



Subject: Testimony for June 2nd Audit Agenda

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Aloha,

Here is my written testimony for the upcoming meeting.

Mahalo,

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Honorable Regents,

I am the newly elected ASUH- Hawai'i Community College Student Government President and previous Senator. I strongly encourage for audit-financial, EEO, and campus climate at HawCC to finally settle the criticism of leadership by initiating an unbiased assessment of the overall financial and cultural health of the campus. The timing for an objective audit is optimal when the institution prepares to undergo significant changes in a fiscally stringent budget and transitioning out of the pandemic. Recommendations from the audit will clearly be a baseline for Hawai'i Community College to move forward in a positive direction.

Finally, I am in full support of former ASUH- Hawai'i Community College Student Government President Helen Nishmoto has been retaliated against her year-long campaign speaking Truth to power and criticism with the leadership at HawCC. The entire investigation and determination are suspect. This persecution of Ms. Nishmoto is another example of the pervading toxic work environment at the campus that needs to be stamped out and corrected.

Student Government really has the pulse of the campus community that includes teachers, students, and staff. We constantly get grievances and concerns from all our stakeholders who out of fear and retaliation are hesitant to express themselves. Student Government is the bridge that mediates for those who really do not have a voice. I take my position very seriously, and it is not hyperbole nor personal bias that influences what I write or say. My only concern is how can I make it a safe environment for learning and understanding, rather than fearful and authoritarian. Please consider what I have said. It is a cry for help.

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