MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS’ MEETING

May 19, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Howard Karr called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, 2465 Campus Road, Campus Center Ballroom, Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96822.

Quorum (14): Chair Howard H. Karr; Vice Chair Dennis I. Hirota; Artemio C. Baxa; Carl A. Carlson; Michael A. Dahilig; Ramon S. de la Peña; Mark H. Fukunaga, Chuck Y. Gee; John C. Holzman; James H.Q. Lee; Eric K. Martinson; Saudene K. Ota; Teena M. Rasmussen; and Matthew R. Williams.

Others in Attendance: President M.R.C. Greenwood, Ph.D.; Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs/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 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.; Associate Vice President for External Affairs and University Relations, Lynne Waters; UH-Mānoa Chancellor, Virginia Hinshaw, Ph.D.; UH-Hilo Chancellor, Donald Straney, Ph.D.; UH-West O‘ahu Chancellor, Gene Awakuni, Ph.D.; Interim Hawai‘i Community College Chancellor, Noreen Yamane; Honolulu Community College Chancellor, Michael Rota; Windward Community College Chancellor, Douglas Dykstra; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents Keith Amemiya, Esq., and others as noted.

Chair Karr announced that the new Regents are Saudene Ota, Coralie Matayoshi, and Jan Sullivan. President M.R.C. Greenwood thanked Chair Karr and fellow outgoing Regents Mark Fukunaga, James Haynes, and Clifford Dias, for their service.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2011 MEETING

Upon motion by Regent Gee and second by Regent Rasmussen, the minutes of the April 21, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.
III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Secretary Amemiya announced that 16 letters were submitted in support of the Pacific Biosciences Research Center (PBRC) continuing as an entity. The following people submitted written testimony:

1. Dr. Jeffrey Okamoto, Public Policy Fellow, Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation
2. Laura Wong, Tufts University School of Medicine
3. J.N. Musto, UHHPA
4. Dr. Sheila Conant, Dept. of Zoology
5. Ian Cooke, Professor of Zoology/PBRC (retired)
6. Edward Kuba, former Regent
7. Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC)
8. Dr. Robert Cooney, UH Mānoa Associate Researcher
9. Susan Hippensteel, UH Mānoa Faculty Senate Chair
10. Nancy Redfeather, Hawai‘i Public Seed Initiative
11. Alvin Yoshinaga, Retired PBRC staff member
13. Donna Wong, Executive Director of Hawai‘i’s Thousand Friends
14. Leslie Charles Wilson, Dept. of Math
15. Ann Castelfranco, PBRC
16. Joshua Irvine, Graduate Student

Secretary Amemiya also said that Norman Nakasone, the President of the Hawai‘i United Okinawan Association, wrote a letter in support of the proposed Honorary Degree for Shinichi Maehara, from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

Secretary Amemiya then announced that the following people signed up to give spoken testimony in support of PBRC:

1. Ann Castelfranco, an associate researcher at PBRC, said that there are two erroneous facts in the proposal to abolish PBRC. The first is that no faculty jobs will be lost. This applies only to tenurable faculty and no provision is made for "soft-money" researchers at PBRC. Secondly, the claims that PBRC has no involvement in the University’s core education mission, offers no degree or certificate programs, and that the faculty has no teaching or curricular responsibilities, is false. Many PBRC researchers teach undergraduate courses and have been involved in developing new curriculum.

2. Robert Young, an undergraduate student, is a member of a National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded mathematical biology program because the NSF is supportive of the interdisciplinary research that occurs at PBRC.

3. Tom Robinson, of the Graduate Student Organization (GSO), read a resolution from the GSO that was passed on April 22, 2010, in support of keeping PBRC open.
4. Sean Macduff, a graduate student in Zoology Department, said that PBRC allows him to do his research in Hawai‘i. He is from Saipan, which doesn’t have the same type of faculty members and facilities as PBRC.

5. Joshua Irvine, a graduate student, said that his primary motivation for pursuing advanced education and a research career stems from PBRC’s Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program, which afforded him practical laboratory experiences and effectively delivered career and professional preparation. He wants Native Hawaiians like himself to continue to benefit from the program and facilities.

6. Kaipo Perez, a graduate student, said that PBRC played a role in his academic success. He developed his ability to conduct and analyze proper research according to Western protocol. With knowledge from PBRC, he can be interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary in his research.

7. Shannon Bennett, an assistant professor in the Dept. of Tropical Medicine, Medical Microbiology and Pharmacology at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, said that diversity is critical to sustainability and success. The Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) grant supports interdisciplinary research units, which helps the diversity of UH.

8. Susan Hippensteele, the UH-Mānoa Faculty Senate Chair, said that PBRC was subjected to a heightened level of scrutiny that was not applied to centers across the board. The UH-Mānoa Faculty Senate passed a resolution at its May meeting that asked the UH-Mānoa administration to systematically review centers consistent with Board of Regents’ Policy.

9. Robert Cooney, the Chair of the UH-Mānoa Faculty Senate’s Committee on Research, said that the Committee unanimously came to the decision that the abolition should not go forward. He is unsure about the reasons behind the proposed closure.

10. Steven Robinow, from the Dept. of Zoology, said that he doesn’t accept the argument that the levels of other academic departments will be elevated if PBRC faculty is placed in other academic units. He is concerned about the Kewalo Marine Laboratory (KML), which should not be closed if the abolition of PBRC is approved.

11. Kristeen Hanselman, UHPA Associate Executive Director, said that she reaffirms the position of UHPA to ask the Board to reject the abolition of PBRC. UHPA will continue to perform due diligence regarding all reorganizations that impact UH faculty.
12. Michael Hadfield, from PBRC and the Dept. of Zoology, spoke of the training grants at PBRC. He fears the loss of similar programs with the dissolution of PBRC.

13. Marguerite Butler, of the Dept. of Zoology, said that she was concerned about how the loss of PBRC would affect the morale of PBRC’s colleagues.

14. Sheila Conant, of the Dept. of Zoology, said that she has been acquainted with and participated in activities and programs sponsored and created by PBRC that help conservation efforts in Hawai‘i.

