
Senate Resolution 23 - 001

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Aloha Board of Regents,

The 11th Senate would like to bring our Senate Resolution 23-001 to table as a way to advocate for the Ma'i Movement, which has been brought to our attention through Chair Kau'i Akamine.

If time permits, I wish to provide oral testimony tomorrow during the meeting.

Mahalo,




Malie K. Moe

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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII - WEST O'AHU

Resolution No: SR 23-001

Resolution Title: *Supporting Availability of Essential Hygiene Products Throughout the University of Hawaii System*

Authored & Introduced by: Creative Media Senator Mikaela Briones and Math, Health and Sciences Senator Lindsey Millerd

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu (ASUHW O) Senate is the elected body representing approximately 3,000 classified undergraduate students; and

WHEREAS, stated in the constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu "The purpose of this organization shall be to provide democratic representation for the students of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu and to promote student participation in educational, cultural, social and community activities;" and

WHEREAS, as stated as the UHW O Institutional Values Pahuhopu¹, "*Kaiāulu*: We value viable, healthy communities where everyone feels included, welcomed, and respected. *Hana Lawelawe*: We value conscious service to community that builds the capacity to offer one's excellence for the benefit of others and our environment;" and

WHEREAS, as stated in the 2018 UHW O Strategic Action Plan Report², Impact Strategy 1: Increasing Student Success & Engagement, "We will foster a learning environment that ensures our students persist through graduation and develop promising career paths. By creating a welcoming and culturally-responsive academic home, we will help our students engage the surrounding community;" and

¹ Referenced in [2022-2023 UHW O General Catalog](#)

² Referenced in [2018 UHW O Strategic Action Plan Report](#)

SR 23-001 was adopted and approved by the ASUHW O 11th Senate on March 20, 2023.

WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i System, (UH) System, is comprised of ten campuses across the Hawaiian Islands, serving over 50,000 students in higher education, including the West O'ahu campus; and

WHEREAS, the UH System is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and supportive learning environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, it is a well-established practice for the UH System to provide low-cost and essential hygiene products, such as toilet paper, soap and seat liners for the well-being of its students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, the cost of living in the State of Hawai'i is among the highest in the nation, and many students struggle to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS, according to a study by U by Kotex³, "More than two in five people with periods say they have struggled to purchase period products due to lack of income at some point in their life. Between 2018 and 2021, that number increased by 35%," and

WHEREAS, according to a study by Cardoso, et al.⁴, "When students lacked access to period products, the most frequently mentioned coping methods were borrowing products (73%), using other materials in lieu of menstrual products (53%), using pads or tampons for longer than suggested (48%), and going without any products (26%)"; and

WHEREAS, being unable to readily obtain necessary hygiene products can result in discomfort and embarrassment, as well as negative impacts on health and academic success due to makeshift measures posing toxic shock risks or absenteeism in courses from unanticipated menses; and

WHEREAS, in the study by U by Kotex⁵, "One-third (38%) of people who menstruate have had to miss events or activities in the last

³ Referenced in [Ma'i Movement Hawai'i 2023 Advocacy Toolkit](#)

⁴ Referenced in [Ma'i Movement Hawai'i 2023 Advocacy Toolkit](#), Cardoso, L.F., Scolese, A.M., Hamidaddin, A. *et al.* Period poverty and mental health implications among college-aged women in the United States. *BMC Women's Health* 21, 14 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12905-020-01149-5>

⁵ Referenced in [Ma'i Movement Hawai'i 2023 Advocacy Toolkit](#)

year – such as work, school or an appointment – due to a lack of access to period products;” and

