

**LABOR EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

February 8, 2023

The regular meeting of the Labor Education Advisory Council was hybrid and called to order by Chair Clyde Hayashi at 12:00 p.m. on February 8, 2023 via Zoom:
<https://hawaii.zoom.us/j/96761695027> Meeting ID: 967 6169 5027 Passcode: 08172022
For more information see: <http://www.hawaii.edu/uhwo/clear/LEAC.html>

Attendance:

Council Members: Colleen Bird, Gayna Hashimoto, Clyde Hayashi, Desiree Kalama-Keliikuli, Cathy Lederer, Brian Lee, Morrison Luka, Janet Suster, Lorna Woo, Marc Yamane

CLEAR/UHWO Staff: Dr. William Puette, CLEAR Director, Leslie Lopez, Sandra Maki, Joy Chong-Stannard

David McDonald, VCA, Dr. Jeffrey Moniz, VCAA

Guest: Ed Akau, Jr., Dion Dizon

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of August 17, 2022 meeting were approved as posted and pre-circulated.

CLEAR Director's Report - Dr. William Puette

- Rutledge Endowment
The market value of the endowment as of September 30, 2022, is \$1,343,914.63
- Labor Studies Certificate
Dr. Lopez gave a brief update of the certificate. This semester, we are offering Labor Studies 100, 200, 300 and 400 courses. CLEAR has received collections of arbitration's from the Industrial Relations Center that can be used for courses on arbitration's.
- Book Talk, February 4 and 6, 2023 with Joe Burns
Dr. Lopez shared with the council the presentation by Joe Burns and Eric Gill. There were approximate 60 in attendance for both days.
- Labor Spring Teach in, April 2023
Dr. Lopez is planning the "Teach in" on April 12, 2023 at noon. This is part of a national initiative for labor education in higher education.
- CLEAR's Labor Economist Position update
Dr. Jeffrey Moniz, VCAA and David McDonald, VCA, both shared with the council the update of this position. There is a moratorium for Specialist positions at UH Hilo and UH West Oahu. This position has been re-described from a Specialist to an Assistant Professor, 9-month and waiting for the Chancellor

to sign off on the re-description. It is currently sitting on her desk for her approval. Once approved, the next step is President Lassner's approval. The final step will be the Board of Regents. The following people have agreed to serve on a *ad hoc* committee: Clyde Hayashi, Morris Luka, Janet Suster, Cathy Lederer, and Dion Dijon.

- CLEAR Temporary Office Relocation during Library Renovation
The entire Library building will be closed from March 13, 2023 for at least 6 months for air conditioning renovation. There will be no access to CLEAR's archive or law library as well as visiting. All our offices will be temporarily relocated to just one office, D231.

Rice and Roses

- Plantation History Preservation and Digitization Project
Joy Chong-Stannard shared with the council that the final \$20,000 installment of the \$150,000 has been received from Frank Moy and Marcia Mau.
- Ah Quon McElrath Project
We are finalizing the rough cut and the documentary is on track for completion in 2023.

New Business

- Future LEAC online v. in-person or hybrid meetings
With no objections, the following dates have been approved.
May 10, August 9 and November 8, 2023

Announcements

- Cathy Lederer shared with the council the National Association of Letter Carriers union will be holding a food drive on May 13, 2023. Volunteers are needed to help sort all the food donations.

Also, the date for the "Labor of Love" has been changed to April 15, 2023
- Morris Luka shared with the council, Transport Workers Union, Local 555 will be having a picnic on May 3, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Magic Island and everyone is invited.
- The next meeting has been scheduled as a hybrid meeting for May 10, 2023 Wednesday, 12 noon at UHWO.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Maki CLEAR
Secretary
Approved May, 10, 2023