NOTICE OF BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

Board business not completed on this day will be taken up on another day and time announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

Date: Friday, August 30, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Orvis Auditorium
2411 Dole Street
Honolulu, HI 96822

AGENDA

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Approval of the Minutes of the July 18, 2019 Meeting

III. Public Comment Period: All written testimony on agenda items received after posting of this agenda and up to 24 hours in advance of the meeting will be distributed to the board. Late testimony on agenda items will be distributed to the board within 24 hours of receipt. Written testimony may be submitted via US mail, email at bor.testimony@hawaii.edu, or facsimile at 956-5156. Individuals submitting written testimony are not automatically signed up for oral testimony. Registration for oral testimony on agenda items will be provided at the meeting location 15 minutes prior to the meeting and closed once the meeting begins. Oral testimony is limited to three (3) minutes. All written testimony submitted are public documents. Therefore, any testimony that is submitted verbally or in writing, electronically or in person, for use in the public meeting process is public information.

IV. Approval of Resolutions in Appreciation and Recognition of Regent Jeffrey Portnoy, Regent Lee Putnam, and Regent Stanford Yuen

V. Report of the President

VI. Committee and Affiliate Reports
   A. Report from the Committee on Personnel Affairs and Board Governance
   B. Affiliate Reports

VII. Agenda Items
   A. Approval of the Awarding of the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters Degree Upon General Eric Shinseki and President Barack Obama
   B. University of Hawai‘i - West O‘ahu Mauka Lands Photovoltaic Update

For disability accommodations, contact the Board Office at 956-8213 or bor@hawaii.edu. Advance notice requested five (5) days in advance of the meeting.
C. Recommendation to Defer Changes to Board of Regents Committee Structure to Allow Each Committee to Examine its Functions and the Implications of Elimination or Consolidation and Report Findings no Later than February 2020

VIII. Announcements

A. Next Meeting: September 26, 2019, at the University of Hawai‘i Maui College

IX. Adjournment

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Personnel actions posted for information only
Attachment A: Pursuant to §89C-4, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, the following proposed compensation actions for excluded Executive/Managerial are disclosed for purposes of public comment.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Wayne Higaki called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2019, at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Information Technology Building, 1st Floor Conference Room 105A/B, 2520 Correa Road, Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96822.

Quorum (10): Acting Chair Wayne Higaki; Regent Kelli Acopan; Regent Eugene Bal; Regent Ben Kudo; Regent Michael McEnerney; Regent Randy Moore; Regent Alapaki Nahale-a; Regent Jan Sullivan; Regent Michelle Tagorda; and Regent Ernest Wilson Jr.

Excused (2): Regent Simeon Acoba; and Regent Robert Westerman.

Others in attendance: President David Lassner; Vice President for Administration Jan Gouveia; Vice President for Legal Affairs/University General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy Donald Straney; Vice President for Research and Innovation Vassilis Syrmos; Vice President for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer Garret Yoshimi; Vice President for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Kalbert Young; Vice President for Advancement/UH Foundation Chief Executive Officer Tim Dolan; UH-Mānoa (UHM) Provost Michael Bruno; UH-Hilo (UHH) Chancellor Bonnie Irwin; UH-West O‘ahu (UHWO) Chancellor Maenette Benham; Leeward Community College (LeeCC) Chancellor Carlos Peñaloza; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents (Board Secretary) Kendra Oishi; and others as noted.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2019 AND MAY 16, 2019 MEETING

Regent Moore moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2019, and May 16, 2019 meetings, seconded by Regent Sullivan, and the motion carried unanimously.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Acting Chair Higaki stated that he requested that Board Secretary Oishi conduct the election of officers, as he is interested in being considered for one of the positions.

Board Secretary Oishi noted that the Chair elected today will preside beginning at the next board meeting. Board Secretary Oishi opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the board. Regent McEnerney nominated Regent Kudo. Regent Nahale-a suggested that the positions of chair, first vice chair, and second vice chair be
considered together as a slate. Board Secretary Oishi clarified whether he was nominating specific individuals to be considered for each of the positions. Regent Nahale-a nominated Regent Kudo for chair, Regent Sullivan for first vice chair, and Regent Higaki for second vice chair. Board Secretary Oishi asked if there were any objections to considering the nominations as a slate.

