

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS' MEETING

February 24, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Howard Karr called the meeting to order at 9:27 a.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2011, at Honolulu Community College, Loui Conference Center, 874 Dillingham Blvd., Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817.

Quorum (13): Chair Howard H. Karr; Vice Chair Dennis I. Hirota; Artemio C. Baxa; Michael A. Dahilig; Ramon S. de la Peña; Clifford C. Dias; Chuck Y. Gee; James J.C. Haynes II; John C. Holzman; James H.Q. Lee; Eric K. Martinson; Teena M. Rasmussen; and Matthew R. Williams.

Excused (2): Carl A. Carlson, Mark H. Fukunaga.

Others in Attendance: President M.R.C. Greenwood, Ph.D.; Executive Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy/Provost, Linda Johnsrud, Ph.D.; Vice President for Community Colleges, John Morton, Ph.D.; Vice President for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel, Darolyn Lendio, Esq.; Vice President for Student Affairs and University and Community Relations, Rockne Freitas, Ed.D.; Vice President for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer, Howard Todo; Vice President for Research, James Gaines, Ph.D.; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, David Lassner, Ph.D.; Associate Vice President for Capital Improvements, Brian Minaai; Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Karen Lee, Ed.D.; UH-Mānoa Chancellor, Virginia Hinshaw, Ph.D.; UH-Hilo Chancellor, Donald Straney, Ph.D.; UH-West O'ahu Chancellor, Gene Awakuni, Ph.D.; Leeward Community College Chancellor, Manuel Cabral; Interim Hawai'i Community College Chancellor, Noreen Yamane; Kapi'olani Community College Chancellor, Leon Richards, Ph.D.; Honolulu Community College Chancellor, Michael Rota; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents Keith Amemiya, Esq., and others as noted.

Chair Karr asked for a moment of silence to honor Walter Steiger, a former Regent and physics and astronomy professor, as well as a major contributor to astronomy at the University of Hawai'i, who passed away on February 6, 2011.

Chair Karr also recognized Regent Chuck Gee for being honored with the Taiwan Tourism Bureau Lifetime Achievement Award, by the President of Taiwan. Also, several noted UH members are being honored this evening by the Hawai'i Institute for Public Affairs, including Secretary of the Board of Regents, Keith Amemiya, University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly Executive Director, J.N. Musto, former University of Hawai'i at Hilo Chancellor, Rose Tseng, and the MELE (Music and Entertainment Learning Experience) program's Gavan Daws, Jim Ed Norman, and Ramsey Pedersen.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2011 MEETING

Upon motion by Regent Lee and second by Regent Dahilig, the meeting minutes of January 20, 2011 were unanimously approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Secretary Amemiya announced that J.N. Musto, the Executive Director of the University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly, provided written testimony and oral testimony with respect to the establishment of the Hawai'i Cancer Consortium. Musto testified that he wanted to make sure that the establishment of the Consortium was not an effort to circumvent the contractual faculty and staff employment obligations, and was not a method to offer researchers additional salary and compensation without meeting the statutory requirements to negotiate those provisions under HRS Chapter 89. He also asked if the Board has the statutory authority to establish a not-for-profit corporation, and whether private donations and donors will be publicly disclosed.

IV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President M.R.C. Greenwood reiterated Chair Karr's remarks on Regent Gee's recent honor.

President Greenwood also provided an update on the current state legislative session and the Governor's proposed budget. Of the six bills in the UH legislative package that was previously approved by the Board of Regents, five are still moving forward (UH deferred the conference center bill). Both the House and Senate bills that would reverse UH's financial flexibility by repealing special and revolving funds have been deferred. UH's special funds include tuition, research, and student fees.

The Governor's budget proposal includes an additional \$10 million for UH. UH also expects at least \$80 million in Capital Improvement Projects for the next fiscal year from the proposal, which would fund the Leeward Community College building and give UH enough additional money to keep up with annual estimated renovations and maintenance.

President Greenwood thanked Senator Jill Tokuda, chair of the Senate Committee on Education, for including the University of Hawai'i in her Education Week festivities. It takes place during the week of March 14. The following week, UH students will shadow Hawai'i legislators.

The Thirty-Meter Telescope project's Conservation District Use Application is on the State Board of Land and Natural Resources' (BLNR) Agenda for action tomorrow. The staff report recommends approval with conditions that are acceptable to UH. UH anticipates a contested case hearing, but BLNR approval would be an important milestone for the project.

Hawai'i Community College's Palamanui Campus is celebrating a ground blessing on March 18, as construction begins on the access road. As a part of the agreement with Palamanui Partners, UH will build a road and the developers of the Palamanui community will spend an equal amount toward building the first of the two planned phases.

President Greenwood recently appointed an Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Strategic Team, which includes a representative from each campus. The purposes of the team are to coordinate UH's support efforts, facilitate the networking and sharing of information about APEC throughout the community, and reinforce the fact that UH is an invaluable source of knowledge and resources.

Campus highlights include:

Baccalaureate Colleges

University of Hawai'i at Hilo – The President participated in the groundbreaking for the Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani College of Hawaiian Language on February 12. The two-story, 37,000 square foot facility will be situated on three acres. The building won the 2010 American Institute of Architects Honolulu Design Award in the category of "Commissioned Work to be Built."

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa – The College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources was awarded a \$6 million grant to increase Hawai'i's energy security using locally-produced renewable energy. The project will develop high-yielding tropical feedstocks that will be economically viable and sustainable.

Two of the five new cabinet members appointed by South Korea President Lee Myung-bak, Dr. Choi Joong-kyung and Dr. Kim Dong-soo, are Ph.D. graduates of the University's Department of Economics.

University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu – Received a gift from local insurance firms, Island Insurance and Atlas Insurance, to support the campus' Certificate in Insurance and Risk Management program, which will provide training in risk management and personal and commercial insurance, and prepare students for the licensure exam.

UH Community Colleges

Leeward Community College – Served as a host for the Leeward District Science Fair, which featured 51 projects presented by 84 students.

Kapi'olani Community College (KCC) – Through a joint effort with the Department of Education's Farrington-Kaiser-Kalani Complex Area and KCC's STEM program, 75 projects developed by sixth through eighth graders were adjudicated by scientists of the Hawai'i Academy of Science and science educators at a Middle School Science Fair.

Honolulu Community College – Nearly 600 high school juniors and seniors will attend the annual High School to Honolulu Community College event, which encourages high school students to pursue higher education.

UH continues to receive positive feedback from its January National Academies meeting. The Advisory Council Report is in the final stages of review.

Copies of the Board of Regents' Policy Review were distributed to faculty, students and staff for their review. Following the review and consideration of submitted comments, the proposed amendments are slated to be forwarded to the Board for its approval in March.

President Greenwood took a campus visit to Hawai'i Community College and UH-Hilo, where she attended a traditional Hawaiian ceremony that she described as a "chicken-skin" moment.

President Greenwood is taking a one-week trip to Washington, D.C., in early March to attend the American Council on Education meetings and to visit members of Hawai'i's congressional delegation, among other activities.

Report of the Host Campus: Honolulu Community College

Honolulu Community College (HCC) Chancellor, Michael Rota, gave a virtual tour of the planned changes to HCC's campus, which just celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2010. HCC has locations in Dillingham, Lagoon Drive, Sand Island, Kalaeloa, and the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. A majority of HCC's students are in the apprenticeship program, with nearly 3,500 students.

HCC is working on its Campus Annual Report, Long-Range Development Plan (LRDP), Campus Policies, Reorganization Plan and ACCJC Accreditation Self Study.