BE IT RESOLVED,

that the UH West Oahu campus shall prioritize and provide essential hygiene products, including menstrual hygiene products; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the UH System shall provide essential hygiene products, such as menstrual hygiene products by working with appropriate departments and stakeholders to ensure that these products are easily accessible and available across all campus’ restrooms and common areas, including but not limited to public appropriations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the UH System shall prioritize implementation that is efficient, cost-effective and sustainable, exploring all available options, including reusable products, and pursue partnerships with local businesses and organizations, to minimize the financial impact on the UH System and its community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to: the University of Hawai’i Board of Regents Randolph Moore and Members, President David Lassner, University of Hawai’i West O’ahu Chancellor Maenette Benham, Vice Chancellor for Administration, David McDonald, interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Lokelani Kenolio, UHWO Faculty Senate Chair Ka’uilani Akamine, Faculty Senate Vice Chair Lisa Spencer, West O’ahu Staff Senate, Nalimakui Council, UH System Basic Needs Committee, The Hoot, and ASUH Mānoa.

VOTES:

Ayes: 3 (Senator Christopher Crocco, Senator Mikaela Briones, Senator Lindsey Millerd)

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 1 (Vice President Jared McCann)

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Your Name (required) *

Abraham Elimimian

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Assistant Football Coach at The University of Hawaii

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VII.B. Discussion of the Independent Assessment of UH Mānoa Athletics Department Operations Relating to Student-Athlete Welfare and Communications (Redacted)

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The report regarding on the Legislative Informational Briefing on January 7th, 2022, stated in 4.3.b. that "Coach Graham also voluntarily ceased attending road trip chapel services". This is false and was not the case!

I remember at that time, former Head Football Coach Michael Todd Graham attending chapel in 2021 before we played Nevada Reno as well as the evening/night prior to the Wyoming game.

I also recollect that Athletic Director David Matlin was present during the last chapel service of the 2021 season prior to us playing Wyoming.

Just want to make sure we get it right. Todd Graham obviously is no longer here at The University of Hawaii, but I would be remiss to not say something when I saw what I saw.

In addition, we should be mindful to make sure our student-athletes are taken care of going forward with right, sound, and proper leadership. So the negative, toxic and harmful issues, some made public and others private never occur again and are remedied.

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3-23-23

TO: Board of Regents
University of Hawaii

FROM: Jill Leilani Nunokawa, Esq.
UH-Manoa Civil Rights Specialist

RE: Agenda Item VII. B. Discussion of the Independent Assessment of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Athletics Department Operations Relating to Student-Athlete Welfare and Communication

I am submitting my 2019 Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) application for contextual history and background in my expertise, experience and history at UH-Manoa.

If I was selected, then our beloved University would not have wasted \$75,000 on an alleged “independent” assessment because I would have addressed the gross power, control and domination exercised and wielded within the Athletics Department against student-athletes and others with outside entities like the NCAA, the Hawaii state legislature, and the State Auditor’s Office, as well as internally with top administrators.

I request the Board of Regents intervene immediately and re-evaluate the avenues and options needed to engage and perform a true, honest, authentic, inclusive, transparent, non intimidating, non interfered by administration, safe, and accountable assessment of Student Athlete Welfare. I recommend the Board of Regents request Les Kondo and the State Auditor’s Office to assess, evaluate, and recommend necessary changes to improve and sustain actual student athlete welfare based on their findings.

I recommend the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics convene a group of diverse, truthful and knowledgeable individuals (including myself) to design, develop and execute a matrix of accountability to ensure that its mandates, as listed in the Bylaws of Board of Regents, Article II, Section D, are authentically, accurately, and accountably integrated, implemented and enforced, especially #2, “Advise the Board regarding its responsibility to oversee: the health, safety, and academic progress of student-athletes.”

I encourage Board members to contact me to discuss in detail the truth behind the spin so we may pave the way for a heightened, healthy and vibrant student athlete experience at UH-Manoa.

Ku Kia'i Haumana.

In solidarity with student athletes.

February 26, 2019

TO: FAR Committee Members & UHM Chancellor Lassner
FROM: Jill Leilani Nunokawa, UHM Civil Rights Specialist (S5)
RE: Request to Be Appointed UHM's Faculty Athletics Representative

With deep respect for this academic institution, I submit my formal request to be appointed the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR). My interest and love of UHM and particularly its athletics program began over forty years ago, in the early 1970s while my father was a faculty member at UHM. I literally grew up on the campus and attended most of the UH Basketball games, especially during the Fabulous Five era.

