MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

MAY 18, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at Honolulu Community College, Norman W.H. Loui Conference Center, Building 2, Room 201, 874 Dillingham Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96817.

Quorum (11): Chair Randy Moore; Vice-Chair Alapaki Nahale-a; Vice-Chair Ernest Wilson; Regent Eugene Bal; Regent William Haning; Regent Wayne Higaki; Regent Gabriel Lee; Regent Laurel Loo; Regent Abigail Mawae; Regent Diane Paloma; and Regent Laurie Tochiki.

Others in attendance: President David Lassner; Vice President (VP) for Administration Jan Gouveia; VP for Academic Strategy Deobra Halbert; VP for Legal Affairs/University General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; VP for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer Garret Yoshimi; VP for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Kalbert Young; VP for Advancement/University of Hawai‘i Foundation (UHF) Chief Executive Officer Tim Dolan; University of Hawai‘i (UH) at Mānoa (UHM) Provost Michael Bruno; UH Hilo (UHH) Chancellor Bonnie Irwin; UH West O‘ahu (UHWO) Chancellor Maenette Benham; Honolulu Community College (HonCC) Chancellor Karen Lee; Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs for the UH Community College System Della Teraoka; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents Yvonne Lau; and others as noted.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Moore inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes of the April 20, 2023, meeting which had been distributed. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Board Secretary Lau announced that the Board Office received written comments from Albert D.K. Chee, Jr. supporting the appointment of Craig Angelos as the UHM Athletics Director.

Late written comments regarding the reclassification of faculty and post tenure review were received from Jonathan K. Osorio, Dean of Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge.

Late written comments regarding the appointment of a new athletics director and UHM Athletics’s first aid program were received from Claire Santos.

Written testimony may be viewed at the of the Board of Regents website as follows:

[Written Testimony Comments Received]
Late Written Testimony Comments Received

Jill Nunokawa provided oral comments regarding the appointment of a new athletics director at UHM.

IV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

A. SCR 201 Task Force Next Steps Progress Report

The administration continues to consult with, and seek input from, faculty on proposed policy amendments that were crafted in accordance with recommendations contained within the SCR 201 Task Force report. President Lassner spoke about recent meetings held with the UHWO Faculty Senate, the All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs, and Specialist, or “S”, faculty in the College of Education at UHM to discuss the proposed policy changes; noted that feedback received via discussions with faculty will be used to revise the proposed policy changes over the summer; and stated that the administration anticipates returning to the board with recommended policy amendments by the end of the calendar year. He also stated that the administration and University of Hawai‘i Professional Assembly have collaborated on the development of a white paper that provides additional context to the recommended policy changes which will be shared with all faculty members.

B. Enrollment Update

Overall, registration headcount enrollment is up by about one percent systemwide with nearly half of the expected number of students for the fall semester having already registered for classes ninety-five days prior to the first day of instruction. UHM, UHH, UWHO, Leeward Community College, Windward Community College, and HonCC, are all experiencing various degrees of increased enrollment with HonCC witnessing a whopping 20.3 percent increase. Additionally, there has been a growth in fall student semester hours (SSH) of 2.3 percent to date which, given current enrollment data, indicates that students who are registering for the fall semester are signing up for more courses. HonCC is also the performance leader in this statistic with a 22 percent increase in credit SSH as compared to last fall.

C. Extramural Funding Update

As of this morning, the university has received just over $443 million in extramural funding which represents about a one percent decrease in the amount received as compared to the same day last year although the administration remains hopeful that the $500 million mark will be surpassed by the end of the fiscal year. President Lassner pointed out that, while the overall number of awards received have decreased by approximately 17 percent, the average award amount has increased by about 19 percent. He also discussed an extramural award received by the university that is associated with the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Regional Innovation Engines Program, a program developed by the recently created Directorate for Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships within NSF aimed at catalyzing and fostering innovation ecosystems across the United States to address pressing national and societal challenges; cultivate partnerships across industry, academia, government, nonprofits,
civil society, and communities of practice; promote and stimulate economic growth and job creation; and spur regional innovation and talent. The university’s proposal involves the establishment of a network that will serve as a hub for Hawai‘i and the United States-affiliated Pacific Islands to develop collaborative food innovation solutions through the interweaving of indigenous knowledge systems with modern technology to address the impacts of climate change. While the NSF’s initial investment in this proposal of just over $1 million is not very large, success of the program could result in the receipt of over $160 million over a ten-year period.

