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Board of Regents Agenda Item (required)

VI.A. Review of the Executive Summary of the Annual Institutional Review of Graduate Medical Education Programs at the John A. Burns School of Medicine for Academic Year 2022-2023

Your Position (required)

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

Sorry, I know this isn't an agenda item, but the Presidential search is still very much underway and should have room for comment. Mahalo!

Your Testimony (pdf or word)

Testimony on Presidential Selection - Lindsey Millerd.pdf (41.3 kB)

Good morning, my name is Lindsey Millerd, I'm a graduate of LCC and now a student and ASUH President here at UH West Oahu. I am testifying on the presidential selection process discussed at the December 7th and January 4th meetings. I apologize for not testifying earlier when this topic was on the agenda, but I'm here today to share my thoughts on the recent decisions and considerations as you further refine the search process.

The existing search process feels rushed and exclusive. Looking at the proposed timeline, everything is supposed to be done in about 5 months. I urge you to extend the process at least into the fall semester and to find an interim President if needed to avoid any quality and transparency concerns. I support having open forums in each county and a time for finalists to do a public presentation well before the final vote, but more time is needed to properly execute those events.

The specific time for evaluation and selection is also not ideal for public engagement, and maybe that was by choice. From a student perspective, April and May are time for finals, and if it were to extend into the summer, most students disconnect from all school business by then. A new student regent is also set to start this summer, so the transition isn't ideal for that vote.

My next concern is the "search committee" now consisting of only regents. In 2014 this group had a student, faculty and staff member alongside regents. This was a fairly diverse group that was able to pick the finalists, but now it's solely up to the regents. The BOR has the technical knowledge needed for system policies and issues, but finding our next leader? That's something those actually learning and working in the UH system should have the direct say on. One student regent who sits among 11 community members, doesn't cut it. I think there should be at least one more student plus a faculty and staff member to have a vote.

If there's no chance of having outsiders on the search committee, the advisory group decision matters even more. During the Jan. 4th meeting, a maximum of 12 total advisory group members was set. I encourage you to prioritize students, giving them at least 25% or 3 seats in the group. There should be a student from at least one 2-year and 4-year campus, and an aim to find students from different geographic regions. The advisory group should be tasked with significant roles like deciding on top areas of concern and a ranked list of candidates. They should act as a second opinion throughout the process, with clear times and ways the BOR plans to use that input. While I trust the board's judgment, I want to ensure key stakeholders are actively involved at each step of the process. And not only that they will be present, but influential in this huge decision.

Thank you for your time and I hope these realistic proposals I've shared are considered.

2014 Process/Recommendations

<https://www.hawaii.edu/news/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/RCPS-Final-Report-to-the-BOR-2014-0501-with-exhibit.pdf>

Dec 7 Meeting Establishing "COW"- committee of the whole (BOR)

<https://www.hawaii.edu/offices/bor/regular/minute/202312070900.special.pdf>

Jan 4 Meeting Discussing Advisory Board Role w/ PIG proposal

[https://www.hawaii.edu/offices/bor/regular/materials/202401040900/Special\\_BOR\\_01\\_04\\_2024\\_Materials.pdf](https://www.hawaii.edu/offices/bor/regular/materials/202401040900/Special_BOR_01_04_2024_Materials.pdf)

Interview with BOR

<https://www.civilbeat.org/2024/01/the-civil-beat-editorial-board-interview-university-of-hawaii-leaders/>