DATE: May 14, 2012

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University of Hawai‘i

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University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

CC: Kathy Cutshaw, Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance and Operations
University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

FROM: Robert Cooney, Chair
Manoa Faculty Senate and Senate Executive Committee

RE: Proposed Parking Rates FY2013 - 2017

Attached is testimony submitted for the University of Hawaii Board of Regents Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 on the subject of parking at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa. I am submitting this testimony as Chair of the Manoa Faculty Senate and Senate Executive Committee (SEC), on behalf of the SEC and the Manoa Faculty Senate, to urge that parking be made available at an affordable rate to faculty and that the bus pass program and all costs associated with it be delayed until after a systematic survey is done.

In accordance with the Bylaws, Faculty Congress and Senate, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, Article III, Organization of the Executive Committee, Section 5, Duties, the SEC may act for the Senate in the absence of a Senate quorum. The SEC wishes to submit as testimony the Resolution passed by the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) by a vote of 5 to 0 based on discussion and two polls taken at Senate meetings that are attached.

We appreciate and support the decision of the Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance and Operations (VCAFO) to delay the proposed free bus program until systematic research is done to indicate whether it is likely to be used, since it will not address the budgetary needs of the Parking Office. We anticipate that this should reduce the total proposed cost increase for faculty/staff parking permits considerably, since bus passes formed a substantial part of the proposed increase.
Resolution Requesting Modification to the FY 2013-2017 Proposed Parking Rate Schedule

Whereas “UH Manoa views itself as having a fiduciary responsibility to expand access to education,” and

Whereas faculty parking on campus is important to allow faculty to carry out their teaching responsibilities and to be accessible to students, and

Whereas this issue is thus within the purview of the Manoa Faculty Senate and requires consultation with the Senate, and

Whereas the Parking and Transportation Office at UH Manoa is requesting fee increases, arguing the need “to keep up with important repair and maintenance projects,” and

Whereas the Parking Office also argues that increasing rates will provide an incentive not to park on campus, especially upper campus, (specifically, consultant Nelson/Nygaard January 2012 Campus Transportation Demand Management Plan recommends:

“AP4: Restructure the current parking fee proposal: Since a large portion of the parking market is unaffected by price modification, the University should further increase the permit pricing proposal to reflect market conditions.”

“AP6: Limit parking supply in Upper Campus surface lots: UH Manoa could further induce mode shift, on top of mode shift seen from the parking permit rate increase, by constraining parking supply in the Upper Campus lots. This could be coupled with more substantial permit rate increases as demand for parking is very high in these lots (near 100% utilization at all times during working hours”), and

Whereas the Parking Office has proposed increasing parking rates for FY 2013, for students by 10%, for faculty and staff by 25% for lower campus, and for faculty and staff by 30% for upper campus, in accordance with the consultant’s recommendations about reducing upper campus parking, and

Whereas parking fees for FY 2010 were raised by 25% for upper campus and 15% for lower campus, and raised for FY 2011 by 10% for both upper and lower campus, and

Whereas the Public Hearing on the parking fee increases and change of authority over parking fees from Board of Regents to the Manoa Chancellor’s Office has been set for May 23, a time after the close of the semester, when most faculty are not on duty and thus will not be on campus, and

Whereas information sufficient for the Faculty to address the issues on this matter was not made available by the administration and parking office until April 27 and April 30, and

Whereas the money proposed for the alternative transportation plan would go almost entirely to TheBus ($420K), rather than to the repairs and maintenance the Parking Office says are urgent, and
Whereas sufficient careful research has not been done to determine whether faculty and staff would in fact use free bus passes and reduce parking to the degree that the proposed $420K expenditure represents, and

Whereas this additional expenditure for bus passes is proposed to fall entirely on those who park on campus, while the benefits would go to all faculty and staff who request free passes,

Therefore be it resolved that the Manoa Faculty Senate strongly recommends to the Board of Regents and the Manoa Chancellor’s Office that the percentage increases in parking fees be the same for all categories of parking and across all categories of those purchasing parking, thus 10% for FY 2013, thus not setting up artificial divisions between faculty, staff and student parking, and

Be it further resolved, that the Manoa Faculty Senate strongly recommends to the Board of Regents and the Manoa Chancellor’s Office that the alternative bus transportation part of the proposed increases be suspended or postponed until further study, including a survey of faculty and staff interest in and probable use of such passes, can be accomplished, and

Be it further resolved, that the Manoa Faculty Senate requests that this recommendation be submitted by the Senate Executive Committee on behalf of the Senate, to the Board of Regents as Senate testimony prior to the public hearing to be held May 23, 2012.
WHAT ARE YOUR CURRENT TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS TO GET TO UH?

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*From a straw poll of Senators present at the March 21, 2012 Senate meeting*
IF UH CHARGES A FEE TO SUBSIDIZE FACULTY/STAFF BUS PASSES...

I WOULD QUIT GETTING A PARKING PASS AND SWITCH TO THE BUS

I WOULD CURRENTLY RISE THE BUS AND WOULD LOVE UH TO PAY FOR IT

I WOULD GET A BUS PASS IF FREE

I WOULD NOT CONSIDER SWITCHING TO THE BUS, EVEN IF FREE

I HATE THE IDEA OF HAVING TO PAY FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S BUS PASS

3 (6%) 2 (4%) 8 (17%) 20 (42%) 15 (31%)

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IF PARKING FEE INCREASE IS APPROVED, WHAT WOULD YOUR TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS BE?

A: 11 (20%)
- WALK/BIKE

B: 6 (11%)
- BUS

C: 9 (16%)
- DRIVE-PARK OFF CAMPUS

D: 21 (38%)
- DRIVE-UPPER CAMPUS PARKING PASS

E: 9 (16%)
- DRIVE-LOWER CAMPUS PASS

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