15. Durrell Kapan, of PBRC’s Center for Conservation Research and Training (CCRT), said that PBRC has been a consistent leader in graduate and undergraduate research education and training. PBRC’s faculty mandate is to discover trends and to recreate those trends in science and technology education.

16. Alyssa Miller, of Malama Maunalua, spoke from a community perspective. PBRC’s faculty, staff, and students have been great supporters in the restoration efforts of Maunalua Bay.

17. Laura Thompson, speaking as an individual, wants UH to be the leader of everything Hawai‘i needs, including the knowledge to make the state of Hawai‘i economically viable and sustainable. She has never heard a valid reason as to why UH is closing PBRC.

18. Monica Orcine, a recent graduate of UH-Mānoa, has had an enriching experience at PBRC. PBRC has helped her during her pursuit of a Master’s degree in neuroscience.

19. Michelle Matson, as an individual, said that the KML’s vital site-dependant functions and operations benefit the Pacific islands. KML is supported by the larger community.

20. PBRC’s Patricia Couvillon, Robert Cowie, Kenneth Kaneshiro, Healani Chang, Dave Au, Robert Richmond, and Marilyn Dunlap, made an integrated presentation. Couvillon covered PBRC’s background, including institutional and Center grants, programs, training programs, and infrastructure developed, and the challenges faced by PBRC under interim director Gary Ostrander, who is also the UH-Mānoa Vice Chancellor for Research.

21. Robert Cowie went over issues, concerns, and inaccuracies that were presented by the UH-Mānoa administration, including regarding loss of jobs.

22. Kenneth Kaneshiro spoke about PBRC’s vision and mission, and Hawai‘i’s biodiversity.
23. Healani Chang addressed research training and education. She feels that PBRC is in line with UH-Mānoa’s Strategic Plan, because it creates a transformative teaching and learning environment. PBRC has 50% of all minority research training programs at UH-Mānoa.

24. Dave Au covered PBRC’s finances. He said that $3 million in operating funds are leveraged against $6 million in extramural research and training grants and approximately $2 million of UH Foundation and other funds.

25. Robert Richmond went over PBRC’s Business Plan proposal to the Board, asking that the Board 1) reject the proposal to abolish PBRC; 2) appoint a new interim director from within UH; 3) allow PBRC to fill two vacant faculty positions for which funds are already available; and 4) allow KML to continue operations beyond July 2013.

26. Marilyn Dunlap covered the role of Organized Research Units.

27. Ron Iwami, of Friends of Kewalos, said that with the help of PBRC’s Dr. Richmond, they are taking water samples offshore to learn about the quality of water where members of the group participate in recreational activities. The facility not only educates students, but the community as well.

28. George “Bud” Antonelis, of Na Kama Kai/Friends of Kewalos, said that PBRC is a combination of research, management, and outreach and education. PBRC also has public backing.

29. Wayne Takamine, the chairman of the Kakaako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC), said that the Hawai‘i Community Development Authority approved CPAC’s plan. One of the aspects of CPAC’s plan is preserving KML. Plans have KML relocating to the mountain-side of John Dominis restaurant.

30. (Late arrival who testified after Item VI, Acceptance and Approval of Gifts, Grants and Contracts): Steve Montgomery, a UH alumnus, said that he is considering adding UH to his estate plans, but the lack of responsiveness by the UH leadership to the Faculty Senate and Zoology staff are causing him to reconsider. He sees PBRC to still be vital, despite years of attrition in an arcane academic struggle.

IV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Commencement: President Greenwood said that UH awarded more than 5,000 degrees and certificates at the recent Spring Commencement ceremonies. For the year, UH has awarded more than 9,200 degrees and certificates, putting it ahead of the
Hawai‘i Graduation Initiative goal of 8,644 degrees and certificates for the academic year. She complimented the faculty, staff, and students on a job well done.

**Campuses:** Hawai‘i Community College recently celebrated its 70th anniversary. UH-Hilo recognized the 84 students who made up the first graduating class of the College of Pharmacy. The John A. Burns School of Medicine graduated 63 medical doctors. UH-Mānoa also celebrated its 100th annual commencement ceremony. President Greenwood further recognized University Centers on the neighbor islands.

**Legislative Update:** There is still uncertainty about UH’s general fund allocations, because the Legislature left the state administration with the responsibility to allocate cuts among state departments, including the University. The results of the Council on Revenues’ meeting on May 26 and the actual state revenues for the year on June 30 may result in further action by the administration and Legislature.

**John A. Burns School of Medicine:** JABSOM is bracing for a $4 million cut in state funds, which is a large portion of its state support. The State House and Senate had an agreement in place to provide these funds, but the bill never reached the floor during the final minutes of the Legislature.

**PACOM MOU:** The University of Hawai‘i formalized a partnership with the U.S. Pacific Command that will explore enhanced areas of collaboration, including renewable energy, water, and disaster management. UH-Mānoa Chancellor, Virginia Hinshaw, and President Greenwood signed a letter of understanding earlier in the month with Admiral Robert Willard, Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command. The MOU is a result of discussions that were initiated at a conference in January between senior leaders of both organizations.

Some key areas of the partnership include sending nursing faculty and students on military humanitarian missions, such as the Pacific Partnership and Pacific Angel programs, as well as expanding an internship program that gives students first-hand experience working on strategic issues in the Asia-Pacific region.

President Greenwood thanked UH-Mānoa Vice Chancellor, Gary Ostrander, who was the UH co-chair on the steering committee.

Additional campus highlights include:

**UH Cancer Center** - Launched a skin cancer prevention and education campaign in partnership with Xcel, a Hawai‘i-based manufacturer of high-performance wetsuits and outdoor gear. The campaign centerpiece is a series of public service announcements filmed by renowned surf cinematographer, Mike Pickett. Xcel provided the funding for the PSA production and other skin cancer prevention educational activities through semi-annual donations to the Friends of the UH Cancer Center.
Baccalaureate Colleges

University of Hawai‘i at Hilo – Awarded a share of a nearly $1.5 million National Science Foundation grant titled, “Pacific Undergraduate Research in Mathematics” or PURE Math. UH-Hilo’s share of the grant is $707,718, while Sam Houston State in Texas will receive $765,973. The program will be housed at UH-Hilo and administered by two faculty members of each institution. It is an academic mentoring program that will heavily recruit undergraduates from the Pacific and underrepresented groups for a research program that is not usually available to those populations. The two primary goals are to increase the number of Native Pacific Islanders earning degrees and pursuing careers in the mathematical sciences, and to provide mentoring experiences to junior faculty, who will be trained in directing undergraduate research.