HCC is renovating Building 7, with classroom and office relocation (Spring/Summer 2011), elevator construction (Summer 2011), interior renovation (two floors at a time from the top, Spring 2012), and renovation of the library (Spring 2013), with project completion expected to be in Summer 2013. HCC is looking to acquire more space for classroom use during construction.

HCC is participating in the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon as a part of "Team Hawai'i", which is also made up of members from UH-Mānoa's School of Architecture, College of Engineering, and Shidler College of Business.

Thomas Fee, of Helber Hastert and Fee, a planning firm, previewed the Long-Range Development Plan for HCC expected to come to the Board for approval during the March meeting. The planning process began in January 2010. Chancellor Rota stressed community involvement and feedback during the planning process.

The “Ultimate Plan”, or LRDP, describes the end state development of both the Main and Kōkea Campuses. It replaces many of the older, functionally obsolete buildings and increases the overall floor area of the Main and Kokea Campuses to 695,000 square feet and 95,000 square feet, respectively. The LRDP adds a new great lawn and adjacent student union building, and improves parking.

Chair Karr asked a question to President Greenwood about the Governor’s Biennium Budget. Chair Karr noted that UH requested \$80 million for CIP projects in 2012, but nothing in 2013. Vice President for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Howard Todo said that with a biennium budget, UH requests money in the first year, and then deals with the second year in the second year. President Greenwood said that UH will be working with the Legislature to change those numbers. VP Todo said that UH has already requested \$35 million in each year, and the \$80 million is in addition to the \$35 million per year already requested.

V. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI’I FOUNDATION

UH Foundation President Donna Vuchinich said that as of February 17, 2011, the UH Foundation raised \$18 million, with 15 bequest intentions, including eight with an estimated value of \$3 million, and seven with an unknown value. The UH Foundation projects funds raised between \$39 and \$46 million by June 30, 2011.

Vuchinich introduced new Vice President for Development, Greg Willems. Willems said he is trying to meet with leaders from all 10 campuses to determine unit strengths, value-added dimensions to raise goals, and reasonable and feasible unit goals. In May and June, UH Foundation plans on drafting a prospectus on the pulse of the community and how UH Foundation’s priorities mesh with it. In July, UH Foundation will complete the prospectus and schedule interviews for a feasibility study. From August to October, the UH Foundation will conduct a feasibility study and compile results, and in November it will finalize priorities.

Vuchinich said UH Foundation’s website hits rose from 10,838 in January 2010 to 38,200 in January 2011. UH Foundation’s latest endeavor is in international news, when it launches an e-newsletter shortly.

Regent Rasmussen asked Vuchinich what was the cause of the increase in website hits. Vuchinich attributed it to having better content and a better website.

Regent Gee asked how much of the major gifts come from within the state of Hawai’i, versus outside of Hawai’i. Vuchinich said that about 75% of funds raised came from within Hawai’i. Willems added that at the institutions he previously worked at, that percentage is about the norm.

VI. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF GIFTS, GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Vice President for Research, James Gaines, said UH took in \$5 million below December 2009, with \$14,369,482 in funds in December 2010. It has been a slow award period. February, March, and April will also be slow. UH should finish strong in May and June. Overall, UH is still ahead of last year.

VP Gaines asked for approval for two Indemnity Provisions involving the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. Dr. Harald Eberling and a graduate student will analyze data supplied by the Smithsonian for the project. Neither will operate the telescope. No technician or staff supporting the telescopes at Mauna Kea has ever suffered injury or death.

Upon motion by Regent Holzman and second by Regent Lee, both indemnity provisions were unanimously approved.

VII. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION – PART A

University of Hawai'i at Hilo

Update on College of Pharmacy Programs and Planning

UH-Hilo College of Pharmacy (UHH CoP) Dean John Pezzuto said there is a nationwide shortage of pharmacists, with a projected shortfall of 157,000 by 2020, and a particularly strong need in rural areas. There are 181 students from Hawai'i currently in the program, which is about half of the total number of enrolled students. The goal of UHH CoP is to improve the health of Hawai'i and throughout the Pacific, and to become a top 25 Pharmacy Program.

Milestones in education include:

- 1) The first graduating class in May 2011, with 84 graduates;
- 2) Solid pre-pharmacy programs have been established here and throughout the Pacific;
- 3) A first-class pharmacy library has been developed;
- 4) UH-Hilo is the only organization in Hawai'i that is an accredited Continuing Medical Education (CME) provider (Hawai'i Medical Association) and a Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) provider (Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education);
- 5) Faculty have been placed on O'ahu and Maui and soon to be placed on Kaua'i;
- 6) Community pharmacy practice residency program was launched on Maui in 2010.

Milestones in Basic and Applied Research include:

- 1) Approximately \$3 million was invested to purchase basic science research equipment;

- 2) UHH CoP is the lead organization for a \$16 million Hawai'i Island Beacon Community grant from the Health and Human Services(HHS)/Office of the National Coordinator (ONC);
- 3) Research support from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Science Foundation (NSF) is about \$2 million;
- 4) 10 junior investigators supported through IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) II

UHH CoP is working on a Hawaiian Cultural Research Project, with a strategic goal to “develop a community research partnership, process, and protocol for understanding the diversity of natural products originating in Hawai'i, the Pacific, and around the world and their applications to healing in a culturally respectful way,” as stated in the UHH CoP Strategic Plan 2009-2015.

The state Legislature approved \$5.5 million for the planning and design of a permanent College of Pharmacy building. UHH CoP has completed the design and planning stages.

Regent Rasmussen asked about the purpose of the staff on the Neighbor Islands, and Dean Pezzuto said fourth-year students spend 42 weeks in hospitals, clinics and community pharmacies and thus they require the faculty to serve as preceptors at different sites.

Regent Gee asked if UHH CoP would be focusing on naturopathic medicine. Dean Pezzuto said they already have courses on natural products and herbal medicine, and it is the pharmacist who could be the true expert in these various fields.

Chair Karr asked about the possibility of oversaturation. Dean Pezzuto said that the State Dept. of Labor projects a need of 40 pharmacists per year in the state of Hawai'i. Chair Karr said students who leave for the Mainland for school and return home looking for jobs will be competing with UHH CoP graduates. Dean Pezzuto said there would be an exchange, because many who go to the Mainland for school will remain on the Mainland, and some UHH CoP graduates are anticipated to leave to work on the mainland and elsewhere.

Chair Karr asked about UHH CoP's goal in research dollars. Dean Pezzuto said the top schools of pharmacy bring in about \$10 million a year, and that is the goal that UHH CoP will be working towards. President Greenwood asked Dean Pezzuto to provide examples of the background of the esteemed faculty of UHH CoP. Dean Pezzuto said that some have worked with Nobel Peace Prize winners, and one potential faculty member graduated from Amherst, Princeton, and Harvard.

Regent Rasmussen asked about international students, and Dean Pezzuto said the school receives about 1,200 applications from the U.S. mainland, Hawaii, and the Pacific for 90 slots each year. In the future, the school may reach out more broadly with respect to international students.

Approval of Authorization to Establish the Provisional Bachelor of Arts in Pharmacy Studies (BAPS)

UH-Hilo Chancellor Donald Straney said the Bachelor of Arts in Pharmacy Studies is a degree often found in schools of pharmacy. Many students enter a pharmacy program without a Bachelors degree, which isn't an admission requirement. Currently, about 20% of the students in the UHH CoP program do not have a bachelors degree. UHH CoP can offer the new degree with existing resources and there is no additional cost for the program.

Regent Holzman said that he supported the program and UH's Graduation Initiative, but said that the number of graduates (20) was negligible. President Greenwood said the number is small, but still helps the Graduate Initiative, so the program should be recognized for that purpose. Dean Pezzuto said that the request for this Bachelor degree came from the students.