President Lassner shared highlights from some of the university’s commencement activities over the last few weekends, including the attainment of associate degrees by eight students from Farrington High School’s 2023 graduating class who were enrolled in HonCC’s Early College Program, and discussed the concerns that were raised in written testimony submitted to the board regarding the provision of first aid services at commencement ceremonies held on the UHM campus. He also talked about a health convening instituted by UHM as part of the campus’s post-pandemic planning initiative explaining that the project involved monthly meetings among various academic and research units of the university, including the John A. Burns School of Medicine, the Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing, the UH Cancer Center, and the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, and numerous stakeholders within the healthcare field in Hawai‘i. It was noted that the information gleaned from these meetings will assist UHM in elevating its health sciences programming and educational research services to better meet both the immediate and long-term workforce needs of Hawai‘i’s healthcare providers. Additionally, the discussions and networking that occurred throughout the health convening helped to foster relationships that will be vital in creating collaborative community partnerships to meet the growing healthcare needs of the state.

D. HonCC Campus Presentation

Prior to the beginning HonCC’s formal presentation, Chancellor Lee introduced Fashion Technology Department Chair Elsie Casamina-Fernandez, Fashion Production Lead Reise Kochi, and several graduating designers of the Fashion Technology Program who would be showcasing their creations via a live runway presentation.

Chancellor Lee provided an overview of HonCC’s enrollment statistics and demographics highlighting student profile characteristics that differentiate HonCC from other community college campuses, including elevated percentages of students that are male, part-time, enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, and enrolled in apprenticeship and non-credit programs, with the latter accounting for almost 50 percent of total headcount enrollment. Although HonCC has witnessed a downward trend in overall headcount enrollment over the past six years, a reversal of this trend appears to be on the horizon as indicated by preliminary enrollment numbers for fall 2023. She also highlighted a bright spot contained within the enrollment data stating that HonCC saw a slight uptick in its Pacific Islander student population in fall 2022. It is hoped that a partnership entered into with the nonprofit organization We Are Oceania, as well as the establishment of a Micronesian Wayfinders Club by student leaders, will serve to increase these numbers in the future.
Trend data related to various performance metrics used to define student success including fall-to-fall retention rates which, while down in 2021, seems to be stabilizing; first year success rates in college level English and math courses, which have improved overall; graduation rates; the number of degrees awarded to Native Hawaiian and Pell Grant students, as well as in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and transfers to baccalaureate awarding institutions, including those within the university system, was reviewed. Although HonCC has not attained all of its established goals related to these performance measures, improvement has been seen in several of the data points for fall 2022 and administrators, faculty, and staff are working diligently to build upon these successes.

Chancellor Lee spoke about a vision for HonCC’s future that emphasizes the development of innovative educational opportunities and the creation of pathways in both degree and non-degree credentialing programs to better prepare students for entering the workforce and allow them to attain living-wage careers. She reviewed HonCC’s progress on several actions that were begun in fall 2022 to achieve this vision including the establishment of stronger connections to industries and industry advisory boards associated with the various CTE programs; the creation of easier pathways for students to transfer from the non-credit, short-term training and education programs to credit programs; and the formation of collaborative partnerships with industry leaders and trade unions to increase work-based learning opportunities such as internships and externships. She also theorized that effectively communicating the career benefits afforded by programs at HonCC as a result of the successful implementation of this vision will lead to increased enrollment.

Several challenges facing HonCC were also brought up including traffic issues related to rail which are expected to last for approximately five years, decreased interest among high school students in pursuing a CTE career, and insufficient proficiency in English and math among incoming students to succeed at completing general college level courses in these subject matters. Chancellor Lee talked about some of the efforts undertaken to address these issues such as examining HonCC’s potential to boost the availability of online course offerings, enhancing existing English and math tutoring services, and holding a free CTE academy over the course of six weeks during the summer that will afford high school students with the opportunity to gain firsthand experience in various CTE programs offered at HonCC.