UH Community Colleges

Hawai‘i Community College – Collaborated with the Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands, government agencies, and private businesses to build its 44th home through its annual Model Home Project. This year’s home is the first to be a Net-Zero residential dwelling, with a variety of “green” features. The home is a capstone project for the Carpentry and Architectural, Engineering and Computer-Aided Design (CAD) Technologies programs. Ninety-eight students from seven different programs at the college worked together to build the home.

Kaua‘i Community College – 106 Kaua‘i residents have been offered scholarships that will pay 100 percent of tuition, books, and fees to study at KCC in the 2011-2012 academic year, with more scholarships projected for the following year. The scholarships were made available by the Wai‘ale‘ale Project. The program provides scholarships and academic support to participants to attain certificates and associates degrees at KCC. In 2010-2011, 41 students were Wai‘ale‘ale scholars in the pilot program.

Honolulu Community College – HCC’s Music and Entertainment Learning Experience (MELE) students Glenn Molina and Steven Lynch, and MELE instructor, Eric Lagrimas, are nominated for Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards, presented by the Hawai‘i Academy of Recording Artists.

Report of the Host Campus: University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Chancellor, Virginia Hinshaw, spoke about the progress of UHM’s Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation, which was reaffirmed with major concerns in 1999. After numerous "special visits," an Institutional Proposal was approved in 2008. The third and final step – the Educational Effectiveness Review – was completed earlier this year. The final outcome of accreditation will be released in June 2011.
Chancellor Hinshaw also pointed out UHM’s robust research engine, including obesity prevention and education with the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR)’s award of a $24.8 million, 5-year grant, and JABSOM’s Hawai‘i 5-2-1-0 Initiative. Chancellor Hinshaw also mentioned the Marine Science Research Learning Center at Coconut Island.

UHM has increased the number of bachelor degrees awarded, the number of undergraduate and graduate students, and the number of students of Native Hawaiian ancestry.

Additionally, Chancellor Hinshaw noted UHM’s efforts to reach out to younger students at events like Moloka‘i Math Day, Community Music Education, the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition, and the Online Learning Academy. UHM’s partners in its efforts include the Chancellor’s Advising Exchange, which helps with community college transfer students, and the College Opportunity Program, an entry-level freshman program for individuals who are Hawai‘i residents and may not meet the minimum requirements for admission to UHM.

Student successes include increased financial aid, pay for student employees, support for the Campus Honors Program, and a Campus-wide Undergraduate Research Initiative.

Recently upgraded facilities that are enhancing the UHM experience include the C-MORE building and the UH Cancer Center, Hale Aloha Towers, Johnson Hall, Hemenway Hall, Campus Center expansion, a nursing simulation lab, and various classrooms.

UHM has recently launched a strategic hiring initiative, with cluster hiring in high-priority Native Hawaiian and sustainability programs.

Chancellor Hinshaw concluded her report by showing the recent UHM television commercial.

V. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I FOUNDATION

UH Foundation (UHF) President, Donna Vuchinich, said that as of May 18, 2011, UHF was at $33.5 million, with commitments of $5 million that are not included in the current gift count.

President Greenwood complimented the UHF with respect to the acceleration of its goal achievement.

VI. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF GIFTS, GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Director of the Office of Research Services, Yaa-Yin Fong, said that in March 2011, UH generated $21,550,427, compared to $20,495,392 in March 2010. For the Fiscal
Year 2011, the year-to-date total is $399,077,122, compared to Fiscal Year 2010's total of $331,914,811. As of March 2011, the year-to-date proposal submission total is $667,824,956, which encompasses 2,903 proposals. By comparison, in March 2010, there were 3,112 proposals amounting to $884,340,364. The proposal numbers do not include the UH-Hilo campus. As of May 18, 2011, total awards were $429 million for FY 2011.

Director Fong then introduced Dr. Jeff Kuhn from the Institute for Astronomy. He gave a brief presentation on the Advanced Technology Solar Telescope (ATST) project, and the effects of the sun and solar magnetism on the Earth. Dr. Kuhn said that the ATST presents the biggest opportunity for mankind to study the sun since Galileo. Only on Haleakala can the ATST be most effective.

Regent Rasmussen asked how many people the project's construction would employ. Dr. Kuhn said that it will cost approximately $300 million to build, and he estimated that $100 million of that would go to Hawai‘i jobs. There will be about 30-40 operations staff, but it would bring in a steady stream of scientists from all over the world.

Regent Gee asked how UH can maximize its "unusual advantage" of its location, and Dr. Kuhns replied that the areas would be in STEM education and in technology development.

Regent Fukunaga congratulated Dr. Kuhn on the project and asked what makes Maui and Haleakala unique and are those unique properties advantageous in other areas. Dr. Kuhn said that Maui and Haleakala, being surrounded by ocean, have a constant temperature. The mountains protrude above the inversion layer, making the atmosphere stable. In terms of studying the sun, Haleakala is better than Mauna Kea because of the dust on Mauna Kea.

Regent Rasmussen asked if there were international partners with the ATST project. Dr. Kuhn said that in the science working group that defines the scientific priorities of the telescope beyond the co-Principal Investigator group, 55-60% of them are international scientists.
VII. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION – PART A

University of Hawai‘i System

Approval of Establishment of a Provisional Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

And

Approval of Authorization to Establish as a Provisional Program, the Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP), at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost, Linda Johnsrud, said that academic programs do not usually come to the Board as a System item because the System does not have academic programs. However, to be an effective system, UH does its academic planning across all 10 campuses. The Chief Academic Officers, representing each campus, meet monthly to vet new proposals to authorize new programs, to see where collaboration can take place, and check for redundancy and competition within the System. There are different strengths and audiences for both of the programs. UH-Mānoa’s program is a post-Masters program. UH-Hilo designed its program to move beyond the post-baccalaureate level. UH-Hilo has a strong emphasis on rural health care and trans-cultural practice. There is a Memorandum of Agreement between UH-Mānoa and UH-Hilo to share courses, library resources, and opportunities for professional development across the two campuses, and commitments to meet on a regular basis. It is a nice example of collaboration across the System.

Regent Gee asked if UH-Mānoa was diverting resources from the Master’s program to aid the DNP. UH-Mānoa Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Reed Dasenbrock, said the program is self-sustaining because of the differential tuition.

Regent Williams, who is a registered nurse, said it was a great program. He asked the Dean of the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Mary Boland, to give background on the roles of advanced practice nurses, nurse researchers, and nurse educators. Dean Boland said that the health care industry is experiencing increasing complexity, aging population, and a lack of a work force. Campuses in the UH System have been working for about four years to understand work force needs and develop solutions to meet the needs.

Regent Martinson congratulated both campuses on collaboration and being in alignment with the needs of the work force. He asked about the composition of the DNP Advisory Committee. Dean Boland said that there was an internal planning committee that consisted of faculty across the schools. The key committee was the external advisory committee that had representation from both local and national industry members. They heard that the increasing use of technology requires nursing input not
only in patient care, but at the policy and board level, regarding allocation of resources and making sure to stay on track.

Regent Holzman seconded Regent Martinson's comment on collaboration. He asked how the cooperation will affect the students. Will they be allowed to take courses in either program freely, and will they be articulating. What degree do online programs play in the cooperation agreement? Katharyn Daub, UH-Hilo Director of School of Nursing, said that they are looking in part at an executive model. UH-Mānoa has areas of expertise that they could do online courses and share. Director Daub said that she would be an adjunct faculty at UH-Mānoa and Dean Boland would be an adjunct faculty member at UH-Hilo. Director Daub said that UH-Hilo's focus for the advanced practice would be on family nurse practitioners, as opposed to an administration or public health expertise like UH-Mānoa.

UH-Hilo Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Kenneth Simmons, said that UH-Hilo owes a debt of gratitude to the UH System for the collaboration.

Chair Karr said that the action recommended for UH-Mānoa is the approval of the Establishment of the Doctor of Nursing Practice as a Provisional Degree Program to be administered by the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, effective Fall 2012. Upon motion by Regent Ota and second by Regent Lee, the action was unanimously approved.

Chair Karr said that the action recommended for UH-Hilo is the approval of the Establishment of a Provisional Degree Program of the Doctor in Nursing Practice at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, effective Fall 2012. Regent Holzman moved and Regent de la Peña seconded the motion, and the action was unanimously approved.

**Approval of Establishment of a Graduate Nursing Differential Tuition Rate, University of Hawai'i at Hilo**

Upon motion by Regent Gee and second by Regent Carlson, the Establishment of the Graduate Nursing Differential Tuition Rate at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, effective Fall 2012, was unanimously approved.

**Report on Regents' Medals for Excellence in Teaching and Research**
*(Information Only)*

Chair Karr reiterated that the report was for information only. There was one correction to the spelling of UH-Hilo's Roberto C. Pelayo.
University of Hawai‘i at Hilo

Approval of Change of Status From Provisional to Established for the Master of Science in Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science

UH-Hilo Vice Chancellor, Kenith Simmons, said that the program is interdisciplinary and engages faculty from the departments of biology, marine science, geography, geology, chemistry, anthropology, and the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management. The program collaborates with key agencies in Hawai‘i, including the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, the U.S.G.S. Biological Resources Division, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. National Parks Service, and the state Dept. of Land and Natural Resources. Forty-seven students graduated from the program, and 45 have completed Master’s thesis projects, and approximately 80% of the graduates of the program have obtained jobs in Federal and State agencies, science education positions, or private consulting companies. About 15% of the program’s graduates are enrolled or accepted into Ph.D. programs.

Upon motion by Regent Dahilig and second by Regent Carlson, the Change of Status from Provisional to Established for the Master of Science in Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science was unanimously approved.

University of Hawai‘i Community Colleges

Approval of Mission, Vision & Values Statements for Kaua‘i Community College and Windward Community College

Vice President for Community Colleges, John Morton, said that the community colleges are in the midst of a self-study process. Both campuses have gone through extensive studies. The most significant change is to bring their campuses in line with the change that the Board of Regents made in the University mission statement towards being an indigenous-serving institution. Both Kaua‘i CC’s and Windward CC’s mission statements reflect the special responsibilities toward the Native Hawaiian student population and Hawai‘i in general. The accreditation board requests that the Board of Regents approve the community college’s mission statements.

Regent de la Peña moved and Regent Martinson seconded the motion.

Chair Karr asked for clarification, because Kaua‘i CC’s request calls it a mission statement, while Windward CC’s request was for a Mission, Vision, and Core Values statement. Will there be consistency? VP Morton said the mission piece is the most critical portion of the statement, and that the mission is thus often couched in terms of core values and vision. Chair Karr asked if only the mission statement was to be approved, or the core values and vision would be added in as well. VP Morton said that the mission statement is up for approval.
Chair Karr clarified that the action recommended is the approval of the attached mission statement. He also said to delete “and value” from the Kaua‘i CC request, for consistency.

Chair Karr asked Regent de la Peña and Regent Martinson if they were okay with those changes and both agreed.

Regent Holzman asked about the goal to include the indigenous population in the Kauai CC mission statement, and asked where it was in the mission statement. VP Morton said that a line states that Kauai CC “perpetuates appreciation and understanding of Hawaiian culture and develops programs to support native Hawaiian students.” Regent Holzman asked if the Regents were approving not only the mission statement, but how Kaua‘i CC planned on fulfilling its mission as well. VP Morton said that yes, both segments were up for approval.

Regent Gee said that he liked the focus of the Windward CC mission statement. VP Morton said that it reflects consensus on some very serious conversations that took place on that campus.

