MINUTES OF THE REGENTS’ COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Date: Thursday, April 15, 2004

Place & Time: Campus Center Conference, Room 220
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
12:02 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Regents
   Nunokawa (presiding)
   Bender
   Haynes
   Kakuda
   Tatibouet
   Lee (ex-officio)

Other Regents Present: Regents
   Hong
   Kawakami
   Lagareta
   Tanaka
   Yamasato

Others Present: Evan S. Dobelle, President, University of Hawai‘i
   David McClain, Vice President for Academic Affairs
   Peter Englert, Chancellor, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
   Rose Tseng, Chancellor, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo
   Karl Kim, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
   Charles Hayes, Interim Dean, College of Natural Sciences
   Jerry Johnson, Professor, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo
   Dr. Arthur Nelson, Texas Tech University, Pharmacy Education Consultant
   David Iha, Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board
   Carl Makino, Executive Assistant to the Board

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

Regent Tatibouet moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Regents’ Committee on Academic Affairs held on February 19, 2004. The motion was seconded by Regent Kakuda and unanimously carried.

Subjects:

1. Extension of the Provisional Status for the Graduate Certificate in Religion in the College of Arts and Humanities, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
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2. Proposed College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo

3. Report from the Administration on Lyon Arboretum Issues and Plans

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Interim Dean Hayes provided a report on Lyon Arboretum’s history. At the request of Regent Nunokawa he explained the deed of trust on the land at Lyon Arboretum from the Hawai‘i Sugar Planter’s Association for the purpose of maintaining an arboretum.

Regent Nunokawa then opened the meeting to testimonies. General Counsel Kirimitsu advised the Committee that should any of the testimonies fringe on a personnel matter, the Chairman should call a halt to those testimonies or enter into executive session.

The following testimonies were received:

1. Ray Baker, Lyon Arboretum Employee, expressed concerns over the low morale of the Lyon Arboretum staff.

2. Marian Leong, Arboretum Auxiliary Group, suggested that an audit be done on the Lyon Arboretum so that things can be corrected.

3. Todd Fujii, Arboretum staff, expressed concerns about decisions made by management which had an effect on plant cultures.

4. Jill Laughlin, Arboretum staff, stated that she had expressed concerns about some of the things at the Arboretum but nothing was done by management. There are hazardous situations which need to be addressed.

Regent Lagareta asked if she had gone through the chain of command. Ms. Laughlin said she had but there was no response at the management level nor from the Mānoa Chancellor’s Office. She added that she never received a response from the administration about what is being done. Regent Lagareta followed that since the Regents had been receiving comments from both sides of the issue that the administration would be aware of the problem and would have intervened by now instead of allowing the situation to escalate to the point where the Regents must hold a meeting on the problem. Chairperson Lee added that the Board never wishes to get involved with campus issues but when employees feel they have no recourse but to seek resolution by the Board, the administration must be held accountable. This will lead to the misconception that the Board is micro-managing.

Interim Dean Hayes informed that the matter was being investigated and that he had recently been asked by the Chancellor to look into the matter.

5. Jill Nunokawa, Civil Rights Counselor University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, expressed that one of the reasons for the problem is that there is no protocol on the handling of complaints. Her office became involved because of a complaint from a student.
6. Liz Huppman, Arboretum staff, expressed that the administration needs to take a more assertive role in stopping the deterioration of the Lyon Arboretum.

7. Nellie Sugii, Arboretum staff, expressed concerns over the lack of communication within the Lyon Arboretum. To reiterate an earlier testimony, going through the proper channels at M~noa and the System office does not work since the administration at the campus and system level are unresponsive.

8. Kenneth Seamen, Arboretum staff, expressed concern over the lack of response from the administration particularly over issues of safety.

9. Will McClatchey expressed concerns over the condition of Lyon Arboretum.

10. Tanya Alston, Lyon Arboretum volunteer, asked that the administration start listening to the staff and their concerns.

11. Rainer Bussmann, Science Director for Lyon Arboretum, explained some of the organizational matters of the Arboretum and the general condition of the Arboretum, adding that the employees are very dedicated.

Regent Tatibouet inquired about the tea house to be located at the Arboretum. Interim Dean Hayes said he knew little about it, adding that Chancellor Englert was supposed to respond to that inquiry but was not present.

The meeting recessed at 1:35 p.m. and reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

Proposed College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo

Chancellor Tseng requested approval for the establishment of a College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Regent Nunokawa stated that the item would be for information only. Dr. Nelson provided a presentation on Pharmacy education in the United States.

Chairperson Lee asked if this would overlap with the Medical School curriculum. Mr. Nelson said they would have to be some linkage. Chairperson Lee followed as to why, that being the case, should the proposed Pharmacy School be at UH-Hilo. Dr. Nelson said that for the first two years it is intended as a source for economic development for the campus and Hilo. Regent Haynes commented that this school should really be on O‘ahu alongside the Medical School complex, particularly since the bulk of internships would be on Oahu.

Regent Lagareta asked if this required an exception to the Board’s policy on UH-Hilo offering a doctorate. Vice President McClain stated that an exception was necessary and that WASC must be consulted for substantive change approval. Chancellor Englert said that M~noa supported this. He also expressed concern that the necessary resources must be assured without taking it out from the rest of the system.

