MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

JULY 20, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jan Sullivan called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Information Technology Building, 1st Floor Conference Room 105A/B, 2420 Correa Road, Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96822.

Quorum (14): Chair Jan Sullivan; Vice Chair Ben Kudo; Vice Chair Randy Moore; Regent Simeon Acoba; Regent Eugene Bal; Regent Norma Doctor Sparks; Regent Brandon Marc Higa; Regent Wayne Higaki; Regent Michael McEnerney; Regent Jeffrey Portnoy; Regent Lee Putnam; Regent Michelle Tagorda; Regent Ernest Wilson Jr.; and Regent Stanford Yuen.

Others in attendance: President/UH Mānoa (UHM) Interim Chancellor David Lassner; Vice President for Academic Planning & Policy Risa Dickson; Vice President for Administration Jan Gouveia; Vice President for Legal Affairs/University General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; Vice President for Research & Innovation Vassilis Syrmos; Vice President for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer, Garret Yoshimi; Vice President for Budget & Finance & Chief Financial Officer Kalbert Young; UH-Hilo (UHH) Chancellor Donald Straney; UH-West O‘ahu (UHWO) Chancellor Maenette Benham; Honolulu Community College (HonCC) Chancellor Erika Lacro; Executive Administrator and Secretary to the Board Cynthia Quinn; and others as noted.

II. WELCOME NEW REGENT NORMA DOCTOR SPARKS, AND REAPPOINTED REGENTS ACOBA AND KUDO

Chair Sullivan recognized new Regent Norma Doctor Sparks of Kaua‘i, and Regent Ben Kudo (At Large) and Regent Simeon Acoba (Honolulu County) who were reappointed to five year terms.

Regent Doctor Sparks noted that she was an alumnus of the law school, proud and honored to be part of the Board of Regents, and looking forward to the journey ahead. Regent Acoba wished everyone a happy new academic year, and Regent Kudo indicated it was a privilege to serve again.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Sullivan called for nominations for the board chairperson position. Regent Bal nominated immediate past board chairperson Regent Jan Sullivan as Chairperson of the Board of Regents. Having no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Upon a motion by Regent Bal, seconded by Regent Yuen, by unanimous vote, Regent
Jan Sullivan was elected board chairperson for fiscal year 2017-2018. Chair Sullivan thanked the board for their vote of confidence.

Regent Bal nominated immediate past vice chairs Regent Ben Kudo and Regent Randy Moore as Vice Chairpersons of the Board of Regents. Having no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Upon motion by Regent Bal, seconded by Regent Yuen, by unanimous vote, Regent Ben Kudo and Regent Randy Moore were elected as vice chairpersons for the fiscal year 2017-2018.

IV. APROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2017 BOARD MEETING

Regent Wilson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Regent Higaki. Having no further discussion, the minutes were approved upon unanimous vote.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The following individuals provided testimony:

1. Christine Sorensen Irvine, Chair, UH Mānoa Faculty Senate (UHMFS), provided oral testimony summarizing her written testimony regarding some of their concerns about revisions to the conflict of interest policy being addressed; concerns on proposed changes to EP 2.214 and EP 2.215, and recommendation the two policies be combined; commend administration for proposed new policy and guidelines on inclusive facilities with a focus on gender-inclusive facilities; meeting with new UHM Campus Physical Plant Committee and recommendation that more faculty members be included; and working with interim UHM chancellor next year on restructuring initiatives, student retention and enrollment management, review of general education curriculum, and more.

VI. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Lassner provided a report highlighting the following:

Hawai‘i Graduation Initiative (HGI)
- The Brookings Institution released a report recognizing University of Hawai‘i, including the community colleges, as one of the nation’s top 20 leaders among public universities in providing equal access to students from all income levels while being at the forefront of impactful research
- The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education gave UHH College of Pharmacy full 8 year accreditation
- Kapi‘olani Community College (KapCC) culinary students captured third at the American Culinary Federation National competition
- Jamaica Heolimeleikalani Osorio, UHM PhD Candidate in English was awarded the 2017 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship which will help support her final year of dissertation writing and defense for her dissertation titled “Aikāne, a
Kanaka Maoli Mo ‘olelo Beyond Queer Theory: Unsettling White Settler Logics and (Re)membering Indigenous Desires”

Hawai‘i Innovation Initiative (HI2)
- The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration’s Regional Coastal Resilience Grants Program awarded the UHM Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS) a $500,000 grant to enhance coastal resilience in West Maui
- Dr. Michele Carbone, UH Cancer Center’s Director of Thoracic Oncology and his team had a paper on gene mutation and susceptibility in carcinogens published in Nature
- Three UH spinouts (Adnoviv, LLC; Radial3D and SNR Analytics, Inc.) were invited to present at the prestigious First Look LA showcase of university technologies
- XLR8UH Accelerator Program was named a top 30 U.S. Accelerator in the 2017 Seed Accelerator Rankings