With a motion on the floor, the Regents unanimously approved the Mission Statements for Kaua‘i Community College and Windward Community College.

**Windward Community College**

**Approval of Request Change in Status from Provisional to Established for Certificate of Achievement in Veterinary Assisting**

Windward CC Chancellor, Douglas Dykstra, introduced Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Richard Fulton, who said that the Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Veterinary Assisting is the first Board-approved CA. The program has been cost-effective, has attracted a lot of students, and it has improved relations with the veterinarian community on O‘ahu.

Regent Gee said that on the school’s questionnaire about the program, where Windward CC surveyed those who completed the program, question No. 7 reads, “Do you plan on transferring to San Juan College or another AVMA accredited program?" Regent Gee asked why San Juan College was singled out. Instructor in Biological Sciences, Ross Langston, said that San Juan College is one of nine AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association) distance-learning colleges for an Associate’s Degree in Veterinary Technology, which is an AVMA accredited degree. Until Windward CC gets its own AS in Veterinary Technology, Windward CC feels it’s important to have that relationship for students who want to continue and become credentialed.

Regent Gee asked if Veterinary Assisting is the formal title. Instructor Langston said that it should probably be the word “assistant”, but Windward CC started out with the word “assisting” because there were other similarly worded fields, like medical assisting.
Regent Rasmussen asked about the job market for the CA in Veterinary Assisting. Instructor Langston said that the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that the job market is supposed to increase by 38% in the next 8 years, with double-digit gains even in Hawai’i.

Upon motion by Regent Carlson and second by Regent Gee, the Request in Change in Status from Provisional to Established for Certificate of Achievement in Veterinary Assisting, was unanimously approved.

**University of Hawai’i at Mānoa**

**Approval of Proposal to Abolish the Pacific Biosciences Research Center (PBRC)**

UH-Mānoa Chancellor Hinshaw said that UH-Mānoa is requesting the approval to abolish the Pacific Biosciences Research Center (PBRC) and the placement of PBRC’s current faculty, researchers, and support staff in other campus units as appropriate. The proposal is about administrative reorganization, and not about reducing research or training activities of the faculty. Chancellor Hinshaw respects what PBRC members have contributed to UH-Mānoa over the years and supports the activities in which they are engaged. She understands their passion to maintain their current arrangement, but also supports the recommendation that the center itself is no longer essential in accomplishing those activities and the resources devoted to the center should be used to support and strengthen existing campus units. This is a time for limiting funding for programs, and changing times call for difficult decisions, so she requests the Board’s support.

Regent Fukunaga, the chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs, presenting his report of the Committee. The Committee is comprised of Regents Williams, Holzman, Gee, Rasmussen, de la Peña, Dahilig, and Fukunaga. It met twice regarding PBRC, on December 13, 2010, and March 1, 2011. At the first meeting at the UH-Mānoa Campus Center Ballroom, the Committee received 25 letters of testimony and heard 20 oral testimonies for about 4½ hours. At the second meeting, held at Bachman Hall Room 113, the Committee heard another 2½ hours of testimony, followed by discussion and action by the Committee.

In addition to reviewing the testimony, most of the members of the Committee took a trip to visit the Kewalo Marine Laboratory (KML). The Committee also looked at materials presented by UH-Mānoa and PBRC supporters.

The Administration’s proposal springs from the overall strategic review and prioritization at UH-Mānoa that was prompted by budget cuts. One of the items identified was the abolishment of PBRC. It would be largely a reorganization of reporting lines, where PBRC people would be transitioned to other existing departments at the University. There would be no jobs lost as a result of the reorganization. UH-Mānoa
Vice Chancellor, Gary Ostrander, testified that as an Organized Research Unit (ORU), PBRC had special status, which is one reason why it is coming before the Board. Under previous Board policy, only the Board could create, maintain, and dissolve ORUs. Whatever the case may be, ORUs must meet standards, and Vice Chancellor Ostrander’s view was that the criteria in Executive Policy 213, which says that an ORU should be performing focused research that cannot be done within the existing departmental framework of the University System. Vice Chancellor Ostrander’s view is that PBRC has multiple locations with multiple areas of research as opposed to a single focus, and he thus believes that PBRC no longer qualifies as an ORU. Additionally, PBRC enjoys terrific staff support in the form of grant writing and grant management, and also performs those services for non-PBRC areas of UH. The thought was that perhaps those resources should be spread to other areas of the UHM system. There was an overwhelming amount of support against the proposal to abolish PBRC that spoke to the value of interdisciplinary collaboration, quality of research, and the value of what was being done at PBRC, including by student testifiers.

At the March 1 meeting, the Committee explored sub-issues, including KML, which was included in the original proposal for closure. The KML sub-issue has since been removed from the revised proposal. There is a variance of opinion on what it would take to keep KML safe and compliant. There is also mention of where KML fits among UH’s other marine facilities: The Hawai‘i Institute of Marine Biology and Waikiki Aquarium. Because KML is no longer a part of the proposal, the Committee only discussed PBRC. There was also discussion about Vice Chancellor Ostrander’s roles as both interim director of PBRC as well as his role as the Vice Chancellor who recommended closure, and whether that was appropriate and proper. The Committee discussed the issue with Vice Chancellor Ostrander, whose response was that because there were failed efforts to secure a permanent director for PBRC, he was put in that position and thought that he had acted properly. Regent Fukunaga understands the appearance that the process was unfair. However, the Committee tried to look beyond that to the substance of the proposal.

At the March 1 meeting the Committee voted. By a vote of 5-2, the Committee supported the administration’s recommendation to abolish PBRC.

As a Committee action, a motion to abolish PBRC was presented to the Board. Regent Rasmussen seconded the motion.

