

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A FULL TIME FLOOD RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR (FRC) IN THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS the UH Manoa campus suffered a disastrous flash flood on October 30, 2004 that resulted in the destruction of the Hamilton Library basement, the Biomedical Sciences Tower first floor and the first floor of all the annexes, serious flood damage to several other buildings, the temporary loss of power to 35 buildings and the long term loss of power to several buildings, including the Hamilton Library, Biomedical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences Building, Sherman Laboratory, St. Johns Building, and Auxiliary Building, [*need to identify all, by official designations*]

WHEREAS all of the affected units are in dire and immediate need of temporary office space, computer and telephone connections, laboratory space, and electrical power,

WHEREAS hundreds of research projects have been slowed or halted altogether because of the short and long term impacts of the floods,

WHEREAS graduate and undergraduate teaching is also affected by this disaster,

WHEREAS in most cases the needs of the units are far beyond the capability of the individual unit Deans and Directors to provide relief,

WHEREAS in most cases the long term repair and restoration of the affected units is also beyond the capabilities of the individual units that are affected,

WHEREAS the funds that are available for flood and disaster relief are at the Manoa Campus and UH System levels,

WHEREAS efforts to respond to this disaster in a timely fashion would be much more effective and efficient if they were co-coordinated through one office,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Manoa Faculty Senate strongly requests the immediate appointment of a Flood Relief Coordinator (FRC) who will have the authority and responsibility to coordinate all flood related efforts. The FRC will report to the Chancellor of Manoa, and will provide direct liaison with the UH System in its efforts to provide flood relief. . The responsibilities of the FRC will include, but not be limited to, (1) identifying resources (such as space and administrative support) in units that are unaffected by the flood that can be made available to help the affected units, (2) coordinating the timely processing of insurance claims and developing mechanisms for immediate distribution of funds for repair and relief based on losses, (3) identifying other funds that might be available for the restoration of the campus from the State and federal sources, (4) prioritize the distribution of funds to units throughout campus that need it, and (5) develop a flow of information to the entire campus so that isolated faculty who were affected by the flood are identified and assisted.