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Special BOR - IV.A. Appointment of Presidential Search Advisory Group Members to Fill Vacancies

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July 30, 2024

TO: University of Hawai'i Board of Regents

CC: Michael Bruno, Provost
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

FROM: Senate Executive Committee of the Mānoa Faculty Senate

RE: Special BOR Meeting Thursday, August 1, 2024, 12:30 pm; Agenda Item III. A. Appointment of Presidential Search Advisory Group Members to Fill Vacancies

Aloha Chair Lee and the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i,

This testimony is submitted by the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) of the Mānoa Faculty Senate regarding the Appointment of Presidential Search Advisory Group (PSAG) members to fill vacancies.

It is our understanding that there are now two members of the PSAG who have resigned. We renew the [request made by several committees of the Mānoa Faculty Senate](#) to choose PSAG members to represent research and scholarship made at the March 7, 2024 BOR meeting.

The process for the nominations below occurred as follows: Solicitations for expert nominees were gathered by four committees of the MFS, which involved committee discussion and consultation with faculty leaders with prior executive search experience. The recommendations were vetted and discussed before being unanimously approved by: the Committee on Faculty Service, Committee on Administration and Budget, Committee on Academic Policy and Planning, and Committee on Research.

The academic leaders listed below (in alphabetical order) are dedicated to the University, and stated that they are keenly interested and would be willing to serve if asked:

- Monique Chyba, Professor of Mathematics
- Pete Mougini-Mark, former Director of HIGP
- Steven Ward, Director of the Institute for Biogenesis Research

This representation is needed to ensure that the new President of the University of Hawai'i understands the importance of research and academics within the system, but especially at the Flagship campus, Mānoa, where this person will serve as CEO until the BOR decides to reorganize the current leadership structure.

testimony and letter of support for Mr. Lance Yamamoto

1 message

S Pope <spope@hawaii.edu>
To: bor.testimony@hawaii.edu

Wed, Jul 31, 2024 at 2:21 PM

Testimony in Strong Support of Mr. Lance Yamamoto's Nomination to serve on the University of Hawai'i Presidential Search Advisory Group (UHPSAG)

Dear Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Tochiki, Vice-Chair Loo, and Members of the Board of Regents:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in strong support of the nominations for two new members for the University of Hawai'i Presidential Search Advisory Group (UHPSAG). We first want to thank the Regents for honoring their commitment to shared governance at UH by including staff representatives to serve alongside other authorized governance organizations, as well as esteemed members of the community who share our commitment to our University.

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We submit this testimony in support of Lance's nomination on behalf of the Kapi'olani Community College Staff Council, which is comprised of officers elected to represent more than 150 staff members. Collectively, our membership supports over five hundred faculty members and 5,439 part- and full-time students.

Thank you for considering this testimony and for your continued service to the University of Hawai'i.

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Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Pope".

Susan Pope
Chair, Staff Council
Kapi'olani Community College



Testimony for Special Board of Regents Meeting

1 message

Marguerite Butler <mbutler808@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 31, 2024 at 5:56 PM

To: Zoom on behalf of Board of Regents <bor.testimony@hawaii.edu>

Please see attached testimony for Special BoR Meeting, Item III.A

Sincerely,
Marguerite Butler

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BOR Testimony - PSAG Nominees August 1, 2024.pdf

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TO: The Board of Regents, University of Hawai'i
FROM: Dr. Marguerite Butler, Professor, School of Life Sciences, UH Manoa
DATE: 08/01/24
RE: Agenda Item III.A. Presidential Search Advisory Group

Aloha Chair Lee, Regents and President Lassner,

I am a Professor in the School of Life Sciences, co-chair of the Manoa Faculty Senate Committee on Faculty Service, and member of the Senate Executive Committee, and testifying in my personal capacity. Please consider the following nominees, gathered by the Manoa senators to represent research, academics, and deep understanding of the UH system.

Sincerely,
Marguerite Butler
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Dr. Monique Chyba

Professor Chyba has been a faculty member in Mathematics at UHM for 22 years, serving as Associate Chair and cooperating faculty with Ocean Resources Engineering.