Regent Fukunaga said that the most important point to note was that all of the Regents are tremendously impressed with what was achieved by PBRC. It was not an easy issue, but he hopes that no one interprets the possible actions taken as dismissive or not sufficiently appreciative of the work that was done at PBRC. However, tough economic times require tough choices. The Regents have to decide the best use of resources, and PBRC is good, but is it the best use of resources? For Regent Fukunaga, it came down to three reasons: 1) There is no single focus on biomedical research, because JABSOM is also performing biomedical research. 2) There are budgetary savings closing PBRC. To do something as special as an ORU, it should be
done well. That means hiring a permanent director, a position that is now vacant. Good permanent directors are not cheap, so that is an additional expense. Also, on the budget side, one consistent thing is the quality of staff support, which is above average in the UH system. It is fair to redistribute those resources to where there is a critical need. 3) It is a reorganization, and people would be transitioned to existing departments. He hasn’t heard clearly why a lot of the research that is done at PBRC could not be done in existing departments. If the abolition is approved, he asked that the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor ensure smooth transitions of PBRC’s people, programs, and research. Those three previous reasons are why he voted to abolish PBRC.

Regent Gee said that he saw the decision as more than a business one because of hard times. He sees PBRC as self-supporting, although it could do better. Hawai‘i is a natural laboratory for the study of biodiversity. He values the work that is being done and the hundreds of students who are being trained. Because of the trans-disciplinary nature of PBRC, he doesn’t see the same kind of synergy happening once PBRC is disbanded. He cannot support the closure. Whatever the decision is, he hopes that something is done to protect the concept of PBRC for the future.

Regent Baxa said that he is appreciative of the work of the Committee, but wonders if the Board is dismantling wisdom if it approves the abolishment of PBRC. He asked if the reasons that came before the Board are substantive reasons for closure. He asked that the Regents take time to reassess their decisions. What effect will the reorganization have on other departments? Will the former members of PBRC just be appendages or will they be lost within other departments? If PBRC does have weaknesses, what has UH done to help strengthen it? Is the interest of the University protected by what the Regents are being asked to do?

Regent Lee asked Vice Chancellor Ostrander what the savings would be with respect to the closure of PBRC. Vice Chancellor Ostrander said that, initially, there would be savings from the positions of the director and director’s secretary, which would be about $250,000 a year. The second set of savings, so-called “opportunity savings,” would be in future vacant positions in PBRC that could be moved into core units identified by the Chancellor and the strategic plan. There is a third savings that relates for the staff to serve more and greater numbers of people in the UH research community. Regent Lee asked if the grants that are currently funding PBRC would cover the director’s position. Vice Chancellor said no, that the research grants that currently fund PBRC cover their research activities. There are indirect costs that come from the research grants every year, and those are reinvested into the research infrastructure of the University as well as the research structure of PBRC. Regent Lee asked about the status of the KML land lease. Vice Chancellor Ostrander repeated that the KML is separate from this proposal, but explained that the KML lease has 20 years remaining on it.

Regent Holzman said that he voted in favor of the closure at the Committee meeting on March 1, but he was having second thoughts. He finds it significant that over the vast
amounts of testimony he's heard regarding PBRC, there were only two who have supported the abolishment of PBRC: the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor. One of the conclusions he draws is that PBRC is unique and doing something different. It leaves a bad taste in his mouth – PBRC was not cultivated. It spent 5-6 years without leadership, and it is hard to judge it in its current state when it might have been something different if there was better leadership. Maybe PBRC should have been abolished when most of its work was passed on to JABSOM, instead of leaving it as a "lost lamb." He doesn't think you can separate KML from PBRC. There needs to be some kind of assurance or explanation of KML's future status. What is its stated intent? Also, he wondered about the difference in opinions about the jobs, because according to PBRC, there are 129 people working at PBRC. He would like to know what will happen to all 129 of them.

Regent Williams, who voted against the reorganization during the Committee meeting, thanked the administration, PBRC, and the community. He said that he voted against the abolishment because of Executive Policy 213, which states that no organizational unit shall be established or maintained if its objectives are essentially the same as those of an existing department or other unit within the relevant campus, or its objectives can be accomplished just as effectively within an existing university administrative structure. The Regents heard an overwhelming amount of testimony that there is a broad yet common research theme for PBRC. He would encourage the UH administration to bring forward to the Regents cost-saving issues, but he voted against the abolishment based on the executive policy.

Regent Dahilig said he knows people with ties to PBRC, and he is a minority who studied science at UH. What struck him in the Executive Policy was the issue regarding an administrative structure that provides a locus for faculty, staff, and students to engage in focused, collaborative research and training activities. The purpose, under that Policy, talks about fostering interdisciplinary faculty research activities and to assist undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students by giving them access to research opportunities, facilities, and equipment. Those are the policy elements that he looked at to support the administration's suggestions. PBRC has great support staff and great grant writers. But when you look at the Policy, having great support staff and great grant writing does not make a center. He also looked at the aspect of a focused line of research. Biodiversity is important, but because of economically tough times, UH must focus its research efforts in areas in which UH can excel. He knows UH is strong in ocean sciences and astronomy, but is biodiversity the line of research that UH wants to invest in? The recommendation of the administration is that it is not the area where it wants to put its efforts. Thus, it is with great reluctance that he supports the proposal.

Regent de la Peña asked if UH-Mānoa made a decision on how to reorganize the PBRC staff, and who will go to what units within UH. Vice Chancellor Ostrander said that for the purposes of reorganization, he needed to designate where faculty would be assigned. Initially, he attempted to ask the faculty members where they preferred to go, but most declined to have that conversation. Therefore, his position at the time was to put people where he thought they would best fit, and as he told the Faculty Senate and the Faculty Senate's Committee on Administration and Budget, if the Board approves
the abolishment, then he would talk to faculty and revisit the issue. If people wanted to
go to a different department or school, he would work with them and the appropriate
dean to make it happen. Once he identified where a permanent, tenured faculty
member went then it would be possible to identify where the staff and soft-money
people, a majority of whom are on research grants of the faculty, would go. He
recognized that administratively, if the Board approves the request, then what he put in
the plan is also approved, and there might be some discussion with deans and directors
as to how to facilitate it. His plan is to find the best positions for people to best meet
their personal and professional needs and to meet the needs of the University as well.
Regent de la Peña asked about KML and the confusion over KML. Vice Chancellor
Ostrander said that UH currently has two marine laboratories: HIMB and KML, and both
have challenges. Therefore, he indicated in 2008 that it was a facility issue and UH
would close KML, and over the next five years UH would try to best figure out how to
meet the needs of the faculty members and their research. Although it was a part of the
original proposal, and then removed from the current proposal, he told the faculty that
he needed to approve any grants that would require the use of KML beyond 2013. If UH
decided it couldn’t keep two marine labs, it needed to decide in 2012-2014 that KML
had to go or another developer was given development rights and pressure was put on
UH-Mānoa to vacate the lab, and thus there would be a situation where faculty member
might have five years remaining on a grant that requires the use of KML. The Faculty
Senate’s Committee on Administration and Budget asked the administration to work
with it on looking at the marine resources across the university, and he agreed. Vice
Chancellor Ostrander said that he is committed to having that conversation going
forward.