After graduating as both the Athlete of the Year and the Scholar Athlete of the Year from Kaiser High School in 1981, I walked on to the Wāhine Basketball team and earned a scholarship from 1981-1985. I played under three different coaches and enjoyed two different women's athletics directors, including Dr. Donnis Thompson. During this illustrious time, our UH Wāhine Volleyball team won two national championships and laid the ground work for the third in 1987. I knew most of the players on these championship teams. My teammate was All-American Deitre Collins, and we won 20 games our senior season while I was the starting point guard. I know collegiate athletics intimately, from the experience and perspective of a student-athlete competing and engaging with the very best. I have a unique understanding of the history of our athletics program, and our current programmatic structure, and I have forged many long lasting relationships with athletics personnel. Some of these relationships were formed in 1981 with people like Teri Wilhelm-Chang, Eric Okasaki and Jayson Goo.

After finishing my college degree in four years, I attended and graduated from the William S. Richardson School of Law in 1988. I returned to my alma mater in 1997 as the UHM Civil Rights Specialist and was tenured in 2000, promoted to S4 in 2001, promoted to S5 in 2007, and positively reviewed in 2019 for my periodic 5-year review. While in my position for over 22 years, I have served as the Chair of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) Faculty Senate, I served on the All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs (ACCFSC), the Mānoa Faculty Senate, the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), numerous committees working with the Athletics Advisory Board (AAB), Athletics working committees regarding NCAA review, and the Rainbow Wāhine Hui.

Additionally, I have successfully worked with many individuals within the Athletics 'ohana, including past and current administrators, student-athlete services personnel, academic services for student-athletes personnel, student-athlete development/life skills director, facilities personnel, business office and human resources personnel, athletics training personnel, former and current coaches, former FARs, and

countless student-athletes. I have served on selection committees for UH coaches, given numerous presentations to the athletics department and student-athletes, and serve as a resource for all members of the UH Athletics 'ohana, as well as our entire campus and community.

In my position at UHM, I attend the National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA) Annual Conferences to stay current with the national trends regarding many aspects of high-performing colleges and universities, including athletics. I have a broad background in compliance issues and a legal understanding of the NCAA requirements, rules and policies. I am able to attend all meetings including the NCAA Regional Rules Seminars, D1A FARS meetings, FAR Association meetings and NCAA required meetings, as well as conference championship tournaments and other meetings or seminars as requested.

Also, under the BOR policy 7.208.B.1, I will place the health and safety of the UHM student-athletes as the highest priority and I will work with the athletics department, administration, and all constituencies to maintain this priority. I currently engage in annual presentations to the student athletic trainers and keep up with the most current issues of health trends in collegiate athletics, both physical and mental. I have worked with student-athletes on mental health issues with professionals on our campus, and addressed policy changes regarding direct mental health services for the student-athletes. Moreover, I currently work in a position that values and maintains civil rights and diversity on our campus. Accordingly, the FAR position would be complimentary and enhance my ability to further my calling and commitment to our campus, and in particular, our student-athletes.

Lastly, the most recent NCAA FAR survey contained certain notable data that should be recognized. First, 90% of the FAR are white and none are Asian, while 1.3% identify as "other." Second, 65% of the FAR in Division 1 are male. Third, only 25% of the FAR are former collegiate athletes.

In conclusion, I possess the MQs, the DQs, and the diversity currently needed in the Faculty Athletics Representative. Like Dr. Thompson when she was appointed Hawai'i's Superintendent of Education, if selected, I would become the first female and person of color, to serve in this position. I am competent, committed, caring, and collegial, and I will work with others to prioritize and improve the overall experiences of the student-athletes, stay in compliance with conference and NCAA rules, regulations and policies, and positively grow the reputation, integrity, and success of our UHM Athletics Program.