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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs (ACCFSC)

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SUBJECT: UHM RESOLUTION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF UHWO

President McClain asked me to provide to the ACCFSC the substance of the testimony that I provided to the Board of Regents in response to the resolution on the Development of UHWO approved by the UHM Faculty Senate on November 15, 2006, and delivered as testimony to the Board of Regents on November 16, 2006, by James Tiles, President of the Senate.

The resolution expressed “deep concern over the lack of information, analysis, and public deliberation regarding the development of the UHWO campus.” In response, I provided the following chronology of the opportunities available to the public for information and comment on the development of UHWO.

The chronology could begin years earlier, but the most recent events include:

BOR Workshop on the Future of UHWO, June 2004

This public posted special meeting focused on the future of UHWO. Interim Chancellor Johnsrud presented an overview of the projected academic plan for expanding UHWO, and Dr. Karl Kim, UHM, provided an overview of the factors considered in the UHWO site selection.

BOR Approves UHWO Long Range Development Plan (LRDP), July 2004

At a regular, posted meeting of the BOR, the Board reviewed the proposed LRDP for UHWO presented by Vice President Callejo, approved it in principle, and asked the administration to pursue the possibility of a public-private partnership to build UHWO. The LRDP includes plans, design guidelines, and estimated costs for an initial 1,520 student campus, a 2,750 student campus, and ultimately, a 7,600 student campus.

BOR Approves Issuance of RFQ to Solicit a Developer for UHWO, November 2004

At a regular, posted meeting of the BOR, the Board discussed the process for selecting a developer as the first step in establishing a public-private partnership to build UHWO and approved the issuance of an RFQ. This discussion included projected size, costs, and enrollments of the campus.

Special meeting on UHWO, Senate Committee on Higher Education, January 2005

Convened by Senator Hee, Chair of the Committee, Interim Chancellor Johnsrud presented an overview of the projected academic plan for expanding UHWO, and President McClain and Vice President Callejo discussed the plans for a public-private partnership.

BOR Approves the Selection of the Developer for UHWO, July 2005

At a regular, posted meeting of the BOR, the Board reviewed the process that had been conducted to select a developer and approved the recommendation of the selection committee to enter into exclusive negotiations with the Hunt group.

BOR briefed on the Second Decade Project, January 2006

At a regular, posted meeting of the BOR, an analysis of current and projected demographic data for the state of Hawai'i, was presented by UH VP for Academic Planning and Policy, Linda Johnsrud. The analysis established the priorities for the expansion of post-secondary education and training by region and documented that the highest need for expansion included the areas of western O'ahu (specifically Ewa, Waianae, and North Shore).

Then UHM Faculty Senate Chair, Robert Bley-Vroman, was in the audience for this presentation.

The Second Decade power point presentation (both a full version and a short version developed later) have been posted on the web since the BOR presentation, January 2006. <http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/app/seconddecade/>

Subsequently, the Chancellors reviewed the Second Decade analysis, made recommendations for changes, and were invited to have the presentation made on their campuses.

In February, 2006, President McClain included the topic of the Second Decade project in his remarks to the ACCFSC.

Presentations have been made in the community (e.g., Business Roundtable, University-Community Partnerships, Hawai'i Parent Teacher & Student Association), at a breakfast for all members of the Legislature and the Executive Branch, and to various campus groups upon their request (e.g., UH Student Caucus, Kapi'olani Community College faculty, Kaua'i Community College faculty, and the UHPA faculty representatives).

Stock-taking Presentations & Biennium Budget Planning, March-April 2006

UHWO presented their plans for expansion in enrollments and sources of funding in their stock-taking presentation attended by representatives of all of the campuses, including the budget committee of the ACCFSC. Then UHM Faculty Senate Chair, Robert Bley-Vroman, served on the ACCFSC committee and on the biennium budget committee.

Analysis of Enrollment Impact, September-October 2006

At a Council of Chancellors meeting, the UH Institutional Research Office provided a demonstration of the Dynamic Enrollment Model, a spreadsheet that allows campuses to project their enrollments under a variety of assumptions. The model was made available to the Chancellors for campus use.

IRO used a version of this model to analyze the likely impact of the expansion of UHWO on the enrollments of the other nine campuses based on permanent home zip codes of current students, the projected number of Hawai'i high school graduates, and current and projected college going rates, both in-state and out-of-state.

The results of the analysis were shared with VP Morton, Chancellors Quigley and Awakuni, and UHM Vice Chancellor Smatresk by David Mongold, Institutional Research Office (IRO), in a meeting on October 11, 2006. It was agreed, based on the working assumptions of the model, that the impact on LCC and UHM enrollments appeared to be modest.

The analysis informed UHWO's plans for recruitment as presented to the BOR on November 15, 2006.

VP/Chancellors Group reviews UHWO revised mission, October 2, 2006

Upon then Acting President Johnsrud's request, the VP/Chancellor group reviewed and commented on the proposed revision to the UHWO mission statement in final preparation for the UHWO's request for BOR action in November.

I believe this chronology attests to the conclusion I shared with the Board of Regents: the UHM Faculty Senate statement that there is a "lack of information, analysis, and public deliberation regarding the development of the UHWO campus" is unfounded.

c: President McClain
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