Regent Holzman asked about Vice Chancellor Ostrander’s commitment to evaluate
marine labs, and how is that consistent with a statement that Vice Chancellor Ostrander
plans on closing KML in 2013. Vice Chancellor Ostrander said that in 2008, it was his
position that UH would close KML in 2013 because it was a facility issue. This past
summer, the Faculty Senate requested that he participate in a conversation with the
faculty, and he said yes. There has been no conversation about KML since then, with
the focus being on PBRC. He doesn’t know why 2013 continues to be perpetuated, but
he is willing to be a part of that conversation. Keeping two marine laboratories open is a
tough situation, because UH-Mānoa’s resources have dropped by $60-$70 million.

Regent Fukunaga asked Vice Chancellor Ostrander to clarify the job situation. Vice
Chancellor Ostrander said that there are faculty, staff, and students who are on “soft
money” on research grants. He is not the Principal Investigator (PI) on those grants; the
individual faculty members are the PIs on the research grants. The individuals in PBRC
who have partial funding or funding through Research Training and Revolving Funds
are in temporary positions, including “soft money” positions. UH-Mānoa will take the
general funds and money used for those positions and transfer it to the new units. He
won’t eliminate temporary or “soft money” positions.

Regent Rasmussen said it was a difficult decision. She questioned statements by
PBRC supporters who claimed they would be unable to collaborate with other units, and
why grant funding would disappear if the staff and faculty continue to do good work elsewhere. She also questioned why the programs within PBRC would go away, because PBRC is essentially the people who work there, and wherever they go, she assumes that they would continue their good work. It was an issue for her about a university that needs to reorganize. With tough economic times, UH can't afford to keep things the same and tough choices need to be made. Even if PBRC is kept intact, it still wouldn't have the money to hire a director or do the things it needs to do to bring the department to the level that it should be. Research funding has been flat, indicating stagnation. Regent Rasmussen is not diminishing the work of the researchers, but as a unit, it appears that there is stagnation.

Regent Carlson said that it comes back to finances and available resources. He can’t get a grip on the magnitude of the savings and efficiencies in a potential closure. He asked Vice Chancellor Ostrander to expand upon his answer to Regent Lee’s question about savings. Vice Chancellor Ostrander said that there would be financial savings and strategic opportunity savings, which he considers equally important in an organization’s direction. In terms of specific dollar savings, a director’s salary is in excess of $200,000 a year, plus a director’s secretary’s salary. The distribution and number of staff per faculty is the highest in PBRC of any unit on campus. He thinks that the biggest savings is that the broad areas of research that are performed in PBRC are being done in other units. The existing faculty positions that are vacant – he mentioned seven positions at $100,000 apiece – can be put into departments and units to best align with UH-Mānoa’s core.

Regent Martinson thanked the Committee members for their hard work, and he respects their decision. One piece of testimony that struck him was given by “Aunty” Laura Thompson that talked about how UH has a role to play in making Hawai‘i better. He is asking himself how this decision will make the University better in order to make Hawai‘i better. As he read the materials, he still questioned how closure would make UH better. Part of it is financial, although that wasn’t clearly articulated, and he could understand the efficiency argument. However, it wasn’t clear how the programs being done at PBRC today would be carried forward through the reorganization. Vice Chancellor Ostrander said that faculty in PBRC have academic freedom to develop their programs as they see appropriate. Some faculty focus on investigator-initiated research, some faculty focus on training grants, others play a significant role in service, and others have joint appointments with other units where they teach. Faculty members have the freedom to continue doing what they are doing now. There is no training or research grant in PBRC that can only be in PBRC. There is nothing stopping faculty from collaborations. He is excited about faculty members in an interactive and new department and bringing experience, expertise, and perspective to that department, which can help that department and UH grow.

Regent Baxa asked if the transition would result in the loss of the focus and direction of the work that the PBRC faculty performs. Vice Chancellor Ostrander disagreed, because the faculty members work on the area of research that they want to work on, and write their own research grants to support their research. Many members of PBRC
are collaborating with faculty outside of PBRC. Regent Baxa asked if PBRC should have a head director to manage the programs and maintain cohesion. Vice Chancellor Ostrander said that in an ORU, the individual faculty members work in the individual area in which they are trained. Typically, a unit may hire a group of faculty members who may collaborate, but not always. Directors do not tell individual members what they have to work on. They present opportunities and try to facilitate collaborations. Regent Baxa said that PBRC has a name and reputation that help in grants. Vice Chancellor Ostrander said that it does help to be a part of an organization that has a well-established name. However, it is the review and merits of the individual grant application that ultimately makes the difference.

Regent Martinson said that whatever the decision is, UH should create the best situation possible.

With a motion on the floor for the Board of Regents to approve the abolishment of PBRC, and the placement of PBRC’s faculty, researchers, and support staff in other schools, colleges, departments, or research units as appropriate, Chair Karr polled the Regents in favor of the motion. Regents Dahilig, de la Peña, Rasmussen, Fukunaga, Martinson, and Carlson raised their right hands in favor of the motion. Chair Karr polled the Regents opposed to the motion. Regents Holzman, Ota, Williams, Gee, Hirota, Baxa, and Lee raised their right hands opposing the motion. Chair Karr announced that he would vote with the affirmative and that there was a 7-7 tie. Chair Karr recommended that the item be given back to the President to see what should be done going forward. He thanked everyone for their presentations. Both PBRC supporters and UH-Mānoa administration did well. The item now falls under the recently revised Board of Regents’ policies which empowers the President to review ORUs such as PBRC. Evaluations of ORUs are supposed to be performed every seven years. Chair Karr said that he is unsure if an evaluation of PBRC has been done in that time frame, or if evaluations of any ORUs have ever been done. This matter is something that he will leave with the UH administration to handle.