**Student Report**

Cypher Woods and Davis Martin, student leaders of HonCC Student Government (HonCC – SG), presented information on the work and accomplishments of HonCC – SG over the past year highlighting several online, in-person, and off-campus events aimed at improving the campus experience, providing support to students, and maintaining student connections to foster a sense of belonging. They also spoke about a number of HonCC – SG activities geared towards increasing student engagement and providing individuals with a well-rounded campus life, including the promotion of various campus clubs and social organizations; stressed the importance of HonCC’s intramural sports program to the physical well-being, mental health, and retention of students and noted its popularity; went over some of the challenges that have faced HonCC-SG over
the past year such as a delay experienced in the approval of the student organization’s budget due to student time constraints; and offered solutions like the establishment of a summer work program for HonCC-SG student leaders to address these challenges.

**Faculty Report**

Drake Zintgraff, Co-Chair of the Faculty Senate Executive Council (FSEC), gave a presentation on several notable activities carried out by the faculty at HonCC over the past year, as well as student accomplishments achieved with the help of faculty mentoring. He spoke about the efforts of FSEC’s Sustainability Committee to promote, coordinate, and facilitate sustainability activities at HonCC which resulted in the campus being recognized as a Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System Bronze Institution by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education; drew attention to a number of literary and academic awards that were garnered by HonCC faculty; highlighted several faculty achievements in the realm of early childhood education; discussed actions taken by faculty to ensure student success through the provision of quality curricula, effective instructional practices, and student support services; and talked about the development of programming that will meet future workforce and community needs through collaborative engagements with community and industry partners.

**Staff Report**

Cory Kumataka, Chair of the Staff Senate Executive Council (SSEC), went over the purpose and function of the SSEC stating that it is an officially-recognized shared governance body that serves as the voice for all staff at HonCC and is responsible for collaborating with campus administration on policies and operations that impact staff. He also reported on some of the SSEC activities that took place over the past year and discussed the organization’s future plans for events geared towards supporting the well-being of and improving the comradery among HonCC staff.

**Kupu Ka Wai Native Hawaiian Council (Kupu Ka Wai)**

Alapaki Luke, a Convener of Kupu Ka Wai, provided an overview of the mission and objectives of Kupu Ka Wai stating that its primary focus is to nurture and sustain HonCC as a Native Hawaiian place of learning. Kupu Ka Wai also seeks to ensure the success of Native Hawaiian students, faculty, and staff, and promote the advancement of Native Hawaiian language, culture, and history. He discussed Native Hawaiian enrollment trends at HonCC emphasizing that it has remained steady but is increasing and highlighted the permitted construction of Hale Kawelohea, a traditional Hawaiian hale that was built in the courtyard of Building 5 and incorporates modern technology. It was noted that Hale Kawelohea is actively used as an outdoor classroom and meeting space; serves as a facility for the holding of cultural presentations and workshops; and is often utilized to welcome special guests to campus.

Faith Kahale Saito, a Native Hawaiian Counselor at HonCC’s Hulili Ke Kukui Hawaiian Center, spoke about the Ola Niuhelewai Program at HonCC stating that the goal of this project is to build the capacity of HonCC’s Native Hawaiian students through
increased educational attainment and improved personal health and well-being. She spotlighted several Ola Niuhelewai Program activities intended to achieve this goal including the provision of registration and orientation services for new incoming Native Hawaiian students, the holding of maui ola (well-being) workshops and field trips, and the development of community and peer mentoring programs.

Camille McComas, a recent graduate of HonCC and President of the HonCC Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, provided a testimonial on the life-changing impacts of her decision to attend HonCC. She offered personal insights into her unique experiences; noted that the student support services she received from HonCC through programs such as Po‘i Nā Nalu and TRiO, as well as from faculty, staff, fellow students, and family, were instrumental to her success; and stated that HonCC has provided her with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to continue her post-secondary education at UHM where she will pursue a career in public health.

Chair Moore asked if the HonCC Student Leaders believe that the solutions put forth to address the challenges faced by HonCC – SG would be successful. Mr. Woods replied in the affirmative stating that HonCC Student Leaders think that the proposed actions will result in the timely approval of the organization’s budget.

Regent Mawae applauded the efforts of HonCC’s student leaders to increase student engagement and questioned whether they encountered any impediments to getting students more involved in student government matters. Mr. Martin replied that, while student leaders at HonCC are enthusiastic about being involved with HonCC – SG, generating excitement among the student body about student government issues and recruiting individuals to join student government has proven to be challenging particularly given the large number of working adults and part-time students enrolled at HonCC. Regent Mawae expressed her hope that HonCC students will become more involved in these matters.

V. STUDENT CAUCUS REPORT

David “Alex” Williamson, Chair of the University of Hawai‘i Student Caucus (UHSC), and Alex Tang, Information and Communications Chair of the UHM Graduate Student Organization, stated that the UHSC is the official representative body that advocates for and supports approximately 48,000 undergraduate and graduate students across the 10-campus university system, and serves as the liaison between constituents and the university administration. They presented information on recent challenges faced by UHSC with respect to its organizational structure such as turnover in the organization’s executive council and the inability of campuses to find individuals willing to serve on the UHSC; discussed several transitions that are impacting the UHSC including the appointment of a new advisor and new student regent as well as modifications to meeting modality and frequency; spoke about the involvement of UHSC in systemwide committees like the Strategic Plan Development Committee and General Education Redesign Committee; and went over feedback provided by the UHSC on policy revisions that will impact students. UHSC’s efforts to engage the administration on matters of importance to students such as the enhanced provision of mental health services and the continued offering of distance education opportunities, and UHSC’s future plans to
increase the organization’s efficiency and effectiveness by, among other things, updating its bylaws to allow for conducting official business electronically and improving onboarding for new delegates, were also reviewed.

VI. REPORT OF UHF

VP/UHF CEO Dolan reported that, as of this morning, UHF has raised just over $90 million and is expecting to exceed its goal of reaching $95 million in donations for the current fiscal year. While these figures are not as impressive as the record-setting numbers experienced last fiscal year, which was due in part to a $50 million gift received from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, VP Dolan stressed that donations have remained generally strong for fiscal year 2023. UHF is also expecting to publicly launch its comprehensive capital campaign, which is aimed at addressing the needs of the entire university, on November 8, 2023, although fundraising efforts have already begun. To date, the campaign has raised slightly more than $500 million of its $1 billion target.

In addition to its pursuit of improved engagement with the university’s academic programs through the development of collaborative partnerships, UHF continues to work towards strengthening its ties to the community and improving its communications about the advantages of making contributions to the university. VP Dolan shared an inspiring story about a HonCC alumna, Alexis Akiona, who stated that the financial help she received as a student through a scholarship made possible by a monetary gift to UHF played a large role in her success as an entrepreneur. As a result of her experience, Ms. Akiona donated $50,000 to UHF that will be used to provide 20 scholarships each year over the course of five years for fashion and cosmetology students at HonCC. VP Dolan stated that these types of narratives exemplify the life-changing impacts that donations to the university can have on an individual and is something that UHF needs to do a better job at publicizing.

Regent Haning requested that UHF include information about its efforts to work with the University of Hawai‘i Alumni Association in garnering financial support for the university at its next presentation to the board.

VII. COMMITTEE AND AFFILIATE REPORTS

A. Report from the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

B. Report from the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics

C. Affiliate Reports
   1. All Campus Council on Faculty and Senate Chairs (ACCFSC)
   2. Career and Technical Education Coordinating Advisory Council (CTECAC)
   3. Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA)

Chair Moore referred regents to the respective standing committee reports from the May 4, 2023, committee meetings, as well as the affiliate reports for ACCFSC,
CTECAC, and MKSOA, which were contained in the materials packet.

VIII. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Provisional Status for the Bachelor of Science in Data Science at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo

2. Approval to Change the Advanced Professional Certificate in Hospitality Operations Management from Provisional to Established at Kapiʻolani Community College

3. Approval to Change the Associate in Science in Sustainable Agriculture Degree from Provisional to Established at Leeward Community College

4. Approval to Change the Associate in Science in Integrated Industrial Technology Degree from Provisional to Established at Leeward Community College

5. Approval of Established Status for the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

6. Approval of Established Status for the Master of Asian International Affairs at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

7. Approval of Established Status for the Master of Landscape Architecture at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

8. Approval of an Indemnification Provision in a Subaward Issued by Rochester Institute of Technology ("RIT") to the University of Hawai‘i

Vice-Chair Wilson moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Vice-Chair Nahale-a, and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

B. Approval of the Establishment and Naming of the Jerry H. Bentley Distinguished Professorship in World History at UHM, College of Arts, Languages, and Letters

Provost Bruno presented information on a financial commitment of $500,000 received from Carol Mon Lee to establish and name a Distinguished Professorship in World History within the College of Arts, Languages, and Letters at UHM in memory of her late husband Jerry H. Bentley. He stated that the purpose of establishing this distinguished professorship is to recruit, retain, and support faculty of the highest caliber in the discipline of World History to serve in the Department of History at the College of Arts, Languages, and Letters.

