April 20, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Virginia Hinshaw, Chancellor
    University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

    Reed Dasenbrock, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
    University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

    James Donovan, Director
    Intercollegiate Athletics

FROM: Robert Cooney, Chair
      Mānoa Faculty Senate

RE: Motion to Endorse Spring 2012 Committee on Athletics Report & Recommendations

The Motion to Endorse the Spring 2012 Committee on Athletics Report & Recommendations was approved by the Mānoa Faculty Senate at the April 18, 2012 Senate meeting.

The Senate voted individually on each motion present within the report. The Motion on Internet Access for Traveling Student Athletes was approved with 48 votes in favor and 3 against; the Motion on Student Consultation in Facilities Redesign Process was approved with 52 votes in favor and 4 against; the Motion to Support Student Athlete’s Schedules was approved with 52 votes in favor and 4 against; and the Motion to Make all Majors Available to Student Athletes was not rejected with 21 votes in favor and 30 against.

The Committee on Athletics (COA) reviewed this issue and provided a report to the Senate at the April 18, 2012 Senate meeting. Documents pertaining to the Report can be accessed in our documents archive at: http://www.hawaii.edu/uhmfs/documents/archive.html. The committee reports and deliberations can be accessed at: http://www.hawaii.edu/uhmfs/minutes/2011_12/index.html.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.
Presented to the Mānoa Faculty Senate by the Committee on Athletics as a Report that will be voted on at the March 21, 2012 Senate meeting. Due to a lack of time, Motion was deferred to the April 18, 2012 Senate meeting. At the April 18, 2012 Senate meeting, the Senate voted to vote separately on each of the motions provided in the report, with 44 Senators in support of separated voting, and 9 against. The votes on each individual motion are provided below.

Motion to Endorse Committee On Athletics Spring 2012 Report

REPORT

Members: James Cartwright; Martha Crosby; Richard Nettell; Ashley Stokes; Lawrence Nitz, Linda Cox, Jennifer Matsuda, Scott Lozanoff, Raymond Panko, Peter Nicholson (FAR), Ian Pagano (MFS Liaison), Kelley Withy (chair).

We were tasked with examining the student athletic fee, so we met with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and they informed us that there are many more students attending games and they are very happy with that. The committee overseeing the fees and does so as follows: 8% of fees are used to improve student athletic experience and UH Mānoa organizations can write grants for activities. The remaining 92% goes toward scholarships and other athletics related expenses.

We would like to acknowledge the rising grades of student athletes and express our support for this ongoing trend.

We have identified four student concerns that we would like the full senate to address with the following motions:

The Mānoa Faculty Senate voted in favor of the Motion at the April 18, 2012 Senate meeting with 48 votes in favor of approval and 3 against.

Motion on Internet Access for Traveling Student Athletes

Internet access is still a problem for the students as they travel for events,

The committee moves that the administration should provide Internet access for all student athletes while traveling to enable them to complete UH coursework.

The Mānoa Faculty Senate voted in favor of the Motion at the April 18, 2012 Senate meeting with 52 votes in favor of approval and 4 against.

Motion on Student Consultation in Facilities Redesign Process

Redesign of athletic facilities was completed with little input from the student athletes that will utilize them.

The committee moves that student representatives from the Student Athletic Advisory Committee be included throughout any athletic facilities redesign process.
The Mānoa Faculty Senate voted in favor of the Motion at the April 18, 2012 Senate meeting with 52 votes in favor of approval and 4 against.

**Motion to Support Student Athlete’s Schedule**

A few faculty are inflexible regarding student athlete travel and we ask that all faculty be supportive of our students when they are required to miss classes for athletic endeavors; it should also be stated that students should miss as few classes as possible to participate in athletic activities. It is also suggested that students have designated time for study that does not coincide with other activities. The committee moves that the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs be asked to remind all faculty to be supportive of our students when they are required to miss classes for athletic activities; and the VCAA will remind athletic department personnel that students should miss as few classes as possible to participate in athletic endeavors. The VCAA is asked to report to the senate at the September meeting.

The Mānoa Faculty Senate voted in opposition to the Motion at the April 18, 2012 Senate meeting with 21 votes in favor of approval and 30 against.

**Motion to Make all Majors Available to Student Athletes**

d) Some athletes stated that they could not pursue majors they really wanted to due to participation in University-approved athletic endeavors. All majors should be declared available to student athletes and all majors should work to accommodate student athletes. Students will be surveyed regarding ability to choose any major they would like to. The committee makes a motion that all majors should be available to student athletes and all departments should work to accommodate student athletes.

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Robert Cooney, Ph.D., Chair of the Manoa Faculty Senate

Dick Chadwick, Ph.D., Secretary of the Manoa Faculty Senate