Testimony regarding Doris Ching

Dear University of Hawaii Board of Regents:

Please find attached my testimony regarding Doris Ching.

Mahalo nui loa,

David A. Mihaila

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"The problem was with Bill Clinton [Doris Ching], the scandals and rumored scandals, the incubating ones and the dying ones never ended. Whatever moral compass the president [Doris Ching] was consulting was leading him [her] in the wrong direction. His [Her] closets were full of skeletons just waiting to burst out."—Louis Freeh, former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

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SUBJECT: DORIS CHING

On 30 April 2014, Hawaii media reported the following headline news regarding the David Robb and Janice Heu administrative fraud and State of Hawaii records tampering scandal that occurred at the University of
Hawaii at Manoa during the mid-1990s and that still clouds the reputation of highly paid and politically connected administrators within the University of Hawaii system, namely, Doris Ching:

Notwithstanding credible and substantial documentary and circumstantial evidence clearly and convincingly proving David Robb’s serious administrative crimes and unethical misconduct, administrative justice has been denied during this protracted administrative war at the expense of the public, concluded former UH student David Mihaila, J.D.

And to finally enforce the law and achieve justice, Mihaila testified: A top priority of the next president of the University of Hawai‘i, whether David Lassner, or retired U. S. Army Lieutenant General Frank Wiercinski, must be to revisit this historic case and right a great wrong.

The David Robb scandal began at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, during the 1990s when Robb was the director of admissions and records. Robb’s administrative fraud appears to be this: knowingly falsifying documents and records with the intent to impede and mislead state and federal investigations into his office to conceal culpability of a longtime girlfriend and co-administrator, Janice Heu, for misdemeanor government records tampering.

Following the whistle being blown on Robb’s office at UH, records show that Robb went rogue and deviated from industry-wide protocol—Robb began a campaign to destroy the student whistleblower by repeatedly contacting the student's workplace, recriminating with an invalid counter complaint against the student whistleblower, and threatening the student with harm.
Ultimately, Robb halted the student whistleblower's officially certified and verified graduation paperwork and diploma in a retaliatory act and unsuccessful effort to coerce a recantation from the student for blowing the whistle on Robb's office.

Apparently, the resulting inquiries, investigations, and intense scrutiny snowballed to the point where Robb had no alternative but to resign.

A resumé for Robb will show that he spent his entire career at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa prior to the scandal that forced him out. He obtained his BA, MA, and Ph.D. from the University of Hawai‘i. After graduation, he became an administrator at the university.

Was Robb above the law on campus?

When the university's executive administration learned of Robb's outrageous and scandalous misconduct, like other recent institutional scandals involving abuse by those in a position of trust, such as the Catholic Church and Penn State, University of Hawai‘i executives mishandled the investigation and attempted to cover up the unscrupulous details and shift liability away from the institution, as shown in various documents on the case.

Apparently a double standard is at play here: one for faculty, staff, and students on the one hand; and one for administrators on the other hand.

Notwithstanding credible and substantial documentary and circumstantial evidence clearly and convincingly proving Robb's serious administrative crimes and unethical misconduct,
administrative justice has been denied during this protracted administrative war at the expense of the public.

Doris Ching was the University of Hawaii at Manoa vice president for student affairs during the 1990s when the Robb-Heu education records scandal took place. She had direct personal knowledge of the fraudulent misconduct of David Robb and Janice Heu. She was also a longtime personal friend of both Robb and Heu. Records on file with the University of Hawaii demonstrate that Ching was involved with a subsequent fraudulent coverup as a member of the university’s executive administration in an effort to shield the administration from liability and protect her close personal friends, Robb and Heu.

Furthermore, in the year 2000, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges decided in this testifier’s favor and officially recommended—based on an independent investigation—that the University of Hawaii at Manoa executive administration disgorge this testifier’s college diploma.

According to the chief investigator for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Dr. James Ortez, the University of Hawaii senior-level executive administration refused to revisit the case of this testifier’s wrongfully withheld diploma for “personal reasons.”

Doris Ching was a key figure in that fateful decision grounded in nepotism.

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Does the University of Hawaii need another old-party bureaucrat with skeletons bursting out of the closet?

Or is this appointment really just a lifetime achievement award and pat on the back in disguise that is being given for the wrong reasons and that will essentially serve little more than the inner administrative circle at the University of Hawaii and Doris Ching’s bank account?

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For these reasons I urge the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to reject Doris Ching for the interim appointment to chancellor of the University of Hawaii-West Oahu campus. This logical, reasonable, and well-grounded decision will serve the overall best interests of the State of Hawaii and the higher education system.

I thank you for your critical assessment of this momentous matter.

Sincerely,

David A. Mihaila

Copies:

1. University of Hawaii President David Lassner
2. Hawaii News Now
3. Ka Leo O Hawaii