MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jan Sullivan as Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at Kaua‘i Community College, 3-1901 Kaumuali‘i Highway, Office of Continuing Education & Training Room 160 C&D, Līhu‘e, HI 96766.

Quorum (13): Vice Chair Jan Sullivan; Vice Chair Eugene Bal; Regent Simeon Acoba; Regent Chuck Gee; Regent Pete Hoffmann; Regent Ben Kudo; Regent Coralie Matayoshi; Regent Barry Mizuno; Regent Helen Nielsen; Regent Jeffrey Portnoy; Regent Lee Putnam; Regent Michelle Tagorda; and Regent Stanford Yuen.

Excused (2): Chair Randy Moore; Regent Dileep G. Bal.

Others in Attendance: President David Lassner; Vice President for Academic Affairs, Risa Dickson; Vice President for Administration, Jan Gouveia; Vice President for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer, Kalbert Young; Vice President for Community Colleges, John Morton; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, Garrett Yoshimi; Vice President for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel, Darolyn H. Lendio; Vice President for Research, Vassilis Syrmos; Interim UH Mānoa Chancellor, Robert Bley-Vroman; Kaua‘i Community College Chancellor, Helen Cox; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents, Cynthia Quinn; and others as noted.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2014 MEETING

Upon motion by Regent Mizuno and seconded by Regent Gee, the minutes of the November 20, 2014 meeting, as amended, were unanimously approved.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Report on the USDOE Monitoring Visit

Bernadette Howard, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Director provided an update on the federal and state level regarding the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) monitoring visit. With all the changes occurring in congress, the department has been monitoring the impacts on education in general. She stated a clear intention of congress was to address the reauthorization of the Elementary Secondary Education (ESEA) as it is a major partisan issue. The SBCTE is monitoring it because some precedence might be set in the reauthorization of the bill that might affect the university. She stated she would keep the board updated. Overall, there is support for the CTE and work force training from both houses of congress and Hawai‘i’s delegation.

Ms. Howard stated they received an official letter on January 26, 2015 regarding the monitoring visit that occurred in October 2014. The letter reported that the fiscal issues in
administration are being addressed and all the issues are expected to go through corrective action by April 1, 2015. She also reported her confidence in receiving level funding in the next year of $5.5 million.

Regarding State efforts, the CTE collaborated with the P-20 Council on drafting a bill for dual credits between for high school students earning college credits. The bill had been submitted and had passed through two hearings. The CTE testified along with others and gained support that aided in its passing to the next level. She will keep the board updated on its progress.

Ms. Howard continued with a summary of a required assessment of their program over the last six years. She hired an outside source from the College of Education at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa to conduct the research. She expects to present the report to the board at the next meeting in May. The research focuses on special populations and how to meet their needs under the CTE program.

She concluded her report with the announcement of a Leeward Community College Faculty member, Warren Kawano, being named by the National Association as a Regional Fellow. Kawano will be in Washington, D.C. in March and is scheduled to meet with several Hawai‘i delegates to inform them about CTE.

2. State Updates

Ms. Howard provided a brief explanation on the role of the CTE and how it is related to the role of the regents. She explained that the Career and Technical Education had been around for some time under a different name, and subsequently modernized about 10 to 12 years ago. In 1967, a law passed that appointed the Board of Regents as the State Board of Career and Technical Education. The SBCTE meets about four times a year. The SBCTE is funded through the University of Hawai‘i and the Director reports to the president who in turn reports to the board. The board oversees the CTE and has three members on its advisory council. The members provide guidance on how the state should use the allocated $5.5M, and all decisions are passed through the full board.

Ms. Howard explained that one of the tasks of the SBCTE is to provide a Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) that is required to be submitted to the Governor every December. It has been submitted for the year and feedback is expected in March. The report contains a much more detailed breakdown than what was previously done which she believes is more helpful. Overall, the Department of Education and the community colleges should be commended as the CTE high school students have a consistently higher graduation rate than the average student. This data is compared between a 98% rate for CTE students and 82% average high school students. She reported that the community colleges have steadily increased the number of students retained and potentially graduating. She highlighted that more importantly they are doing it with more rigor and assessment.

The placement of students into employment was the only criteria that the community colleges did not meet. They reviewed the numbers, investigated the causes, and created a plan to address the issue that has been accepted by the federal government as the best corrective action plan. The regents will be provided periodic updates. By statute, the CAR requires board approval to present to the Governor. The advisory council met in the previous
month and voted unanimously to recommend the CAR be presented to the Governor. Due to a procedural error, the CAR will be submitted to the board for approval at a future meeting.

Ms. Howard provided highlights of the report including, that unless repealed sequestration, CTE funding is effective until 2021. During sequestration in the previous year, there were cuts to education, specifically to small departments. Currently, they are managing in that respect but they do expect sequestration to be annulled. She concluded by stating the bipartisan response is Congress is very strong, and there does not seem to be any indication that Perkins funding would be cut. They are collaborating with labor, commerce, human services, and education with a focus on workforce training. The total funding for CTE last year was almost $51M which decreased about $1 million, with $5.5 million from Perkins, and $45 million from the State that funds CTE at the Department of Education. The $45 million is spent on high school and community college teacher salaries and equipment.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Regent Gee moved and Regent Kudo seconded the motion, and with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cynthia Quinn
Executive Administrator and
Secretary of the Board of Regents