Regent Mawae moved to approve the establishment and naming of the Jerry H. Bentley Distinguished Professorship in World History in the College of Arts, Languages,
and Letters at UHM, seconded by Regent Loo, and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

C. Approval of the Establishment and Naming of the A. Bruce Etherington Endowed Chair for the Study of Human and Natural Systems at the UHM School of Architecture

Provost Bruno provided information on a financial commitment of around $2,000,000 to establish and name the A. Bruce Etherington Endowed Chair for the Study of Human and Natural Systems within the School of Architecture at UHM. He stated that the purpose of establishing this fund is to provide support for an endowed chair at the UHM who will seek solutions that raise the quality of life through improved integration of human activities with their natural environment in a sustainable manner.

Regent Haning moved to approve the establishment and naming of the A. Bruce Etherington Endowed Chair for the Study of Human and Natural Systems at the UHM School of Architecture, seconded by Regent Mawae, and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

D. Approval to Authorize Issuance of Travel Agency Services Contract to JTB USA INC. Pursuant to Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Benefit of the UHM Intercollegiate Athletics Department (UHM Athletics)

VP Gouveia presented background information on the administration’s request for authorization to issue a travel agency services contract to JTB USA Inc. She stated that this contract would secure in-house, on-campus travel agency related services for UHM Athletics; went over some of the services that would be provided by the contractor; and noted that contract proposals were solicited via the university’s standard RFP process.

Regent Mawae asked if the university was currently using JTB USA INC. to provide travel services for UHM Athletics. VP Gouveia replied in the affirmative stating that the current travel services contract with JTB USA INC. is scheduled to expire on June 30 of this year. As such, an RFP was issued for a new three-year travel services agreement.

Referencing Hawai‘i’s location and the unique situation it faces with respect to travel, Vice-Chair Nahale-a questioned whether the university was able to leverage the size of its travel budget to secure the best possible price for the travel services contract. VP Gouveia responded that, due in part to economies of scale, UHM Athletics has been able to secure travel agreements with other parties that offer financial advantages to the university such as the recently approved airline transportation agreement with Hawaiian Airlines, Inc. She also spoke about some of the benefits of having a single entity provide travel agency type services for UHM Athletics in terms of cost, convenience, comfort, safety, manpower, and responsiveness to last minute requests.

Chair Moore sought clarification as to whether the financial outlay of the contract cited in the administration’s request was an annual expenditure or three-year aggregate cost. He also asked if the university has ever considered hiring or using in-house staff to perform the travel services encompassed by the contract. VP Gouveia replied that the amount of the contract was estimated to be $4.5 to $5.5 million in the aggregate.
Despite recalling that the hiring of staff to perform travel related services for UHM Athletics had been evaluated in the past and that there was a determination that contracting for these services would be more advantageous for the university, VP Gouveia stated that her recollection may be incorrect and that she would investigate this matter further.

Regent Mawae submitted that comparisons between costs experienced by UHM Athletics and their respective conference institutions would be helpful when making decisions about these types of contracts and suggested that this information be included in future requests of this nature.

Regent Lee moved to authorize the issuance of a travel agency services contract with JTB USA INC. pursuant to an RFP for the benefit of UHM Athletics, seconded by Vice-Chair Wilson, and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

Due to the meeting’s current pace, Chair Moore stated that Agenda Item I would be taken up at this time to allow for the presentation and update on the stewardship of Maunakea and board resolutions associated with the management of Maunakea to occur prior to convening in executive session during which time discussions on legal matters related to this issue were scheduled to take place.

