MINUTES

STATE BOARD FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MEETING

APRIL 21, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Randy Moore called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at Honolulu Community College, Norman W.H. Loui Conference Center, Building 2, Room 201, 874 Dillingham Boulevard, Honolulu, HI 96817.

Quorum (15): Chair Randy Moore; Vice Chair Jan Sullivan; Vice Chair Eugene Bal; Regent Simeon Acoba; Regent Wayne Higaki; Regent David Iha; Regent Ben Kudo; Regent Coralie Matayoshi; Regent Michael McEnerney; Regent Barry Mizuno; Regent Jeffrey Portnoy; Regent Lee Putnam; Regent Michelle Tagorda; Regent Ernest Wilson, Jr., and Regent Stanford Yuen.

Others in Attendance: President David Lassner; Vice President for Academic Affairs, Risa Dickson; Vice President for Community Colleges, John Morton; Vice President for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel, Carrie Okinaga; Vice President for Research, Vassilis Syrmos; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, Garret Yoshimi; Vice President for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer, Kalbert Young; Interim UH Mānoa (UHM) Chancellor, Robert Bley-Vroman; UH Hilo (UHH) Chancellor, Donald Straney; Interim UH-West O‘ahu (UHWO) Chancellor, Doris Ching; Windward Community College Chancellor, Doug Dykstra; Honolulu Community College (HonCC) Chancellor, Erika Lacro; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents, Cynthia Quinn; and others as noted.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2015 MEETING

Upon motion by Regent Mizuno and seconded by Regent Higaki, the minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

There being no written testimony received and no individuals signed up to testify, the regents moved on to the agenda items.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

A. For Information:
   1. Federal and State Updates

Bernadette Howard, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Director provided an update on activities at the federal and state level related to Perkins and CTE.

The Hawai‘i Department of Labor & Industrial Relations submitted their Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) plan on April 1, 2016 as required. Career pathways (CP) is an integral part of this new law, so CTE has been working collaboratively with core partners of the workforce system in creating that plan and ensuring the CP reflect what is
being done in the education system. Last December, Congress passed and President Obama signed the Elementary & Secondary Education Act, which is now called the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The most significant change in this law that impacts CTE is the requirement that when the Department of Education (DOE) submits their ESSA plan it has to align with the State Perkins Plan.

This month, the DOE received a New Skills for Youth grant from the JPMorgan Chase Foundation. This ambitious plan will address the career readiness part of college and career ready students, by requiring every student to graduate college and career ready. While CTE has the college part taken care of, the career ready part is much more difficult to define and measure. CTE is one of many offices that signed onto this grant proposal, and is providing staff support for the workgroup working on the grant, and have included some elements of that plan in their State Perkins plan. This is one example of the cross agency collaborations that Congress intended and the state is providing. Another example include P-20 Data Exchange Partnership, which is being expanded to be much more inclusive of the workforce system in ways that address the WIOA plan. The UH Community College system has made significant contributions to the state economic development agencies in developing where the sector strategies should be. It is very exciting to see education, workforce and economic development collaborating in various ways that have been discussed for the past decade, with an intentionality and determination to make it work.

The Perkins Reauthorization is not making much progress at Congress. Even though it is an election year, there was hope that it would be passed this year, but events like the Justice Scalia passing away have decreased the probability of this occurring.

CTE is expecting the $5.5 million in funding it has received in prior years starting July 1, 2016, and are advocating for funding to be restored to 2010 levels. Despite the decrease in funding, the number of students served has continued to grow, and CTE has continued to meet all performance indicators and targets.

B. For Action:

1. Review & Approval of Report to the Governor, pursuant to Hawai‘i Revised Statutes §304A-301

She reported that the state met all its indicators, spent all grants funds timely and appropriately, and on March 14, 2015 the U.S. DOE officially accepted the report. The high school CTE students consistently and significantly graduated at higher rates than the regular population, 98% compared to 82%. This shows the importance of engaging students in a CTE training or education program. The number of students taking CTE at the high schools has increased significantly, and at least 29,000 students took at least one CTE course last year. There was a drop in the number of community college students taking CTE courses, which happens whenever the economy improves because those students get employment. The percentage of CTE students graduating has remained consistent, and this is part of the community college’s strategic plan. The placement rate of CTE students at the community colleges has also improved, and is currently at 68%. She recognized the teachers, administrators, staff, counselors and the DOE and community colleges for making these numbers possible.
The regents commended Ms. Howard for her passion and dedication to CTE, there has been a lot of progress over the years, which is so important for our economy and state.

Chair Moore noted there is a CTE Advisory Council that includes representatives from the DOE, Board of Education, industry and the Board of Regents. The current board representatives are Regent Bal, Regent Putnam and Regent Yuen. He added that the CTE program is essential and strong.

Upon motion by Regent Putnam to approve transmitting the full 2015 Annual Report to the Governor, and seconded by Vice Chair Bal, and the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Howard indicated the report would be sent to the UH Government Relations Office for transmittal to the Governor.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Regent Matayoshi moved and Regent Putnam seconded the motion, and upon unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cynthia Quinn
Executive Administrator and
Secretary of the Board of Regents