Regent Gee questioned the salary levels used in the template, which he thought were low. Dean Pezzuto said there were no additional costs for faculty and that the faculty positions are already in place, or the positions are already funded and established and recruitments are under way to completely fulfill the program. Regent Gee said that if UHH CoP has to compete to get the quality of faculty it desires, projected costs might rise. Dean Pezzuto said that, fortunately, there is no shortage of Pharm.D. faculty at the present time, with up to 60 applications for one position.

Upon motion by Regent Dahilig and second by Regent de la Peña, the Authorization to Establish the Provisional Bachelor of Arts in Pharmacy Studies was unanimously approved.

Approval of Authorization to Establish as a Provisional Program the Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Chancellor Straney said that there is no additional cost to the program. There are no additional classes, but the program would add a research component.

Regent Haynes asked about the hiring of three additional faculty members in the template. Dean Pezzuto said UHH CoP is not hiring new faculty, but reassigning existing faculty, and thus is not requesting new funds.

Upon motion by Regent Dias and second by Regent Gee, the Authorization to Establish as a Provisional Program the Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences was unanimously approved.

Community Colleges

University of Hawai'i-Maui College

Chair Karr noted that the UHF Lease Agreement with University of Hawai'i-Maui College for Palaua Cultural Preserve would be deferred in both the executive session and public session, at the request of President Greenwood and Vice President for Community Colleges, John Morton.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Regent Haynes and second by Regent Dias, the Board unanimously approved convening in executive session, pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(2)(3)(4). The Board convened in executive session at 11:48 a.m. and reconvened in public session at 2:36 p.m. following a motion to come out of executive session by Regent Lee and second by Regent Gee, which was unanimously approved.

IX. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION – PART B

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Approval of Formation and Operation of Hawai'i Cancer Consortium, a Hawai'i Not For Profit Corporation

Regents Gee, Martinson, and de la Peña recused themselves from participating in this matter.

UH-Mānoa Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw requested authorization for the formation of the not-for-profit (501(c)(3)) organization. Members include Queen's Health Systems, Hawai'i Pacific Health, and Kuakini Medical Center. The organization will assist UH in advancing cancer care and treatment, particularly regarding clinical trial development for Hawai'i and the Pacific. The Consortium is a separate non-profit business that would allow UH to invest resources of \$2.2 million that the hospital members would make available to UH.

Regent Holzman supports the Consortium, but would like to see a clear management plan for the corporation, including officers and the establishment of accountability for expenditures of funds, by the April meeting. Chancellor Hinshaw agreed.

Regent Holzman moved and Regent Baxa seconded the motion for the Formation and Operation of Hawai'i Cancer Consortium, a Hawai'i Not for Profit Corporation, which was unanimously approved.

Regents Gee, Martinson, and de la Peña returned to the meeting.

University of Hawai'i at Hilo

Approval of Office Space Lease for University of Hawai'i at Hilo Operations

UH-Hilo Chancellor Straney said that the proposal is for a lease that would accommodate the bulk of what is remaining of displaced UH-Hilo faculty and staff during renovations to another building.

Regent Lee moved and Regent de la Peña seconded the motion for approval of Office Space Lease for University of Hawai'i at Hilo Operations, which was unanimously approved.

X. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Chair Karr said approval of John A. Burns School of Medicine Dean, Jerris Hedges (Award Tenure), and Hamilton Library's Vickery Lebbin (Promotion to Librarian V) was requested. Upon motion by Regent de la Peña and second by Regent Baxa, those two personnel actions were unanimously approved.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS


Chair Karr announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2011, at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Stan Sheriff Center.

Chair Karr announced meetings for the Committee on Academic Affairs on March 1 and the Committee on Budget and Finance on March 2.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on the motion of Regent Holzman and second by Regent Dias, and with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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