Regent Moore did not have any objection, but ask for clarification regarding the election procedures whether there was a difference if there were one person being considered versus two people being considered for a position with regard to having elections by paper ballot or by voice vote. Board Secretary Oishi explained and VP Okinaga affirmed that ballots are necessary only if there is more than one candidate being considered for any particular position, per the board bylaws.

Board Secretary Oishi asked whether there were any further nominations. There were none stated. Regent Moore moved to close the nominations, Regent Wilson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Board Secretary Oishi restated that Regent Kudo was nominated for chair, Regent Sullivan nominated for first vice chair, and Regent Higaki nominated for second vice chair. By unanimous vote, Regent Kudo was elected chair, Regent Sullivan was elected first vice chair, and Regent Higaki was elected second vice chair.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Board Secretary Oishi announced that the Board Office received written testimony from the following:

- Andy Lachman in support of awarding the Vice Chancellor Emerita title to Kathleen Cutshaw.
- Tammy Kaulukukui offering comments regarding the appointment of Greg Chun as the Executive Director of Maunakea Stewardship as noted on agenda attachment A-2.

No one signed up to provide oral testimony.

V. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Lassner introduced two new chancellors: Bonnie Irwin, UHH Chancellor, and Carlos Penaloza, LeeCC Chancellor.

President Lassner provided comments related to recent events regarding Maunakea, including the arrests of kupuna, the call from the UHM Hawaiian Studies Department for his resignation, and the demonstrations at the UHM and UH-Maui College (UHMC) campuses and other parts of the state. He expressed his respect for those who choose to exercise peaceful nonviolent civil disobedience as a tool to advocate for change, as well as respect for law enforcement officers. He noted his pride in students, graduates, faculty, and staff for standing up for what they believe.
President Lassner further expressed that his utmost concern is for the safety of those on Maunakea including students, faculty, and staff, and noted that UH has no authority over law enforcement. He noted that the issues at hand are bigger than the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) or Maunakea, including land use decisions and self-determination, as well as education, health, homelessness, and incarceration which impact many across the state, but disproportionately impact Hawaiians. He expressed his commitment to keep rifts from spreading and to work toward achieving the core mission of UH in service to all the people of Hawai‘i.

President Lassner explained the procedures regarding the administrative rulemaking process which requires that a decision be made either at the public hearing or announce a date at which a decision is intended to be made. He noted that during the public hearings relating to Chapter 20-26, Hawai‘i Administrative Rules, entitled “Public and Commercial Activities on Mauna Kea Lands,” that were held in June 2019, it was announced that this meeting would be the date at which decision making occur because it was the earliest date possible after the conclusion of the public hearings. However, upon review of the information received, administration did not believe they were ready to provide a recommendation to the board on the rules at this time.

President Lassner highlighted the following:

**Hawai‘i Innovation Initiative (HII)**
- Extramural funding awarded for the 2018-2019 fiscal year was in excess of $426 million, the highest amount since the federal stimulus funding provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This amounted to a 9 percent increase, and every major unit received an increase.
- Data science was an area of strategic weakness and was critical to success in research and workforce development, and strategic hires were made to boost this area. The Data Science Institute has been in existence for about a year and was recently awarded a $1 million research instrumentation grant and were part of a $1 million business innovation research innovation grant, $4 million grant with UT Austin, and also working with Chaminade on a project.
- The Hawai‘i Volcano Observatory, which was displaced due to the last lava flow, is likely to move to the UHH science and technology park. This is a good opportunity to keep jobs on the island and to create synergies between educational opportunities for UHH and Hawai‘i Community College students and research opportunities for faculty.

**Hawai‘i Graduation Initiative (HGI)**
- UHMC was designated as a center of academic excellence in cyber defense education.
- The development of a data science core program for system-wide data science education, including working with Outreach College on courses and developing an innovative approach to curriculum development.
• UHWO received a $2.5 million National Science Foundation grant to increase success for Native Hawaiian students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). There is also a $638,000 grant to help bring veterans into STEM.

21st Century Facilities (21CF)

• A request for proposals was issued to identify a public-private partner for the former National Marine Fisheries National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration building. The selection committee has finalized a selection and will enter an exclusive negotiation period upon notifying the developer. The goal will be to enter into a contract and have plans by the first quarter of next year and occupancy by fall 2023.

