

LABOR EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
- DRAFT -

February 06, 2024

The regular meeting of the Labor Education Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Clyde Hayashi at 12:10 p.m. on February 06, 2024, via Zoom:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7CexnNKxgI>

For more information see: <http://www.hawaii.edu/uho/clear/home/LEAC.html>

Attendance:

Council Members: Clyde Hayashi, Colleen Bird, Gayna Hashimoto, Ilima Long, Janet Suster, Lorna Woo, Morris Luka, Robert Shinoda

CLEAR/UHWO Staff: Dr. Leslie Lopez, Interim CLEAR Director, Chris Conybeare,
Norinna-Lynne Ili

Dr. David McDonald, VCA

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of November 08, 2023, meeting was approved as posted and pre-circulated.

CLEAR Director's Report - Dr. Leslie Lopez

- Rutledge Endowment
The market value of the endowment as of September 30, 2023, is \$1,387,881.60
 - Revolving Funds \$4,056.00
- Labor Studies Certificate
Presently have 6 enrolled in the certificate program and over 30 enrolled in Labor Studies 100. Seen an increase in enrollment for both the certificate program and Labor Studies 100. Currently on provisional status and going before the Board of Regions in 2025 for permanent.
- Vacancies: Submitted temp hire request for CLEAR Director and CLEAR Secretary
Present to post Secretary II civil service position or convert it to Administrative Professional Technical (APT) position. Benefit that the APT has more responsibilities at a higher paying position. Still HGEA transferring from bargaining unit 3 to bargaining unit 8. Both take 1-2 months to fill.
- House Resolution #142
 - Working Group Report – Submitted by the University
Consisted of Representatives from UHPA, the DLIR, Hawaii AFL-CIO, Representative Perruso, University Executive Rosenfeld (Associate Vice President for Academic Programs & Policy), and Marc Yamane.
 - Recommendations #2 through #7 going through Board of Regions for review.
 - Recommendations #1 will be heard on February 08, 2024,

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1588&year=2024

Rice and Roses by Chris Conybeare

- Ah Quon McElrath Project (<https://www.laborhistoryhawaii.org/>)
Currently at the postproduction phase of Ah Quon McElrath meaning the struggle never ends.
Will be completed in the next 1-2 months.

New Business

- Resolution requesting Emeritus Status for Dr. William Puette (attached)
Continue access to the archives and the UHWO CLEAR offices. Honoring all his work and 40 years.
 - Motion to approve by Lorna Woo and second by Jan Suster.
- Support for Bills recommended by the Working Group to amend HRS304A-1603: HB 1588 and SB 2187 relating to the Labor Education Advisory Council will be heard on February 08, 2024.

Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting has been scheduled as a hybrid meeting for Friday, March 08, 2024, at 12 noon.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Submitted by Norinna-Lynne Ili
TA CLEAR Secretary

Labor Education Advisory Council
Resolution Requesting Emeritus Status for Dr. William Puette

Whereas Dr. William J. Puette retired as CLEAR Director and Faculty Specialist on December 31, 2023, after 41 years of service; and

Whereas, as faculty at the Center for Labor Education & Research, Dr. Puette has since 1982 has taught non-credit workshops on Labor History, Collective Bargaining, and Labor Law to thousands of workers and their organizations throughout the State, and pioneered the Continuing Education Unit (CEU) program at UHWO; and

Whereas, as a nationally respected scholar, Dr. Puette's published works include most notably his history of the Hilo Massacre, and his detailed analysis of the Media portrayals of organized labor, for which he received the Lowell-Mellett Award for Media Criticism from Penn State University in 1993; and

Whereas Dr. Puette upon unanimous election. served as Chair of the UHWO Faculty Senate from 2004 to 2006; and

Whereas, As director of the Center for Labor Education & Research, since 1996, Dr. Puette created the Center's award-winning Archive of Hawai'i's Labor History and the acquisition, renovation, and installation of the Isami Enomoto Labor Murals at no cost to the University of Hawai'i; and

Whereas Dr. Puette received the Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Faculty Service to the Community Award from the University of Hawai'i in 2005; and

Whereas Dr. Puette received the 1994 George Meany Award for Outstanding Service to Youth, awarded by the Hawai'i State AFL-CIO and the Aloha Council of the Boy Scouts of America for teaching hundreds of free American Labor Merit Badge clinics to Boy Scouts in Hawai'i; and

Whereas, At its 2023 convention, the Hawai'i State AFL-CIO unanimously adopted a resolution to formally recognize Dr. William Puette for "his enduring contributions to labor education, arbitration, and leadership in Hawai'i" as a lasting tribute to his remarkable impact on the labor movement in Hawai'i; and

Whereas Dr. Puette meets and exceeds the eligibility requirements for an award of Emeritus Status described in UH Executive Policy 5.207; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Labor Education Advisory Council request UHWO Chancellor Maenette Benham and UH President David Lassner to formally honor and grant or recommend that the UH Board of Regents grant Dr. William Puette Emeritus Status in recognition of his decades of distinguished service to the University of Hawai'i as faculty of the Center for Labor Education & Research and as its director of the Center both at the Mānoa and West O'ahu campuses.