Regent Tatibouet asked if this education could be continued through the WICHE program. Dr. Nelson said it could. Dr. Johnson informed that there would be approximately 66 students in
the program, most of whom would be residents. Chairperson Lee commented that she had mentioned at another meeting about how easy it was to gain residency in Hawai’i for tuition purposes.

Regent Lagareta expressed concern that long term funding was not assured. Vice President McClain acknowledged her concern and suggested that perhaps the proposal could be approved condition on assurance of continued funding and that this be done in increments. Chancellor Tseng also acknowledged that there was no assurance of funding in the future and therefore, if funds were not available for a building, they would not proceed.

Regent Bender inquired about the need for this program, the amount of pharmacists produced by the WICHE program, and the demographics for pharmacists in Hawai’i. Regent Lagareta added that additional information was needed on the financial issues. Regent Nunokawa concurred, stating that while the Committee was supportive of such a program at the University of Hawai’i, it needs to be assured that UH-Hilo would be prepared for such a doctorate program and the support systems it would require.

President Dobelle asked if Texas Tech students were drawn from the community colleges to the Pharmacy School. MD. Nelson informed him that between 10% to 12% did come from the community colleges.

Regent Haynes inquired as to the number of licensed pharmacists in the State of Hawai’i. Mr Taniguchi informed that there were 1500 licensed pharmacists.

Testimonies were received from:

1. Ronald Taniguchi, Hawai’i Pharmacists Association, expressing support for the proposed School of Pharmacy at the University of Hawai’i at Hilo.

2. Clyde Shimotsu, Hawai’i Pharmacists Association, expressing support of the proposed School for the residents of Hawai’i.

Extension of the Provisional Status for the Graduate Certificate in Religion in the College of Arts and Humanities, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa

Interim Vice Chancellor Kim requested that the Committee approve the extension of the provisional status for the Graduate Certificate in Religion in the College of Arts and Humanities, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, through Spring 2007.

The provisional Graduate Certificate in Religion was to have been reviewed for established status after Spring 1996. Since no students had completed the program by that date, a review of the program was not possible. Student enrollment has continued to be problematic with only three students completing the program to date. The extension of the program’s provisional status will allow the Department of Religion to fully implement its plans for the Religion in Public Life proposal which is projected to increase the number of students in the certificate program.
Board policy requires the review of provisional programs upon completion of “its first full cycle.” As noted above, only three students have completed the program since its initiation. Without more students, it is not possible to conduct the program review needed to determine whether to grant established status to the program or not.

The Graduate Certificate in Religion was approved by the Board of Regents in 1994 as a provisional program. It was scheduled to be reviewed for established status upon the completion of its provisional cycle in Spring 1996. In 1997, the program was referred to the Graduate Council for review. However, since no students had completed the program by 1996, the Graduate Council was unable to conduct a comprehensive review.

The College of Arts and Humanities was notified that there was insufficient justification to continue the program and after further discussion and deliberation, a request to terminate the program was submitted to the Board of Regents via the President in January 2002. The request was returned without action.

Since that time, the Department, with the support of the President and the Mānoa Chancellor, has launched a “Religion in Life” project in an effort to increase student enrollment in the certificate program. The Certificate in Religion is essential to the project whose purpose is to create better understandings of the impact that religions have on political affairs, economic development, public welfare, social ethics, group identity, and views of other religions and societies. It is the first U.S. project to examine the impact of religion on public life in Hawaii and the Asia-Pacific region.

The central component of the project is the Fellows in Religion and Leadership Program, which will bring promising clerical and lay religious leaders from the Asia-Pacific region for one year of study at the University. Program Fellows will be accepted into the certificate program. The first Fellow, who started the program this semester, is a Buddhist monk from Bhutan and is a member of the government’s Council on Religious Affairs.

An important aspect of the Fellows program will be the resulting network of alumni who are religious leaders throughout the Asia and Pacific area. This network will enable the Department to renew and expand relationships, to create opportunities for projects involving other units of the University, and to obtain, analyze and disseminate critical knowledge of religious developments in various regions. Based at UH Mānoa, the network will involve faculty and students, the local community, and religious leaders throughout Asia and the Pacific.

Therefore, an extension of the provisional status of the program through Spring 2007 is being requested to allow the Department sufficient time to implement its projected plans.

The certificate program does not utilize additional University resources. The courses that comprise the certificate are part of the Master’s degree in Religion.

Regent Bender moved to approve an extension of the provisional status for the Graduate Certificate in Religion in the College of Arts and Humanities, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa through Spring 2007. The motion was seconded by Regent Kakuda and unanimously carried.

Regent Tatibouet expressed that she would like to see more information on the costs
associated with this program. Chairperson Lee added that since there were no students in the past, there would be no assurances in the future. Professor George Tanabe said that there would be students interested this time around due to the different additions to the program.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Iha, Secretary

Dated: May 18, 2004

c: Chairperson Patricia Y. Lee
Members, Committee on Academic Affairs
President Evan S. Dobelle
Vice President David McClain