• Acknowledged VP Young for providing an explanation on a radio interview of UH’s position on Senate Bill No. 33 (2019); UH recommended veto on the bill, but it was enacted. The bill extended and expanded the film tax credit, but also included a requirement that UH transfer land ownership to the High Technology Development Corporation. UH is opposed to the land transfer, although is supportive of the film studio project at UHWO.

President Lassner and the board presented Mr. Ralph Yoshioka, Information Technology Services Telecom Analyst, with the Willard Wilson Award for Distinguished Service. Mr. Yoshioka is a UHM alumnus who has worked at UH for 27 years.

President Lassner and the board presented Ms. Xiao Cheng, janitor supervisor for the BioMed C-MORE buildings, with the President’s Award for Excellence in Building and Ground Maintenance. Ms. Cheng was recognized for the pride she takes in her work and for inspiring others.

In response to President Lassner’s opening comments relating to Maunakea, Regent Nahale-a appreciated the sentiment and expressed that any criticism directed to the president is also directed toward the board and that it is a shared burden. He expressed faith in the president and his love for the institution, for Hawai’i, and for Native Hawaiians.

Regent Kudo noted that this is a difficult situation and thanked President Lassner for his leadership, and noted that the public may not realize that this is a difficult time for all.

Regent Sullivan echoed Regent Nahale-a’s comments. She noted that it is a difficult situation and that the board probably is not aware of all the effort that President Lassner has put into this issue. She suggested that at some point he share those efforts.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)

A member of the public interjected and asked if the public comment period could be reopened. Acting Chair Higaki allowed the public comment period to be reopened.

The following individuals provided oral testimony:
• Shelley Muneoka noted that she was at Pu‘uhuluhulu earlier this week and asked the board to place pressure where they can. She understands the difficult position the university is in and recognized UH’s mission to be indigenous-serving and a Hawaiian place of learning and suggested that the way to demonstrate that is for TMT to not be built.

• Logan Narikawa shared his thoughts regarding the board and president’s role in making difficult decisions and the sense of community with Hawaiians and asked them to make a just choice.

• Katherine Achacoso expressed her opposition to the desecration of the mauna. She asked that the people and the mauna be protected and that the university is only a Hawaiian place of learning if we listen to and stand with kanaka maoli.

• Aurora Kagawa-Viviani expressed her concern about students and staff and is worried about escalation on the mauna. She asked for: an immediate halt to construction, that UH leadership come back to the table, to divest from TMT, and that the sublease for TMT be rescinded.

• Manu Kaiama commented that UH leadership has not been good stewards of Maunakea and asked the board to stop the construction of TMT.

VI. COMMITTEE AND AFFILIATE REPORTS

A. Report from the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
   Committee Chair Tagorda summarized the committee report.

B. Report from the Committee on Research and Innovation
   Committee Chair Sullivan summarized the committee report.

C. Report from the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics
   Acting Chair Higaki referred to the written committee report provided in the materials packet.

D. Affiliate Reports
   UH Student Caucus: Regent Acopan reported that the next UH Student Caucus meeting will be taking place in September. The Student Caucus traditionally begins in August when school resumes but they decided to allow more time for the student governments to build their councils.

VII. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review of the Executive Summaries of the Annual Institutional Reviews of Graduate Medical Education Programs at the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) for Academic Years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018

President Lassner noted that this is a requirement of the accreditation process associated with graduate medical education, also known as the residency program that occurs after the completion of medical school. The board is required to review the materials, but no action is required. Dr. Lee Buenconsejo-Lum, the designated
institutional official of the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM), was present to answer questions.

Regent Moore questioned why Kaiser doesn’t participate in residency programs, what JABSOM can do about student debt, and what can the university do to help with the physician shortage in rural areas of the state. Dr. Buenconsejo-Lum explained that Kaiser does participate in the residency program and also has its own internal residency program. The report only covers the program for which UH has direct oversight. She also noted residency programs at Hawai’i Island Family Medicine Residency under the Hilo Medical Center and Tripler Hospital.

With regard to student debt, Dr. Buenconsejo-Lum noted that JABSOM is trying to increase the number of full-ride scholarships available to students. A number of organizations and private donors have contributed to provide JABSOM with enough funding to cover approximately one-third of a class of 77 students. She added that having no debt may allow more graduates to choose a specialty that they are passionate about and noted that primary care physicians are underpaid although highly valued. Having no debt may allow more graduates to choose primary care, especially in rural areas.

