MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS' COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS MEETING

AUGUST 6, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Michelle Tagorda called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2014, at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Information Technology Building, 1st Floor Conference Room 105A, 2520 Correa Road, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, 96822.

Committee members in attendance: Committee Chair Michelle Tagorda; Committee Vice Chair Eugene Bal; Chuck Gee.

Others in attendance: Regents’ Chair Randy Moore (ex-officio committee member); Lee Putnam (ex-officio committee member); President David Lassner, PhD; Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Joanne Itano, PhD; Vice President for Community Colleges John Morton, PhD; Executive Administrator and Secretary to the Board Cynthia Quinn; and others as noted.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2014 MEETING

Regent Gee asked that typos in the minutes be amended. Regent Gee moved to approve the April 3, 2014 meeting minutes. Vice Chair Bal seconded, and the minutes, as amended, were unanimously approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Executive Administrator and Secretary to the Board Cynthia Quinn announced that the Board Office received written testimony regarding support for University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UHM) Chancellor Tom Apple from the following people:

1. Bret Polopulos-Meredith
2. Kelly Zakimi
3. Annette Koh
4. Stephen Parrish
5. Kauahi Perez
6. Claudio Corti

The following people provided oral testimony regarding their support of Chancellor Apple and his efforts relating to VAWA/Title IX, sustainability initiatives, and student life:

1. Michelle Tichelaar, of the UHM Graduate Student Organization (GSO).
2. Rebekah Carroll, a graduate student at UHM and a member of the GSO.
3. Bret Polopolus-Meredith, a graduate student at UHM and a member of the GSO.

4. Nick Chagnon, a graduate student at UHM and a member of the GSO.

5. Kelly Zakimi, a student at UHM and the Vice President of the Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (ASUH).

6. Sean Mitsui, a UHM student and a senator with ASUH.

7. Martin Nguyen, a UHM student and the interim Secretary with ASUH.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

Update on Policy Recommendations for In-State Tuition for Veterans

Interim Associate Vice President for Student Affairs (IAVP) Jan Javinar provided an update on amendments to board policy to add veterans to the list of those eligible for tuition waivers of the differential between resident and non-resident tuition. This will be a requirement by federal law requiring in-state tuition for veterans. The projected cost is $3.4 million per year, system wide.

He explained that the recommendation to the committee is that eligibility for veterans occur within three years from honorable discharge, and residency must be established within thirteen months of entry, which is an additional requirement to federal law. Inquiry to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regarding the additional requirement allowed under federal law is under review and decision pending.

The committee expressed concerns regarding eligibility based on the additional residency requirement and the lack of additional federal funding to provide the new mandate. The committee recommended that the Cost of Total Tuition Collected as an important data point would be beneficial to understand the entire waiver cost and impact.

IAVP Javinar said that formal action is expected to be brought to the September committee meeting pending a response by the VA regarding the additional requirement regarding residency.

Update on VAWA and Title IX Initiatives

IAVP Javinar updated the committee on the status of the work ongoing by the university system’s task force on safety and Title IX to ensure compliance with new guidance and mandates. The recommendation from the administration is to create a system wide action plan with four goals, and actions within each goal, set by each campus. Training for lead Title IX coordinators is set for August 21st.

The committee requested that the initiatives ensure the following: equity and consistency of due process, remedies, and sanctions system wide; proper training on an ongoing, periodic, mandatory basis, with adequate accessibility, such as through
online training; adequate notice and education system wide; clarity of different responsibilities and roles of mandatory reporters, responsible reporters, and others who report for health and safety emergencies; and confidentiality of the victim.

Administration confirmed that there will be a reconciling of executive policies to reflect the new plan that is underway.

**Update on Sustainability Initiatives**

Vice President John Morton provided a status report on the sustainability measures undertaken since the board policy on sustainability was amended. The second system wide Conference on Sustainability took place and focused on energy usage. The facilities staff conducted site visits to peer campuses for ideas and best practices. The administration would like to brief and assign the sustainability initiatives to the new Vice President for Administration.

The committee requested a link to the metrics going forward as a system and encouraged community participation as a strategy to focus resources in a positive way.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, upon motion by Vice Chair Bal and second by Regent Gee, and with no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Quinn
Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents