014 MEETING

Upon motion by Regent Sullivan and seconded by Regent Portnoy, the minutes of the May 13, 2014 were unanimously approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents, Cynthia Quinn, announced that the Board had received no written testimony and that Dan Purcell, a member of the public, signed up to orally testify regarding a grammatical clarification on the Board of Regents’ meeting agendas.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Capital Improvements Program and Repairs and Maintenance Project Contracts for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Associate Vice President for Capital Improvements (AVP) Brian Minaai presented on two deferred projects. He explained that a proposal for the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) covers sites statewide that will assess the condition of the sites regarding future use or demolition. The Energy and Technical Master Plan for the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UHM) will cover the planning and repair of the UHM electrical grid.

Concerns cited by the committee regarding spending money on a plan versus repairs were addressed when it was explained that the energy master plan will cover specifically
the UHM campus proper only, in the effort to control, shift, and save energy campus wide. Additional concerns raised regarding the cost to perform a demolition assessment for the CTAHR sites were addressed when informed that the funds will provide an assessment as well as design money to renovate or repair the appropriate sites.

The committee requested an update of the William S. Richardson School of Law’s Community Legal Outreach Center building. Regent Kudo explained that the project was returned to the committee for further review regarding the high cost of construction and justification for the renovation in the midst of economic challenges facing the campus. Administration chose not to go forward, because the questions are compelling, including how to pay for the construction, as a portion is contemplated to be paid by revenue bonds with debt service paid by tuition increases.

The committee also discussed how to handle legislative-initiated projects outside of the System priorities. President Lassner confirmed that if general funds are appropriated, the funds are generally expended as requested by the Legislature.

Vice Chair Sullivan moved to recommend approval to the Board, seconded by Regent Kudo, and the motion was unanimously approved.

2. Update on UH West O‘ahu Land Plan

University of Hawai‘i—West O‘ahu (UHWO) Vice Chancellor for Administration Donna Kiyosaki presented data and land concepts that are currently being vetted with external stakeholders and legislators, and has been vetted by other community constituencies. The projections are optimistic but useful for planning.

She explained that the focus of the land plan is asset preservation through long term land planning, maintaining financial stability for the UH system, and meeting the mission of UHWO to provide access to higher education for the fast growing West O‘ahu region in the areas of liberal arts and professional studies to meet industry workforce needs. The plan will provide a holistic foundation, establishing boundaries to create a more detailed and refined long range development plan that will provide the specifics regarding academic, land, and commercial uses to create a university ambiance in parallel with the mauka lands.

The committee raised a few comments and concerns. Regent Kudo reported that there are expected to be meetings with more legislators, city councilmembers, and internal and external stakeholders. A clear understanding of the political reality of funding such a large development is needed, even though there is an anticipated demand for undergraduate enrollment. The university needs to carefully consider the benefit of a master developer to ensure synergy and incorporate phasing, and the benefit of public-private partnerships to develop the lands, e.g. continued discussions with Kamehameha Schools regarding the Mānoa region. The committee also recognized the significant philosophical shift to reaching beyond the campus and to include outside commercial components.

The administration will come back to the Board by October to finalize the plan in preparation for the upcoming Legislative session.
V. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion by Regent Sullivan, seconded by Regent Kudo, and with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cynthia Quinn  
Executive Administrator and  
Secretary of the Board of Regents