Monique is an internationally recognized applied mathematician (55 peer-reviewed articles, 6 edited volumes, 2 books). Her interdisciplinary collaborations have brought in ~\$7M in grant support including federal extramural awards from NASA, the Department of Energy, and the National Science Foundation.

Her leadership in research extends across the UH System (involving UH Manoa, UHWO, UH Maui, and UH Hilo), and serves critical needs within the community including: (1) modeling the COVID-19 pandemic to inform the State of Hawai'i's pandemic response, (2) small aerial vehicles during the 2018 Volcano eruption, (3) supervising a PhD dissertation modeling the recent Maui wildfires, and (4) Maui trauma STEM-informed education.

Professor Chyba has partnered with the Hawaii State DOE to share her love of mathematics and provide opportunities to our youth across the islands including students from Ni'i'hau, touching thousands of K-12 students and teachers, and especially underrepresented populations such as the houseless and disabled.

She has received multiple excellence in teaching awards for her transformative teaching of mathematics to thousands of UH undergraduates. For example, she developed a new unit for the teaching of Math 100 based on a UH cohort visit to Kaho'olawe. She has trained 2 postdoctoral, 8 PhD, and 7 MS scholars, several who themselves went on to be faculty at KCC, HCC, LCC, and academic dean at Maryknoll. She has authored mathematics textbooks for our students, and is working on a statewide task force to redesign high school math pathways with UH System and HI DOE.

Dr. Pete Mouginis-Mark

Dr. Mouginis-Mark is an Emeritus Researcher and Faculty member at UHM with 37 years of service. Internationally recognized for his scholarly contributions, he has an eponymous prize sponsored by the Geological Society of America (the "Pete Mouginis-Mark Prize in Planetary Volcanology"), and received the Antarctic Service Medal from the National Science Foundation. As a researcher of volcanoes on Earth and Mars, Pete has conducted field work on many active volcanoes, including Kilauea, Mt. Pinatubo (Philippines), and those in the Galapagos Islands, Chile, Nicaragua, and Java (Indonesia).

Over his long research career (142 peer-reviewed publications), Pete has served as PI on 54 research grants totalling \$19M from NASA, the Office of Naval Research, and the European Space Agency. He has trained 19 PhD and 4 MS students, served on dozens of student committees, and taught 39 courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Pete has been tapped for numerous leadership roles at the university, state, and national levels:

- UHM: Director of Hawaii Institute of Geophysics and Planetology (SOEST), Interim Associate Dean for Research (College of Engineering), and Sustainability Director of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research.
- State of Hawaii: via appointments to the Pacific Disaster Center, Maui, (Chief Scientist) and the State's Space Advisory Committee. He also has strong outreach and minority engagement experience as the State's NASA Space Grant Director and Director of the Pacific Planetary Data Center
- National: Acting Program Manager for NASA's Geology Program, with a budget of ~\$4M per annum. He also has extensive experience as member and chair of dozens of committees and boards, primarily with NASA.

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Dr. W. Steven Ward

Professor Steven Ward has been a faculty member at JABSOM, UHM for 24 years.

Dr. Ward was recruited to UHM to help build and now serve as Director of the Institute for Biogenesis Research. In recognition of his expertise in clinical research and leadership, he was appointed Chief of the Division of Research in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. His honors include being named Lakshmi Devi and Devraj Sharma Endowed Chair in Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health, and an award by the New York Academy of Sciences.

Recognized as an international leader in the field of urology and sperm chromatin structure (85 peer reviewed publications), he has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health to supervise 20 projects bringing in over \$38M as PI. He has trained 19 graduate students and postdocs, teaches in the medical school, and served on numerous national and international editorial boards.

Dr. Ward has extensive service at the University and National levels. He served generously on the Manoa and JABSOM faculty senates, the latter as president, and on numerous research committees and task forces. His national service includes leadership in professional societies including President of the Society for Basic Urologic Research.

Dr. Ward was previously appointed as the Director of Urologic Research at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he was an important part of the development of the New Jersey Cancer Institute.

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