I. Presentation and Update on the Stewardship of Maunakea and BOR Resolutions:

a. 21-02: Resolution to Further Act on Items Relating to Maunakea Management and Amend Board of Regents Resolution 19-03

b. 19-03: Resolution to Act on Items Relating to Maunakea Management

Chancellor Irwin reminded regents that the board approved a Maunakea management restructuring plan in 2020 as part of an effort to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency of the university’s management operations with respect to Maunakea lands that are currently under its jurisdiction. Since that time, representatives from university entities currently charged with overseeing and managing these lands have been meeting weekly to discuss UHH’s kuleana to, and stewardship of, Maunakea. She introduced Dr. Greg Chun, Executive Director of UHH’s Center for Maunakea Stewardship (CMS), who would be presenting this update.

Dr. Chun provided synopses of Board Resolution 19-03 and Board Resolution 21-02 highlighting conditions within each resolution that have been met, are currently being worked on, or remain pending. It was explained that work on pending issues, like the decommissioning of three additional observatory sites by December 30, 2025, remains uncertain due in part to questions that have arisen about the university’ prospective role in the management of Maunakea, as well as the future of astronomy on the mountain, that have arisen as a result of the enactment of Act 255, Session Laws of Hawai‘i (Act 255), which created the MKSOA to oversee the management of Maunakea lands. He also presented details on significant accomplishments that have been achieved over the
last eighteen months with respect to management oversight of Maunakea lands, including the board’s adoption of a master plan for all university managed lands on Maunakea and the Board of Land and Natural Resources approval of an updated Comprehensive Management Plan for Maunakea; gave a status update on the decommissioning of the Caltech Submillimeter Observatory and UHH’s Hōkū Kea teaching telescope; spoke about the university’s ongoing stewardship efforts on Maunakea including the propagation of native plants and removal of invasive species and the monitoring of historic and natural resources; discussed incidents involving the discharge of ethylene glycol that happened at the UH88 and Subaru telescopes noting both immediate and long-term corrective actions taken to address these matters; and went over some of the public health and safety measures that have been put in place on Maunakea.

It was noted that community education and outreach efforts play a pivotal role in the stewardship of Maunakea. Dr. Chun stated that some of the work in this area is being led by the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center (‘Imiloa) which serves as a comprehensive educational facility showcasing the connections between the rich traditions of Hawaiian culture and the groundbreaking astronomical research conducted at the summit of Maunakea. He talked about collaborative efforts that are occurring between ‘Imiloa, the university’s Institute for Astronomy, Hawaiian cultural experts, astronomers, scientists, and other community stakeholders to create interpretive and interactive exhibits at the Visitor Information Station (VIS) that are grounded in Hawaiian knowledge and science and will provide individuals visiting the mountain with a better understanding of Maunakea as a storied Hawaiian place, with a dynamic, living, Hawaiian culture. He also reviewed other educational and outreach endeavors undertaken by CMS over the past year including the production of orientation videos for employees, volunteers, and commercial tour operators (in partnership with ‘Imiloa), the updating of interpretive and safety signage, the remodeling of the VIS to enhance the visitor experience, and the reinstitution of stargazing activities on a limited basis.

Dr. Chun offered details on the establishment of the MKSOA via Act 255 stating that this newly created State agency will be assuming complete control of matters related to Maunakea lands over the next five years and highlighting several operational and jurisdictional uncertainties that have surfaced as a result of its creation. He spoke about some of the issues that would fall under the auspices of the MKSOA like the approval of leases and issuance of permits for Maunakea lands; noted that discussions have commenced on the transfer of the university’s existing leases and permits; described a few of the university’s management responsibilities and activities that will eventually be transferred to the MKSOA; highlighted the university’s and CMS’s efforts to facilitate a smooth transition of jurisdictional authority to MKSOA through the provision of educational and administrative support, among other things; and went over some of the university’s priorities in this transition including maintaining stability in the management and stewardship of Maunakea.

Despite the passage of Act 255, Chancellor Irwin and Dr. Chun both stressed their belief that management and stewardship of Maunakea will continue to be the kuleana of the university until such time that the MKSOA is prepared to assume this responsibility.
Chair Moore announced that there was an error in information provided about the financial disbursement contained within the JTB USA INC. contract that was discussed and voted on earlier in the meeting. As such, he suggested that another vote be taken on Agenda Item VIII.D. VP Gouveia concurred with Chair Moore’s assessment and clarified that the $4.5 - $5.5 million cited in the administration’s request was an annual rather than a three-year aggregated cost, and included the actual estimated costs of the travel itself.