With regard to rural areas, Dr. Buenconsejo-Lum announced that beginning July 1 of this year, obstetrics-gynecology students are now being trained in Hilo doing gynecologic surgery.

Regent Wilson asked if there could be more residencies to keep more students in Hawai’i and whether scholarships have a service component. Dr. Buenconsejo-Lum responded that the current scholarships have a service commitment, which varies depending on the donor. JABSOM is actively working on creative partnerships to expand support of residency programs.

Regent Sullivan shared that last year NYU announced that its medical school would be tuition-free as a result of a $250 million philanthropic gift in an effort to address the physician shortage in rural areas. She asked whether it is possible to set up a strategic initiative to allow at least a portion of students to attend JABSOM tuition-free. Dr. Buenconsejo-Lum responded that she would need to defer to Dean Jerris Hedges, but acknowledged it would be great if that were possible. President Lassner added that the better predictor of where an individual practices is where they do their residency. There has been discussion on expanding residencies on the neighbor islands.

Regent Moore commented that JABSOM is a gem and noted that over half of the currently active physicians in Hawai’i are from JABSOM.

President Lassner noted that the minutes of this meeting will serve as the certification for the purposes of the review of the executive summaries of the annual institutional reviews of graduate medical education programs at JABSOM for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic years.

B. Awarding of Vice Chancellor Emerita Title to Kathleen Cutshaw
President Lassner acknowledged Ms. Cutshaw for her service to the university.

Regent Moore moved to approve awarding Vice Chancellor Emerita title to Kathleen Cutshaw, seconded by Regent Wilson, and the motion carried unanimously with the exception of Regent McEnerney who was not present at the time of the vote.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed to the public)

Upon motion by Regent Moore, seconded by Regent Wilson, the board unanimously approved convening in executive session to consult with the board’s attorneys to: consider the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of an officer or employee, where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(2), Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS); on questions and issues pertaining to the board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS; and to consider matters relating to the solicitation and acceptance of private donations, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(7), HRS.

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:04 p.m. Acting Chair Higaki noted that the board went into executive session to discuss matters as indicated on the agenda.

IX AGENDA ITEMS (continued)

A. Personnel Actions (A-1 for Approval)

Regent Wilson moved to approve the personnel actions on Attachment A-1, seconded by Regent Moore, and the motion carried unanimously.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting Chair Higaki announced the Regents and Presidential Scholars Dinner would be later that evening at the UHM Campus Center Ballroom. He also announced that the next board meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2019, at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Regent Kudo moved to adjourn, and Regent Sullivan seconded, and with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kendra Oishi
Executive Administrator and Secretary
of the Board of Regents
Item IV.
Appreciation & Recognition
Resolutions

MATERIALS
PENDING
Item V.
Report of the President

NO MATERIALS
ORAL REPORT
Summary of August 22, 2019 Meeting

Minutes:  Approved.

Testimony:  One individual submitted written testimony opposing the elimination of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee.

Agenda Items:

A. Board of Regents Committee Structure

The committee held a robust discussion on the board’s committee structure taking into consideration that the number of regents has been reduced and reviewing the committee structures of peer and benchmark institutions. These institutions have an average of 3.5 committees and an average of 9 voting members, and an average of 11 total members, including non-voting members.

Several regents expressed the board has too many committees, and others expressed that the combination of committees may result in committees being overloaded with work. While there was no consensus, the general sentiment expressed by the committee and other members present at the meeting was that this year should be considered a transition period since there are still 12 regents but will be reduced to 11 next year, and that some time should be taken to assess the impacts of consolidation or elimination of committees.

Action:  The committee voted to recommend to the board to defer changes in the committee structure to allow each committee to examine its functions and the implications of elimination or consolidation with other committees and report their findings no later than February 2020.
Item VI.B.

Affiliate Reports

NO MATERIALS

ORAL REPORTS
MEMORANDUM

TO: Benjamin A. Kudo
    Chair
    UH Board of Regents

VIA: David Lassner
     President

FROM: Michael Bruno
      Provost

SUBJECT: AWARD THE HONORARY DOCTORATE OF HUMANE LETTERS DEGREE UPON PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AND GENERAL ERIC SHINSEKI

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:
It is requested that the Board of Regents award the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree to the following individuals to recognize their outstanding contributions in their respective fields: President Barack Obama and General Eric Shinseki.

RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:
Upon Board approval. UH Mānoa intends to award the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters during the Mid-Year and Annual Commencement Exercises, or at another University event in the upcoming year.

ADDITIONAL COST:
No additional costs are associated with this request.

PURPOSE:
RP 5.209 states that the Board may confer honorary degrees to individuals who are, “[D]istinguished with the equivalent of a national or international reputation. Scholarship, the arts, public service, the professions, and business and industry are examples of general areas in which distinguished accomplishments may warrant the award of an honorary degree by the university.”

The advisory committee for the UH Mānoa Better Tomorrow Speaker Series is in support of awarding the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree upon President Barack Obama and General Eric Shinseki for their outstanding contributions in their respective fields.
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

**Barack Obama**
Barack Obama was the 44th President of the United States. Born and raised on O'ahu, with a mother from Kansas and a father from Kenya, his island values shaped his commitment to family and public service, his dedication to the notion that every child should have equal opportunities. Working his way through college with scholarships and loans, President Obama became the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review, taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago, and served the public as Illinois State Senator and United States Senator. He became president in 2008 and served two terms, leading the country through many challenges, including war, climate change, and recession. His policy legacy includes the revitalization of the auto industry, health care reform, expanded education funding, and clean energy support. The former president's work continues in many ways through the Obama Foundation whose mission is to inspire, empower, and connect people to change their world. In January 2019, President Obama spoke at the East West Center to launch his Foundation's Asia-Pacific leadership program, which benefits the UH Mānoa. He continues his annual visits to Hawai'i and plans to be an active member of our island community for years to come.

**Eric Shinseki**
Born and raised on Kaua'i, General Eric Shinseki has had an extraordinary career in the armed forces and civilian government. A graduate of Kaua'i High School, West Point, and Duke University, General Shinseki was seriously injured in Vietnam and subsequently rose through the ranks to become the highest-ranking Asian American military officer in U.S. history. General Shinseki served as commander of the NATO stabilization force in Bosnia and Herzegovina and later became the U.S. Army's chief of staff, the service's top uniformed position. He retired from the military in 2003 after recommending higher troop levels for the occupation of Iraq, a position that proved prescient. President Obama later named General Shinseki to head the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the government's largest civilian agency. In recent years, he has devoted himself to non-profit work and has served on several boards, including the First Hawaiian Bank board. General Shinseki also served as UH Mānoa's commencement speaker in the Spring 2018 ceremonies.

Based on the foregoing, we believe the request is justified based on their record of outstanding contributions in their respective fields, to our nation and to our Hawai'i community.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED**
It is recommended that the Board of Regents award the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree to the following individuals to recognize their outstanding contributions in their respective fields: President Barack Obama and General Eric Shinseki.

Attachments
Date: 4/12/2018

To: UH Mānoa Award Committee  
Subject: Honorary Degree

Dear UH Mānoa Award Committee,

I am writing to you in regards to nominating General Eric Shinseki, former Secretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs, for an honorary degree from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Over the span of four decades, General Eric Shinseki has honorably distinguished himself as a public servant, military commander, and served our country with humility and dignity.

Originally from the island of Kauai, General Shinseki began his military career at West Point and graduated in 1965, commissioning as a second lieutenant. Following his graduation, General Shinseki deployed twice during the Vietnam conflict where he was wounded. Following his Vietnam tours and recovery, General Shinseki held key leadership roles as Commander of U.S. Army Forces Europe and Commander of the NATO-led Peace Stabilization Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina and subsequently became U.S. Army Chief of Staff. Following his 38 years of honorable military service, General Shinseki answered the call to serve his country once again as Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, appointed by President Barrack Obama in 2009.

General Shinseki is the recipient of numerous U.S. and foreign military awards and decorations, which highlight his contributions and service to our country. He is also an advocate of Hawaii veterans who have served in the famous 442nd and 100th infantry battalions during World War II. Some of those members were part of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Varsity Victory Volunteers. In addition, General Shinseki continues to advocate for post 9/11 era veterans today.
General Shinseki’s long and noble career in public service will leave a lasting impression on leadership stemming from the State of Hawaii. As this spring 2018 University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa commencement speaker, General Shinseki will share his leadership, humility, and experience with our graduating class. As the veteran advocate for the Mānoa campus, I humbly nominate General Shinseki for an Honorary Degree.