President Greenwood said that it was a difficult situation and that the administration will see how to resolve it. She will get back to the Board on this matter.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Regent Martinson and second by Regent Gee, the Board unanimously approved convening in executive session, pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(2)(3)(4). The Board convened in executive session at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened in public session at 4:39 p.m. following a motion to come out of executive session by Regent de la Peña and second by Regent Rasmussen, which was unanimously approved.
IX. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION – Part B

University of Hawai‘i System

Approval of Recommendations for Tenure and Promotion

Regent Gee, the chair of the Committee on Personnel Affairs, said that the Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that the Board of Regents award tenure and/or promotion on the effective dates as indicated. With a motion by the Committee, Regent Carlson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Approval of Temporary Salary Reductions for Executive and Managerial Personnel

President Greenwood asked for approval of a temporary 5% salary reduction for executive and management personnel, from their base salaries. Chair Karr said that the reduction is effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The President has volunteered to continue her 10% reduction through the same time period. There is an exemption from the temporary 5% salary reduction for executive and managerial personnel who retire from service on or before December 31, 2011.

Regent Martinson moved and Regent Holzman seconded the motion. Regent Holzman expressed his appreciation and respect that this item is being proposed because of the hard economic times. President Greenwood thanked the executive and managerial personnel. With a motion on the floor, approval of Temporary Salary Reductions for Executive and Managerial Personnel was unanimously granted.

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Approval of Honorary Degree for Shinichi Maehara

And

Approval of Honorary Degree for W.S. Merwin

UH-Mānoa Chancellor Hinshaw said that Shinichi Maehara has widespread support in Hawai‘i and in Okinawa. He is an accomplished scholar. W.S. Merwin, a poet laureate of the United States, has made major contributions in literary work and education, and he strongly supports the Native Hawaiian people, culture, and environment.

Regent de la Peña moved and Regent Gee seconded the motion to approve the Honorary Degrees for Shinichi Maehara and W.S. Merwin, which passed unanimously.
X. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Chair Karr noted a correction on page 26 of Attachment B-2, correcting the spelling of Victoria Mathis of Kaua‘i Community College.

Regent Lee moved and Regent Martinson seconded the motion to approve Attachment B-1, which requested the Appointment of Noreen Yamane as the Chancellor of Hawai‘i Community College, which was unanimously approved.

XI. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Regent Dahilig, speaking on behalf of the Task Group on Board Leadership, said that pursuant to the new law signed by Governor Abercrombie, the Board is entitled to appoint two Vice Chairs. The Task Group believes that the Chair and Board should be responsible for determining the scope and responsibilities of each Vice Chair and are therefore not recommending distinguishing between the rank or order of each Vice Chair. After gauging the interest of seated Regents continuing after June 30, 2011, the Task Group is prepared to make the following nominations for Chair and Vice Chairs of the Board.

Starting with the Vice Chairs, on behalf of the Task Group on Board Leadership, Regent Dahilig nominated Regents James Lee and Carl Carlson as Vice Chairs of the Board. Chair Karr asked if there were any further nominations from the floor, and there were none. With no nominations from the floor, Chair Karr considered the nominations closed. Vice President for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel, Darolyn Lendio, said that the Board needed eight votes to carry the motion, so even if the election was uncontested, she recommended having a vote. Regent Gee seconded the motion by Regent Dahilig, and the motion to elect Regents Lee and Carlson as the Vice Chairs was unanimously approved.

Regent Dahilig said that on behalf of the Task Group on Board Leadership, he would like to place into nomination, Vice Chair Dennis Hirota and Regent Eric Martinson, and requested that a secret ballot be distributed. Regent Rasmussen seconded the motion. Chair Karr asked if there were any further nominations from the floor, and there were none. Chair Karr requested that Secretary Amemiya distribute ballots. Secretary Amemiya and VP Lendio distributed and collected the secret ballots, and Secretary Amemiya, VP Lendio, and interim Executive Assistant to the Board, Leila Wai, tallied the votes.

Chair Karr announced that Regent Martinson received 10 votes and Vice Chair Hirota received four votes in the election for Chair. Starting July 1, 2011, Regent Martinson will be the Chair of the Board of Regents.
XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Karr announced that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2011.

Chair Karr thanked the Regents and staff for their hard work during extremely difficult times. He expressed his aloha for the newest Emeritus Regents: Mark Fukunaga, James Haynes, and Clifford Dias.

Regent de la Peña thanked Chair Karr for his leadership and said that he would miss Chair Karr.

Regent Carlson also recognized Vice Chair Hirota for his service as the Vice Chair for the past two years. Both Chair Karr and Vice Chair Hirota have put in a tremendous amount of time and have represented the Regents well. The Regents applauded Vice Chair Hirota.

Regent Gee echoed the sentiments of the other Regents. He said Chair Karr was an outstanding chairman, who was fair and listened to all viewpoints. Regent Gee equally appreciated the work Vice Chair Hirota put in, especially with real estate issues. He also said Regent Fukunaga’s business perspective is going to be sorely missed.

Regent Baxa thanked Chair Karr, saying he was a remarkable, gentleman Chair.

Regent Rasmussen thanked Chair Karr and Vice Chair Hirota, saying they set a bar for the Chair and Vice Chair positions. She appreciates that although the Regents didn’t always agree on issues, they were always friends, kept things professional, and kept what was best for the University at the forefront of the Regents’ minds.

Chair Karr thanked the Regents for their sentiments, and said that the cohesion of the Board was extraordinary.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on the motion of Regent Carlson and second by Regent Rasmussen, and with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

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