



Testimony regarding Agenda Item VI.A.2

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Wed, Oct 14, 2020 at 6:13 PM

Dear Regents,

I am writing as a member of the UH faculty to share my concerns about the persistent and increasing confusion regarding the future of academic programs at UH Manoa. These are "unprecedented times" indeed, but much of the damage is only caused indirectly by the COVID-19 pandemic; the immediate cause of our predicament are political and administrative decisions - or the lack thereof.

We, the faculty, are willing and ready to help, but open and honest communication is central to this process. As departments and schools are reviewing their options and priorities, mixed and conflicting messages from the Manoa administration cause anxiety and confusion. Programs previously slated for elimination are now declared safe, sometimes within a newly organized school or reorganized department. The Office of the Provost even promises some programs additional resources or faculty - during a massive budget crisis.

Straight talk, honesty, and a critical review of UH's past and current decisions will be needed to mitigate the damage done; we, the faculty, stand by to participate constructively in this process.

Aloha,
Harald Ebeling



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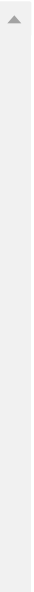
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TO: Honorable Board of Regents

FROM: Professor Ann Auman, Ph.D.
Journalism Program undergraduate chair
School of Communications

RE: Oct. 15 BOR meeting agenda item: VI A 2 Budget Policy Paper.

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Thanks for reading the letters of support and testimony from the community, our alumni and students.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Auman".

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Question re: video testimony

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Thu, Oct 15, 2020 at 8:50 AM

Good Morning,

Please find attached the google document with the Thank You video for today's current meeting,

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BmPyTyEuTs6F3-C7OQO6IWFwHMkF8d_0fEDCb65_Bik/edit?usp=sharing

Mahalo and please let me know if you have any questions,

Georgia Clair Johnson-King

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