Sincerely,

Kenith H. Scott
Director of Veteran Student Services UH Mānoa
April 23, 2018

David Lassner, President
Office of the President – University of Hawaii
Bachman Hall 202
2444 Dole Street
Honolulu, HI 96822

Re: General Eric K. Shinseki – Honorary Degree Nomination

Dear President Lassner,

The purpose of this letter is to recommend that General Eric K. Shinseki be awarded an Honorary Degree from the University of Hawaii. General Shinseki is an outstanding individual who has proven to be an amazing success story of a boy who grew up on a small sugarcane plantation on the island of Kauai to an admirable military figure with a national reputation for being just, accomplished and exemplary.

Throughout his 38-year military career, General Shinseki earned many decorations including Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He capped his military career with four years (1999-2003) as Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, making him the first person of Asian ancestry to become the top uniformed officer of a U.S. military service. During his tenure as Chief of Staff he created the Stryker program, which resulted in the stationing of a Stryker-equipped brigade in Hawaii. From 2009 – 2014 he served as the seventh U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs, longest serving leader of the second largest federal government department.

Upon his retirement from the U.S. Army, General Shinseki continued to be active in the nonprofit and corporate sectors including a total of almost eight years of service as a Director of BancWest Corporation (2004-2006) and First Hawaiian Bank (2006-2009, 2015-Current). His extensive knowledge has proven immeasurable and he is a vital and contributing member to our boards. I’ve had the privilege of working alongside him for a few years and I can attest that he brings valuable insight, keen judgement and extreme professionalism at a very high level.

In conclusion, General Shinseki epitomizes the type of individual that represents Hawaii and what it stands for. He is also an extraordinary example of the values of the University of Hawai‘i Ohana. I believe General Shinseki is a worthy candidate for your Honorary Degree and I appreciate your time and consideration of his nomination.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Harrison
Chairman & CEO
April 16, 2018

David Lassner  
Interim Chancellor  
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa  
2500 Campus Road  
Hawai'i Hall 202  
Honolulu, HI 96822

Dear Interim Chancellor Lassner:

I am honored to nominate General Eric Shinseki (Ret.) for an Honorary Degree from the University of Hawai‘i. Throughout his nearly four decades in the U.S. Army and as the 7th Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Gen. Shinseki served his country with distinction.

Gen. Shinseki was born on a sugar plantation community in Lihue, Kaua‘i. Inspired by his uncles, who served in the legendary 442nd Infantry Regiment, he left Hawai‘i to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point. After graduation in 1965, he served two combat tours in Vietnam, where he was wounded twice and lost part of his foot. In recognition of his service in Vietnam, he was awarded two Purple Hearts and three Bronze Stars.

As the first Japanese-American to be promoted to four-star general, Gen. Shinseki served as commanding general of the 1st Calvary Division at Fort Hood, Texas, and as commanding general of the U.S. Army, Europe. In 1999, President Bill Clinton named him the Army’s 34th Chief of Staff, where he initiated the Army’s Transformation Campaign to modernize the armed forces through a variety of technological and cultural reforms.

As the Army’s Chief of Staff under the George W. Bush administration, he raised important questions about the administration’s strategy in the Iraq War, arguing that thousands more troops were needed to achieve the president’s objectives. Months after the war commenced, Gen. Shinseki’s troop estimate was proven to be correct.

As Secretary of Veterans Affairs under President Barack Obama from 2009 to 2014, Shinseki worked tirelessly to streamline the VA’s operations. Under his leadership, the
VA improved its electronic records system, which led to a dramatic decline in the number of disability claims under review.

In summary, Gen. Shinseki’s long and distinguished career has been marked by his commitment to honor and public service. For these reasons, I am very pleased to nominate him for an Honorary Degree.