21st Century Facilities (21CF)
- Hawai‘i Community College - Pālamanui Campus earned LEED Platinum rating from the U.S. Green Building Council for sustainable campus design

High Performance Mission-Driven System (HPMS)
- UH Foundation exceeded the $75 million fundraising goal for Fiscal Year 2017
- UHM Athletics secured a new long-term uniform deal with Under Armour to be the official outfitter of all of UHM’s 21 varsity intercollegiate athletic programs through June 2022
- The first ever Hawai‘i Youth Impact Program was held at UH, which provided 72 at-risk middle school students the opportunity to experience two weeks at UH focused on building academic capacity, teamwork and physical fitness
- The Hawai‘i State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism Economic released a report on The Economic Impact of International Students in Hawai‘i – 2017 showing that the overall economic impact is down within the state, however, the economic impact at UH System is up due to the increasing number of short term students in mostly non-credit programs

VII. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

A. Request for Action to Approve the Establishment of the Kosasa Endowed Professorship in Gynecologic Oncology at the John A. Burns School of Medicine Department of Obstetrics Gynecology and Woman’s Health.

Interim UHM Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Michael Bruno, JABSOM Associate Dean Dr. Patricia Blanchette, and VP for Development at UHF Rebecca Smith presented and requested of the establishment of the Kosasa Endowed Professorship in Gynecologic Oncology at the John A. Burns School of Medicine Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Woman’s Health. The proceeds from this
fund would support the chair holder and could be awarded to either a current faculty member or faculty recruit.

Regent Portnoy moved to approve the establishment of the Kosasa Endowed Professorship in Gynecologic Oncology at JABSOM, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women’s Health, seconded by Regent McEnerney.

Ms. Smith explained that OB/GYN department, led by Dr. Ivica Zalud, has created a culture of philanthropy within the department, and have received four chairs and 1 professorship from the Kosasa family, and 2 others from faculty members. Regent Portnoy commented on the need for more oncologists to assist the few doctors here helping care for cancer patients. The board recognized and extended sincere thanks to the Kosasa family for their incredible contributions to the care and treatment of cancer patients in Hawai‘i.

The motion have been moved and seconded, the motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

C. Briefing on the Regents and Presidential Scholars Program (RAPS)

VP Dickson gave an overview of the RAPS program, including its history, what scholarships include, qualifications, the current 2017 RAPS recipients selected by campuses, noteworthy scholarship designations, notable RAPS alumni by cohort year, and the role of the regents. As a result of discussions held with Regent Putnam and Regent Iha last year, administration started funding small amount of money to campuses to help manage and resource their role in the process.

There was a question regarding the amount allocations every year and how much more could be safely taken out to help the program. Administration explained that all campuses with the exception of the 3 named scholarships, pay tuition waivers and UHF pays the $4,000 stipend. All earnings come out of and are 100% funded by earnings on the old stadium stock portion of the legacy endowment fund. For the past few years, they have tried to maintain payout at safe levels given the market performance. The other initiative undertaken with this program are the Senator Daniel K. Akaka and Victor Chu named scholarships to raise additional money through UHF that supplements and complements UH’s investment. UHF’s Director of Scholarship Development Malia Peters noted that the Akaka endowment is over $1 million and generates over $40,000 a year, the two Chu scholarships total approximately $500,000 and generate $15,000 to $17,000 a year to support the program. UHF is looking for more partnerships and excited to advocate for the RAPS program.

The board requested and administration agreed to review the payouts and report back to the board on possibility of increasing allocations.
Brief discussion was held regarding the college going rate being generally higher for females than males (60/40), and the fact that 2/3 of the very top students in local high schools are female, and females tend to finish high school, go to college, and do better in school.

A. **Annual Report of the Independent Audit Committee**

Independent Audit Committee Chair Moore explained this annual report was a statutory requirement. The draft of this plan was reviewed at the May committee meeting and reported on at the June board meeting, and is being formally transmitted to the board today. The report includes the committee’s charter, role, and membership, items discussed at each committee meeting, and a report from the Office of Internal Audit.

A question was raised regarding the reason for the increase in work in 2016-2017 compared to 2014-2015. Committee Chair Moore explained the increase was due in large part to the review of revenue-generating programs requested by the former committee chair.

