Aloha Board of Regents Members,

My name is David Krupp. I am a Professor of Biological and Marine Sciences at Windward Community College where I have taught since 1984. I have been intimately associated with the University of Hawai‘i since 1976 when I began graduate studies in Zoology.

I am also currently the Co-Chair of the University of Hawai‘i All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs (ACCFSC), a position I have held for the past two years. The ACCFSC provides a formal, independent voice and organization through which the faculty of the University of Hawai‘i System can participate in the development and interpretation of system-wide policy, and to promote and improve coordination, communication, and understanding among the faculty, students, community, administration, and Board of Regents.

I am submitting testimony on behalf of the ACCFSC. The Council has voted to request that the Board of Regents consider the inclusion of two faculty members as non-voting members on the BOR. Further, the ACCFSC has specified that these two faculty members be the co-chairs of the ACCFSC. One co-chair of the ACCFSC represents the three UH university campuses, while the other represents the UH community colleges.

While all University of Hawai‘i employees, from administrators to faculty and staff, as well as students, have important strategic roles in the operations of the University, faculty have a unique role that defines what a college or university is and how it functions. It is the Faculty that develops and implements the curriculum and academic programs of the University. It is the Faculty that defines the nature of the research conducted at the University. The Faculty is an essential partner in establishing academic policy and determining the University’s funding needs and resource allocations. Suffice it to say that the Faculty Is the University, and without the Faculty the institution could not be called a University.

These roles of the Faculty necessitate active engagement in University governance at all levels, including the highest level – the Board of Regents. Consequently, the ACCFSC believes the University, its mission and its students, would be better served if the Faculty had an active and intimate voice on the Board of Regents. I am asking you to consider our request.

Mahalo,
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