I would be happy to supply additional details or to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely yours,

Colin D. Moore
Director and Associate Professor of Political Science
Item VII.B.
UHWO Mauka Lands
Photovoltaic Update

MATERIALS
UH WEST O‘AHU MAUKA LANDS
AES OPTION AGREEMENT & GRANT OF EASEMENT UPDATE
Board of Regents
August 30, 2019
• Hawai‘i law requiring electric utility to establish a Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) of:
  • 30% of its net electricity sales by 2020
  • 40% of its net electricity sales by 2030
  • 70% of its net electricity sales by 2040
  • 100% of its net electricity sales by 2045

• HECO GRID SCALE PV: Phase 1 (274.5 MW) & Phase 2 (~ 900 MW)
**BACKGROUND**

2017
- HECO sought large parcels of land suitable for grid scale PV
- UH identified West O‘ahu mauka lands (900+ acres) (Mauka Lands)

2018
- HECO issued RFP seeking 274.5 MW of renewable power supply
- 6 developers interested in Mauka Lands
  - Only 1 developer per site

2018/2019
- Awarded to AES
- 12.5 MW & 50 mwh storage
- Approved by PUC August 21, 2019
UHWO MAUKA LANDS – AES Selected by HECO

- 18MW DC (HECO limit for site)
- 80 Acres
BOARD UPDATES

• March 22, 2018
  • Board approved Letters of Intent to be executed with 6 developers
  • Authorized President & Vice President for Administration to execute documents necessary to effectuate the LOI, including a long term land agreement (minimum 20 years) with the selected developer

• July 19, 2018
  • Board informed only 2 developers submitted proposals to HECO

• January 17, 2019 (Planning & Facilities Committee)
  • AES selected as HECO’s PV developer
  • Administration proceeding with executing necessary documents
  • Acknowledged the nimble process of obtaining prior approval
CURRENT UPDATE

- Executed Option Agreement with AES West O‘ahu, LLC
  - 2 years with one year extension option
  - Obtain financing & permits
  - Year 3: $1,000/acre/year.
- Grant of Easement: To be executed when financing, permits, and easement approvals (City and County and Land Court) obtained, environmental assessment process completed, and measures to mitigate adverse impacts implemented.
  - 60 – 80 acres
  - 25 years plus construction period with two separate 5 year renewal options
  - 25-year term to commence upon completion of construction and achievement of Commercial Operation Date (COD)
  - Developer responsible for all infrastructure, installation, operation and maintenance costs associated with PPA and the PV systems
  - Condition of premises is “as is” with no warranties or representations
  - Must remove equipment and restore property at end of easement at their cost
  - Construction Period: $1,000/acre/year (to be credited against 1<sup>st</sup> year rent payable after COD)
  - Rent from COD: $4,000/acre/year + 1% increase/year
PUC APPROVAL August 21, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PUC approves grid-scale solar project in West O‘ahu

HONOLULU, Aug. 21, 2019 – AES Solar West Oahu, a 12.5-megawatt (MW) solar project with a 50-megawatt-hour energy storage system, has been approved by the Public Utilities Commission.

The solar array will be built on 80 acres north of the University of Hawai‘i-West O‘ahu campus and the H-1 Freeway near Kualakai Parkway.

The approximate equivalent cost over the 25-year term of the contract is 10.6 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh), in line with prices for six grid-scale solar-plus-battery projects approved by regulators earlier this year. These projects were selected in the first stage of Hawaiian Electric Companies’ renewable energy procurement effort that began in February 2018.

Over time, this project and others will help reduce customer bills because the cost of generating electricity with solar is significantly lower than the current cost of fossil-fuel generation, now about 15 cents per kWh.

The low prices reflect the companies’ innovative new contract structure that enables the utility to dispatch energy from each facility to meet the needs of the grid. All of the projects will provide stable, long-term prices in place of the volatile prices of fossil fuels.

The project is capable of providing enough energy to power 4,600 homes per year and can replace the use of 546,000 barrels of liquid fuel and 64 tons of coal over the life of the contract and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 244,394 tons.

AES Solar is a subsidiary of AES Distributed Energy, Inc., which is a subsidiary of the AES Corporation, a Fortune 500 global power company with 2017 revenues of $11 billion, and $33 billion in assets owned and managed. AES Distributed Energy has more than 200 MW of operating solar projects and more than 300 MW in development, including a 60 MW project on Maui and a 30 MW project on Hawai‘i Island.

Of the eight projects selected in the 2018 procurement effort, one is still under review by the commission, a 15 MW solar array on Maui that will include a 60-megawatt-hour storage system.

Hawaiian Electric, Maui Electric and Hawai‘i Electric Light already have more than 500 MW of renewable energy under contract in addition to nearly 80,000 privately owned rooftop systems in operation.

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Board of Regents Committee Structure

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