B. **Board Self-Assessment Discussion**

Personnel & Board Governance Committee Chair Wilson explained the materials distributed to the board which included Regent’s Policy 2.204, Policy on Board Self-Evaluation and an article entitled “College Board of Trustees and University – Structure and Composition, Governance, Authority, Responsibilities, Board Committees.” This information was the basis for the draft Board Self-Assessment, which is based on the 10 description of duties of the Board of Regents as identified by the University of Hawai‘i Candidate Advisory Council. He recommended the regents review the materials and provide feedback on serious concerns to him so the self-assessment can be revised accordingly. This will be the instrument by which board self-assessment for this past year will be done and will help focus efforts going forward.

Discussion ensued regarding this matter being under the purview of Personnel & Board Governance Committee next year, with recommendations being brought to the full board. It was noted that the policy also mentions a workshop being held with advance notice, which is not something any of the regents had experienced. Suggestions were made to clarify language within the policy; consider surveying the community (e.g., Hawai‘i Business Roundtable, etc.) on how they perceive the board is doing and suggestions for improvement; broaden review to include how UH compares to peer institutions; and take into consideration the importance of the Legislature.

D. **Title IX Overview**

VP Gouveia noted there was an event held at Bachman Hall on June 23 to celebrate the 45th anniversary of Title IX and recognize the leadership of Patsy Mink exhibited, the boldness of her vision, and the challenges she faced professional and personally at that
time to make something this significant happen on the national level. The university plays an important role in continuing to effectuate that vision and importance. President Lassner has exhibited great leadership in this area over the years, and as a result the Steering Committee for the 2017 Men’s March Against Violence unanimously selected him to receive the 2017 Distinguished Citizen of the award. UH System Director of Office of Institutional Equity noted the significance of this award and mentioned the extensive work President Lassner has done to incorporate policy as best practice from the top of the organization down, with much of the work being done before the 2013 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which codified parts of Title IX. This award is a tribute to President Lassner’s leadership with Title IX, VAWA, trying to be as preventative as possible in establishing community collaborations, and creating safer campuses that are discrimination free and recognize gender equity.

VP Gouveia gave an overview on the evolution of Title IX from its inception. She explained that Title IX applies to educational institutions or programs that receive federal funds, and there was a parallel path for Title VII, which is part of the federal law prohibiting discrimination in employment on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, and national origin. Historically, the majority of the focus of Title IX has been on athletics (represented in red on the chart), and only recently has focus evolved to campus safety and sexual violence (represented in blue on the chart).

Regent Putnam noted that Title IX uses the word “sex” but UH has interpreted it in the realm of gender, not just sex. Similarly, VAWA places it within the sphere of only one sex, but UH has considered victims of violence for all genders.

Chair Sullivan indicated that she requested this item be placed on the agenda because she feels the university has an opportunity to think about what areas the university should be thinking about and targeting. She would like the university to establish, through the Office of Institutional Equity, a more strategic view more and for the board to get a comprehensive annual report on how the university is doing outside of athletics on things like faculty hiring, student enrollment, and physical facilities. Other items to consider include status of the policy on transgender bathroom use, and perhaps using a portion of federal funds to help build child care facilities for students, faculty, administrators, and staff, which is a big impediment for access. If the board has any interest in this, then they can think more comprehensively at the policy level about what they should be doing. There has been lots of emphasis on enforcement, but times are changing and the university needs to adapt. Regent Tagorda agreed with Chair Sullivan and commended the front line staff for all the work they do. She indicated that the results of the UH Student Campus Climate Survey on sexual harassment and gender based violence would provide the campuses and administration with a better understanding of what needs to be done moving forward. Administration explained that the results of the survey are being analyzed and a report will be provided at the end of 2017. Vice Chair Moore added that changing attitudes and behaviors on campus is much harder than passing laws and hoped administration would take that under consideration as part of this effort.
IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Regent Wilson, seconded by Regent Higaki, the board unanimously approved convening in executive session, pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(2) to discuss personnel matters and HRS §92-5(a)(4) to discuss legal matters. The board convened in executive session at 10:59 a.m. Following a motion to come out of executive session by Regent McEnerney, seconded by Regent Higaki, and the motion carried unanimously, executive session was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 3:04 p.m. Chair Sullivan stated that the board went into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters as indicated on the agenda.

X. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL

A. Items for Approval (continued)

1. Personnel Actions (A-1 for approval)

Vice Chair Moore moved to approve the personnel actions on Attachment A-1, seconded by Regent McEnerney, and the motion carried unanimously. The regents thanked Don Straney and Marcia Sakai for their service to UHH and recognized Risa Dickson for her service to the UH System.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Sullivan announced that there will be a RAPS Dinner following the conclusion of the board meeting at UHM Campus Center Ballroom and the next board meeting is August 24, 2017 at University of Hawai‘i IT Center.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Regent Higaki moved to adjourn, and Regent Wilson seconded, and with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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 to the Board of Regents