Taking into consideration this information, Regent Lee once again moved to authorize the issuance of a travel agency services contract with JTB USA INC. pursuant to an RFP for the benefit of UHM Athletics. The motion was then seconded by Vice-Chair Wilson and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed to the public)

Vice-Chair Wilson moved to convene in executive session, seconded by Regent Loo, and with all other members present voting in the affirmative, the board approved convening in executive session 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) and to consult with the board’s attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)4, HRS.

The meeting recessed at 12:37 p.m.

Chair Moore called the meeting back to order at 3:29 p.m. and announced that the board met in executive session to discuss matters as stated on the agenda.

X. AGENDA ITEMS (CONTINUED)

A. Personnel Actions (A-1 for approval)

President Lassner requested approval of the appointment of Craig Angelos as Director of Athletics for UHM at an annual total compensation of $325,212. He explained that under Regents Policy (RP) 9.212, board serves as the approving authority for an individual that reports directly to the President of the University. Additionally, RP 9.212 requires any appointment exceeding the maximum of the range of a salary schedule to be brought before the board for approval. He also briefly discussed the process used to select Mr. Angelos and thanked regents for the robust discussions regarding this high-profile appointment that occurred in executive session.

Regent Haning moved to approve the appointment of Craig Angelos as Director of Athletics at UHM and the motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Wilson.

Each regent shared their thoughts on the selection of Mr. Angelos for the position of Director of Athletics at UHM. While a majority of regents expressed their gratitude for the hard work of the selection committee and voiced that they would be supporting the appointment, a number of regents also conveyed their dismay with the appointment process with several verbalizing a desire for greater transparency and openness.
There having been a motion that was moved and seconded, a roll call vote was conducted and noting the no votes of Regents Lee and Tochiki and the abstention of Regent Mawae, the motion carried with all other members present voting in the affirmative.

President Lassner sought approval for the reassignment of Della Teraoka as Associate VP for Academic Affairs (AVPAA) in the Office of the VP for Community Colleges (VP CC) and appointment as acting VP CC at an annual total compensation of $215,568. He also stated that board approval of this appointment was required by virtue of the position being a direct report to the President of the University.

Regent Haning moved to approve the reassignment and appointment of Della Teraoka as AVPAA and acting VP CC, respectively, seconded by Vice-Chair Wilson, and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

President Lassner requested approval of the appointment of Brent White as Assistant Provost for Global Engagement at UHM at an annual salary of $285,000. Although the President of the University is the approving authority for this position, the compensation exceeds the maximum limit of the salary schedule for this personnel classification category.

Vice-Chair Wilson moved to approve the appointment of Brent White as the Assistant Provost for Global Engagement at UHM, seconded by Regent Haning, and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

B. Discussion and Potential Action on BOR Resolutions Regarding Maunakea

1. 21-02: Resolution to Further Act on Items Relating to Maunakea Management and Amend Board of Regents Resolution 19-03

2. 19-03: Resolution to Act on Items Relating to Maunakea Management

In view of the information presented on this matter prior to convening in executive session and the discussions on this issue that took place during the executive session, Chair Moore recommended that two regents be appointed to work with Chancellor Irwin, Dr. Chun, the Executive Director of MKSOA, and a representative from the university’s Office of General Counsel to conduct a review of the abovementioned resolutions that takes into consideration the terms of Act 255. The group could then develop specific recommendations on addressing the portions of each resolution that are still pending and bring these proposals to the board for further discussion. Regents concurred with Chair Moore’s recommendation.

E. Sustainability Curriculum Council Report

F. Strategic Plan Implementation Report

G. Presentation and Discussion on Student Well-Being at Mānoa

H. Update on President’s Evaluation
J. Legislative Update

Due to time constraints, Agenda Items E, F, G, H, and J were deferred to a later date.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Moore announced that the next board meeting was scheduled for July 6, 2023, at UHM, but mentioned the possibility of holding a special board meeting in June to take up unfinished business from this meeting. However, he stated that the convening of a special June meeting would be contingent upon the availability of regents.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Regent Bal move to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice-Chair Wilson, and with all members present voting in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Yvonne Lau
Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents