



Testimony to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents in Support of Emerita Status for Dr. Lori Miyo Ideta

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Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 7:49 AM

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

I am honored to provide testimony in **support of Agenda Item VIIB Granting Vice Provost Emerita Status to Dr. Lori Miyo Ideta**, a champion of student success at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Granting Dr. Ideta emerita status is not only a fitting recognition of her decades of dedicated service but also an affirmation of the enduring impact she has had on the University of Hawai'i and its students. As a former student leader at Mānoa, I had the privilege of working closely with Dr. Ideta just before her retirement. She guided my efforts to ensure that students at Mānoa had a voice in shaping the University's future. Her wisdom, approachability, and steadfast commitment to student advocacy inspired not only me but many other Mānoa students who looked up to her.

Dr. Ideta's legacy lives on through those she inspired to pursue a brighter future through our time at UH—a belief captured in the Japanese proverb, *ichigo ichie* (一期一会), which reminds us to treasure each encounter as it is unique and will not recur in the same way. Dr. Ideta's legacy at Mānoa echoes in the lives of the students she has mentored, the colleagues she has collaborated with, and the community she has enriched through her work.

With deep respect and gratitude,
Brandon Marc Higa



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Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 1:00 PM

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

Thank you for recognizing President Lassner's service to the University of Hawai'i at the upcoming Board meeting. The Association of Emeritus Regents proudly presents the following resolution echoing the Board's Resolution (24-03) in honor of President Lassner.

Resolution

In Recognition and Profound Appreciation of Distinguished Service of David Lassner, University of Hawaii President

WHEREAS, Dr. David Lassner has dedicated over four decades of distinguished service to the University of Hawai'i, in various leadership capacities, including as the 15th President of the University of Hawai'i, where he provided visionary guidance, strengthened the University's academic and research excellence, and enhanced its community engagement and global reputation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Lassner has been a vital leader in the Internet2 Board of Trustees, exemplifying strategic vision and advancing the mission of Internet2 to strengthen connectivity, research, and education across the Hawaiian Islands and the Pacific. His forward-thinking approach to integrating technology and education has transformed the University's infrastructure, expanding access to learning opportunities for UH students in remote areas to foster a more inclusive and innovative academic environment. Under Dr. Lassner's leadership, the Internet2 Board has continued to guide transformative technological initiatives, enhance secure infrastructure, and deliver cutting-edge services to over 325 U.S. universities, 58 government agencies, 46 regional education networks, and other global partners, facilitating greater access to advanced technology for education, research, and public service;

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the University of Hawai'i has significantly increased research productivity, cultivated a thriving culture of innovation, and positioned itself as a key player in addressing global challenges, further solidifying its place among the nation's leading research universities, achieving the highest totals in the UH's history. President Lassner set the record for raising the most extramural funds for a single principal investigator, and has played a central role in UH's record-setting extramural revenue for three consecutive years in 2022-2024;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lassner's steadfast advocacy for Indigenous education and his support for the University's role as a leader in Indigenous innovation have strengthened the ties between the institution and Hawai'i's Native Hawaiian community, exemplifying a deep respect for Hawai'i's cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to public service extends beyond the University, as Dr. Lassner has played an instrumental role in fostering collaborations between academia, government, and industry to address critical issues facing Hawai'i and the broader Pacific region, including climate change, public health, and economic development. His executive board leadership contributions include serving as a Commissioner and former chair of the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) and a member of the Board of Governors of the East-West Center; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Emeritus Regents of the University of Hawai'i hereby recognizes and honors Dr. David Lassner for his exemplary public service, visionary leadership, and enduring contributions to the University of Hawai'i and the State of Hawai'i; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this proclamation be presented with deep appreciation and heartfelt aloha for his tireless efforts to uplift the University, its students, faculty, and staff, and for his enduring legacy of service to higher education and the people of Hawai'i.

Presented this 19th day of November, 2024, by the Association of Emeritus Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

Mahalo,
James Lee, Chair
Brandon Marc Higa, Vice Chair
Joseph Blanco, Secretary-Treasurer

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Testimony in Support of Resolution 24-03 Honoring President David Lassner

1 message

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Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 7:49 AM

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony affirming my **support of Board Resolution 24-03 Honoring University of Hawai'i President David Lassner**.

As a participant in the President's Emerging Leaders Program (PELP) Cohort V and the inaugural PELP 201 cohort, I witnessed firsthand President Lassner's unwavering commitment to developing future leaders across the UH System. Through PELP, President Lassner provided PELPers with a transformative platform for cultivating leadership skills and fostering meaningful connections among colleagues spanning all ten UH campuses.

One of President Lassner's professional accomplishments is particularly inspiring to me. He was just awarded an honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of the Ryūkyūs, which is a long-time partner of UH Mānoa. His mentorship encouraged me to pursue my own doctoral journey at the William S. Richardson School of Law, deepening my understanding of Hawai'i-Okinawa ties. This has enhanced my ability to support the sister-state relationship and strengthen partnerships between Kapi'olani Community College and the University of the Ryūkyūs.

I extend my deepest gratitude to President Lassner for his years of dedicated service and unwavering support for the University of Hawai'i community. I humbly ask the Board of Regents to adopt Resolution 24-03 to honor and celebrate President Lassner's extraordinary legacy.

Warmly,
Brandon Marc Higa
President's Emerging Leaders Program Cohort V & PELP 201



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Testimony: Comments on President Lassner's remarkable service and contributions for PELP

1 message

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Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 9:06 PM

Dear Board of Regents,

I would like to submit testimony and comment on President Lassner's commendable service and commitment in restarting the UH President's Emerging Leadership Program (aka PELP).

It was such an honor to be a part of that special group of awesome leaders and change agents of the UH System and wider community. My selection and participation in PELP allowed me to gain a wide perspective of all aspects of the UH System. President Lassner availed his resources, time, and insight. PELP provided us with invaluable sessions, meetings, and huaka'i (field trips). I especially appreciated visiting to UH campuses other than our own. I learned much and was inspired to serve as a leader within the UH system in order to improve it for future generations. After PEPL, I eventually served as the Director of the PK-6 teacher education program in the College of Education, the largest teacher prep program in the State, for six years. I have continued to mentor future leaders within the University of Hawai'i. Mahalo nui loa, President Lassner!

Sincerely,

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"O ke aloha, ua ho'omanawanui, a ua lokomaikai..."



Nov 21 Testimony - Adoption of Resolution David Lassner

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RE: SUPPORT FOR UH AD CRAIG ANGELOS

Dearest Regents,

I write to you in support of Mr. Craig Angelos, to keep him in the capacity of Athletic Director at the University of Hawaii – Manoa. I implore you to recognize his value and reinstate him.

As a community member, an avid UH sport spectator, a keiki athlete parent who's child dreams of one day becoming a Rainbow Warrior – I was moved to see the wonderfully positive changes that AD Angelos was able to achieve in 18 months, including cost saving changes, grass root financial gains, lucrative apparel deals – all to do what's best and to balance the department's flailing budget. Imagine what more was instore for Manoa's lower campus if given the chance?

In my line of work, which includes sports medicine, I often see many athletes and professionals who hail from the University – and we talk. We agree that Mr. Angelos' effort to capitalize on the uniqueness of Hawaii's time zone, destination and culture as a strength and not a weakness. It was amazing that he has games in HST unrivaled and now seen in a positive new light again...

His thinking outside of the box and always being a few steps ahead has guided the positive advancement of a financially strained athletic department.

The outrage of alumni and fan support from community regarding this sudden release is real. His performance 18 months have surpassed expectation. Therefore, I vehemently disagree with Mr. Lassner's decision to part ways and release Mr. Angelos from duty.

Warm regards,

Dr. Grace D. Pascual
Podiatric Surgery
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Testimony Honoring President Lassner Service

1 message

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Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 9:05 AM

Aloha Board of Regents,

Please accept this testimony on behalf of a committed public servant and PELP cohort member.

I want to acknowledge the service of President David Lassner.

I have served at the University, primarily at Leeward CC, for the past 17 years. I have put a bulk of this time and energy into learning, teaching, research, leadership, and student and institutional success at the University of Hawai'i during David's tenure.

I do not lightly state that David's approach to leadership, his selflessness, forthrightness, acumen, practical nature, humility, approachableness, institutional knowledge, willingness to engage, smile, cheer, and sigh have all been beacons to our common cause, our humanity, and our professionalism during this period.

We have supported thousands of students and families goals, hopes, and dreams. We have had many successes and secured our position as a respectable and leading research institution in the Pacific. We have approached our role as a conduit for innovation and ideas from Greater Polynesia and as a bridge between the East and West. We have also made honest efforts to transition to an integrity-based, world-leading Indigenous-serving institution. We have made economic and social progress as a state during tenuous times. We have led through the COVID-19 pandemic. All along, I believe that our University has made our islands stronger.

As will be the case during any period, during David's tenure, there have been imperfections and significant bumps in the road, social and fiscal challenges, and difficult but necessary decisions. Still, I have always felt these were a part of our conversation, our story, our difficulties to face, and our choices to make. We have faced these challenges with empathy, understanding, and a willingness to work together. I believe wholeheartedly that David exemplified this togetherness in his tireless approach to the work of the University.

While "legacies" take on different shapes and forms, and many public servants often retire as the system continues forward without a moment of reflection, I am hopeful that David's energy is a light for others in the University Community, from the Regents to New President to Administration to Faculty to Staff to Students, and will give us pause and allow us to consider how we might emulate the best qualities of committed public duty to serve our people and our Hawai'i.

Thank you for your time and humanity, David. It is recognized and appreciated.

Michael Cawdery, Leeward CC
President's Emerging Leaders Program (PELP) Generation "Pandemic" (2019-2020)



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engagement in doing something to positively affect it.”

-Geneva Gay

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VII.E. Adoption of Resolution Honoring President David Lassner

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Hawaii Football--Warrior Nation

November 20, 2024

Dear University of Hawaii Board of Regents,

We are members of Hawaii Football Warrior Nation, the largest University of Hawaii Athletics fan group on Facebook with over 5,200 members. Our community is comprised of people living in Hawaii, the Mainland, and internationally. We are students, alumni, fans, Hawaii residents and former residents, family members of students and athletes, coaches, and UH employees. We are part of the core nationwide backbone of interest and support for the University's athletics program.

Our members are the people wearing green shirts in places like snowy Logan, Utah, that you see on TV. We drive for hours, fly airplanes to cheer on the Bows and represent Hawaii. Everywhere Hawaii plays, our members proudly support UH and its athletics program. We're the ones encouraging our kids and our friends' kids to attend UH. And we are part of alumni relations and giving.

For the 18 month period of AD Craig Angelos' tenure at UH, we were happy to see progress and vision for Athletics. Craig seemed to have a knack for selling the value of Hawaii like no other AD we've had since Stan Sherriff. Despite nobody knowing who he was before he was hired, Craig quickly won people over with his actions, personable attitude, and willingness to work on big things that long time supporters saw as key for the University of Hawaii to reaching its full potential. We might not all agree on coaches, wins and losses, but the overwhelming feeling was UH was on the right track even during a period of heightened uncertainty. We had confidence in the University, and the athletics program led by Craig. We bought into the vision.

That's why Craig's termination announcement came as a great shock and with sadness. There is a real fear that UH and Athletics are going to take a big step backwards – possibly permanently. There is an overall lack of trust in the process and decision making, especially due to the timing one month before the new President starts her job.

We see a narrow window of opportunity to change course. We urge the Board of Regents to reinstate Craig Angelos as our Athletics Director. The right thing to do is to have the new incoming UH President impartially evaluate and determine what is the best course of action while he is on the job. Not giving her that opportunity makes the efforts of many supporters seem like a waste and most importantly erodes trust in the University.

Signed,

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VII.E. Adoption of Resolution Honoring President David Lassner

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Aloha UH Board of Regents,

Writing in support of the Resolution Honoring President David Lassner, I would like to offer a huge mahalo to David Lassner for nearly forty years of dedicated service to the University of Hawai’i. Much like the "Giving Tree," David Lassner's devotion to UH over the years has been boundless, and we are all the beneficiaries of that commitment. Thank you, President Lassner, for all you have done to put students first, and to modernize and improve those technical systems and human processes that work behind the scenes to ensure that the University functions. We offer you aloha as you walk into retirement, and wish you the best of health and happiness.

Warmest regards,
Alan Rosenfeld

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Testimony in Support of Resolution 24-03 Honoring President David Lassner

1 message

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Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 5:25 PM

Aloha University of Hawai'i Board of Regents,

I am writing in support of Resolution 24-03 Honoring President David Lassner, and to comment on David Lassner's remarkable career with the University of Hawai'i. As a President's Emerging Leaders Program (PELP) participant, I saw firsthand President Lassner's enthusiasm for this work and dedication to the University. His prioritization of the PELP program speaks volumes to his vision to further grow and transform the University of Hawai'i to continue to meet Hawai'i's needs, now and into the future, and to be recognized as a world class institution. Prior to my participation in PELP, I worked with David Lassner through his role as a Principal Investigator (PI) of extramural funds and realized early on he was one of the most ingenious and hardest working UH employees I had come across. His diligence and perseverance as a PI was always with the intent to benefit and advance the University, which continues to this day. Even with all of his responsibilities and growing demands for his time, and as his career advanced, President Lassner continued to be a down to earth, good guy who treats everyone with respect and aloha. He takes the time to recognize us for our accomplishments and rallies behind us, no matter our positions or locations. He has left his mark by leading the University by example and it will be hard to image the University of Hawai'i without David Lassner.

Mahalo,

Cheryl Reeser
PELP Cohort 2018-2019



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Written Comments/Testimony for 11/21/24 Agenda Item VII.E.

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Dear Chair Lee and Honorable Members of the Board,

Please see attached comments in Word document format.

Mahalo . . . David H. K. Huff, UHM '84, B.A. Polsc.



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November 20, 2024

RE: Written Comments on Board of Regents 11/21/24 Agenda Item VII.E. (David Lassner Resolution) and Request for Setting of Special Meeting.

Dear Chair Lee and other Honorable Members of the Board of Regents :

I am writing to provide these written comments to the referenced agenda item concerning the proposed Resolution 24-03 honoring UH President David Lassner and the corresponding nexus with the current public controversy concerning UH President Lassner's abrupt dismissal of UH Athletic Director Craig Angelos.

As some background, I was born and raised in Honolulu, attended public schools for K-12 in the Honolulu District. I am a proud UH alumni of UH Manoa, graduating with a BA in Political Science in 1984. I have since obtained a professional graduate degree in Southern California where I currently reside. I attended my first UH football game in 1974 when Larry Price was the coach and they played Rutgers in old Honolulu Stadium aka the "Termite Palace". Since that time, I have attended many UH football games and other sports both in Honolulu and here on the Mainland.

As the Board has become well aware, there is now an ongoing and growing public controversy surrounding the shocking decision by the outgoing Lassner to terminate UH's relationship with AD Angelos effective 12/1/24. Most of us just became aware of this development in the last thirty-six hours with the startling news report by Action Network's Brett McMurphy. It would be inappropriate to adopt proposed Resolution 24-03 at this time given the facts and circumstances of which the Board is now aware and for the reasons as detailed in these comments herein.

Prior to this Brett McMurphy news report, the general perception by alumni, fans and the general public is that AD Angelos has been performing remarkably well in the last 18 months since he was hired. A number of his accomplishments include the following highlights:

- 1) Gained entry for UH as a full member of the Mountain West Conference with a provision that starting in 2026 the travel subsidies that UH has had to pay to MWC schools since having to leave the Western Athletic Conference in 2012 due to realignment issues would be eliminated. This notable accomplishment was achieved under considerable time pressure due to the sudden announcements in September that five MWC schools were departing for the PAC-12 under the cloud of realignment uncertainty that has been plaguing college sports. AD Angelos brought UH sports programs to a place of safety which cannot be underestimated.

- 2) Established travel charter flights for football student athletes that saved time, provided additional rest and saved approximately \$70,000 of taxpayer funds.
- 3) Improving UH's branding image, marketing and licensing opportunities with CLC and was engaged in concluding negotiations with Nike for a multi-year deal worth \$3.2 million.
- 4) Growing reputation as a 'go-getter' and having a can-do spirit with innovative initiatives on new media deal, community engagement and partnerships, fundraising and overseas games.

Most reasonable people would view such accomplishments in a positive light and as evidence of exceptional performance. However, based on the only public announcement to date from UH administration that was provided late Tuesday afternoon, it is being asserted by Lassner that AD Angelos dismissal is "based on performance" with no further details being furnished under claim of personnel action confidentiality.

AD Angelos has now publicly spoken out on this topic, indicting that he was completely blindsided and is completely unaware of the grounds for his dismissal other than being told by Lassner that it's due to a "lack of performance". AD Angelos has also stated that there was no impropriety or malfeasance on his part, personally or professionally. There has also been no indication of criminal activity involved on his part that would warrant dismissal. Neither HPD nor other law enforcement agencies have confirmed any arrest warrants or investigations involving AD Angelos.

Moreover, there have been some troubling disclosures that a number of UHAD staff that served under prior AD Matlin and who remain employed at UHAD have allegedly attempted to undermine AD Angelos due to petty jealousies, disputes over the newfound effectiveness of decision-making under AD Angelos, parochial attitudes by disgruntled holdover staff from the Matlin administration, expectations of a new productive work ethic and habits by AD Angelos designed to make UHAD's operations more effective being resisted by holdover staff who seem more comfortable with providing minimal effort at taxpayer expense. In addition, and even more troubling, it has also been alleged that Lassner has close relationships with a number of the Matlin administration holdover staff, including the person who has been nominated to become interim AD effective 12/2/24 once AD Angelos has departed.

In summation, based on the facts and circumstances of which we are aware, the situation at a minimum provides the appearance of inappropriate dealings and perhaps even the scent of corruption to the detriment of government transparency. The abrupt nature of a "midnight maneuver" against the prominent position of UH Athletic Director by a lame-duck UH President that benefits alleged cronies does not provide good optics to the taxpayers nor does it show due respect to members of the Board of Regents.

Consequently, based on the foregoing, I am requesting that the Board take the following actions:

- 1) That no action be taken on adoption of BOR Agenda Item VII.E re: David Lassner resolution 24-03. The resolution should be withdrawn/tabled at this time due to the ongoing public controversy that has been specifically caused by the out-going UH President Lassner's poor decision-making with regard to his abrupt dismissal of UH Athletic Director Angelos until an appropriate investigation has been allowed to take place. It would be difficult to imagine the Board adopting such a resolution honoring Lassner under the present circumstances.**
- 2) That the Board place UH President Lassner on administrative leave based on the facts and circumstances of which the Board is already aware and also as detailed above, pending further investigation to determine exactly what has taken place with regards to this dismissal matter involving AD Angelos and in order to prevent further damaging decisions by Lassner.**
- 3) That the Board set a Special Meeting with the UH Athletic Director position placed on the agenda in compliance with Hawai'i law for potential action(s) to: (A) nullify the prior Lassner decision to dismiss AD Angelos pending further investigation of Lassner, Angelos and the UH Athletic Department; (B) maintain the status quo of AD Angelos' employment as UH Athletic Director for the indefinite future pending the outcome of the investigations. It should be noted that this meeting will need to be set and action taken prior to 12/1/24 which is currently AD Angelos' last date of employment with UHAD.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me in the event that you have any comments or questions on this matter.

Thank you,

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Testimony 11/21

1 message

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Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 10:06 PM

I wish to deliver my testimony to the board of regents tomorrow.



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President David Lasner and the board **did not** stand up for our team, **and others** who infiltrated similar issues and yet after **one** meeting **with craig angelos**, moves were made with compensation, increased travel rosters and budgets to remedy the wrong that had been done after it was ignored by everyone else at this university as they **pretended** it wasn't happening.

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KURT:

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First, I would like to thank the Board of Regents for their audience today and their ongoing commitment to the University of Hawaii.

Craig Angelos has built relationships, not just with coaches but with each of us, motivating us to push our limits both in competition and in the classroom. This has fostered a community where we, as student-athletes, feel valued, respected, seen, and led by a man inspiring us with a unique work ethic and integrity.

The numbers speak for themselves. The unity of support is unparalleled. I recently published a petition despite having limited time and resources. The message was simple: sign if you support Craig Angelos as Athletic Director. We saw participation from 100% of our men's volleyball and women's cross-country teams, 78% of our men's golf team, 61% of our women's soccer team and beach volleyball team, 67% of our women's track and field team, and over 50% for our coed Cheer team, and softball team. In addition to these citable numbers, team captains for women's volleyball, and men's swimming and diving have voiced their support for Craig. Lastly, both Timmy Chang and Eran Ganot have been outspoken about their shock, confusion, and support for Craig.

