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## UHM Faculty Senate Executive Committee Testimony (Revised)

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**UHM Faculty Senate** <uhmfs@hawaii.edu>

Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 12:22 PM

To: bor.testimony@hawaii.edu

Cc: Thomas Conway <tconway@hawaii.edu>, SEC <uhm-mfs-sec@lists.hawaii.edu>

### **Agenda Item: President's Report Testimony from the UHM Faculty Senate Executive Committee**

Aloha,

Attached is a memo outlining the UHMFS concerns on getting a re-org proposal through the proper review/consultation process this semester. As far as we have been informed, based on the President's statement from the January BOR meeting, the SEC is still working under the assumption that the administration intends to see this implemented in July. If this is no longer the case, we ask the President to inform the UH Manoa Faculty Senate Executive Committee as soon as possible.

The current timeline does not appear to provide adequate time for Faculty Senate review, and so we conclude that this reorganization proposal cannot be implemented in July. We informed the President and Provost that the Faculty Senate would need to have the full completed proposal by February in order to review it. We have as yet not received such a proposal, and even proposed town halls have not yet been scheduled.

We are concerned that this reorganization is destabilizing, that faculty and staff are choosing to leave for other jobs or to retire over related concerns, and that there will be negative outcomes from the reorganization. Our concerns underscore the need for an adequate review period by MFS.

#### **John Kinder**

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LATE TESTIMONY  
MĀNOA FACULTY SENATE

February 3, 2020

Dear President Lassner,

The Mānoa Faculty Senate Executive Committee writes to express our concern over your statement at the January 16th BOR meeting regarding the ongoing Mānoa Campus reorganization effort. The April date you indicated to the BOR for the Senate review does not provide enough time for review and feedback for your targeted July 1, 2020 implementation. We have been expecting to see a reorganization proposal since September of 2019, and to date have seen nothing.

Michael Bruno promised that MFS would "not see anything serious" at the May meeting, due to the likelihood of extensive discussion and debate. If we are to consider a resolution at our April meeting, CAB needs a minimum of 8 weeks to review, consider input from other committees, and form a resolution. Therefore, we reiterate that if we do not have a **final reorganization proposal** before February 14, 2020, it will not be possible to conclude faculty consultation before your intended implementation date of July 1, 2020.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Conway".

Thomas Conway, Chair  
Senate Executive Committee

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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**III: Public Comment Period for Agenda Items - Nā Ko'oko'o**

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**Nanea Lo** <naneaclo@hawaii.edu>  
To: BOR Testimony <bor.testimony@hawaii.edu>

Thu, Feb 20, 2020 at 5:14 AM

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo and I come Papakōlea, O'ahu. I am also a masters student at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. I am writing in to comment on the CSS hui Nā Ko'oko'o to continue funding for this initiative within the College of Social Sciences.

Nā Ko'oko'o has been an instrumental program that I was able to be apart of. I recently have gotten news that this program will no longer be receiving full funding and this is very concerning to me as a student and advocate for education opportunities. I feel that the College of Social Sciences and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa should do all it can in order to provide this experience for its students.

Through this program I was able to make lifetime connections, be inspired to create with the community a club within my department, be able to advocate and learn how to write in testimonies, and apply for graduate school among lots of other opportunities.

Please support and fund Nā Ko'oko'o for years to come.

me ke aloha 'āina,

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Nanea Lo

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'O ke kino ka hale e noho ai ka 'uhana o ke kānaka  
E 'imi mau i ke ola kino maika'i  
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E 'ai i ka mea 'ai maika'i  
E 'imi mau i ka na'auao - 'ōlelo no'eau