I hope to continue gaining traction and demonstrating the evident support Craig Angelos has from the majority of the Hawaii Community. In the coming weeks I will ensure majority participation of every single sport on lower campus in the signing of the petition.

Thank you for your time.



11/21 BOR Meeting

1 message

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Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 11:09 PM

Hello,

I wish to deliver my testimony to the Board of Regents tomorrow. (11/21)

Mahalo,
Jess Mackenzie



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Moving into the 24/25 season other financial subsidies as well as a planned resolution to our practice facilities were actively pursued in order to accommodate the more priority requirements against these repercussions. An athletic director who has been a catalyst for change, successful proactive decisions were intentionally made in **18 months** compared to over 10 years of stagnancy. Not only were the student-athletes, but the coaches were **unanimous** in the opposing manner in which **this** was done. Leaving many of us wanting answers to this blind-sided decision.

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It's **not just been** about the wins on the field—it's about the momentum, culture, and future that's been set in motion under his leadership.

I appreciate the board of regents time today and hope to shed light on the decisions made moving forward.



Written testimony against agenda item VII E for 11/21/24

1 message

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Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 7:40 AM

To the Board of Regents

I ask that you pause on any resolution to honor President Lassner. In light of the current situation it does not seem appropriate.

As a UH alum, current faculty and UH sports supporter I was devastated by the news of the firing of our AD. I only met him once but he seemed like a good person. From everything I hear it seems like he was doing well. That is why the firing and the timing leave such a stench. The problem is not that he got fired but the lack of leadership by our current President.

There has been no communication from the President about why he would throw the athletic department into such turmoil. His actions will have long reaching harms to the department. The lack of transparency is shocking.

I don't know the details of the situation and maybe he did deserve to be fired. The problem is that nobody in the public knows. UH sports are one of things that ties our community together. It is one of the things that the public cares most about when it comes to decisions regarding the university. That is why it is critical that a UH President take seriously the decisions made around the athletic department. We have no idea if our current president did that since he has not bothered to take questions, to make a serious statement, or explain his reasoning and thinking. These are not the actions of someone who should be honored.

Aloha,
Steve Kramer



BOR Testimony

1 message

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Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 9:16 AM

Hello,

My name is Jefferson and I'd like to provide testimony on Agenda item 7E "Adoption of Resolution Honoring President David Lassner"

Given the events on lower campus this week, It's my opinion (and an opinion of literally every person I have spoken with) that President Lassner very last person on campus the Board of Regents should consider honoring.

Craig Angelos is the hardest working, most akamai and effective Athletic Director we've had in Manoa in over a generation. While his predecessors like Herman Frazier, Ben Jay and Dave Matlin offered excuse after excuse as to why they couldn't make meaningful improvements at UH, Mr. Angelos has delivered actual results. He managed what was previously thought impossible – to get nearly the entire UH fanbase to jump on board and finally start paddling in the same direction, only for President Lassner to unceremoniously fire him with no valid explanation.

I've seen a lot of pilau things in this Athletic Department but this has to be at the top of the list.

It was so egregious we have seen some of our most prominent student athletes on campus come out in defense of his firing. These student-athletes should be focusing on their upcoming games and upcoming final exams, but are now instead valiantly doing what they can to correct the injustices of our University President. These 19 and 20 years old who have a better sense of what is Pono and right for our Athletic Department than the University President. Let that sink in for a moment, this is not someone who deserves to be honored.

Furthermore, given his highly questionable allegiances and motives President Lassner should NOT be allowed to make unilateral decisions that will immediately reverse all the positive changes we've seen in the Athletic Department recently.

Mahalo for your time.



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BOR Nov. 2024 Meeting Testimony - Amy Warrington

1 message

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Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 7:52 AM

To: Bor Testimony <bor.testimony@hawaii.edu>

Aloha,

I had issues with the site to submit my testimony so just in case it was not received through there, I have attached my testimony for the November 21, 2024 Board of Regents meeting in regards to agenda item VII E Adoption of Resolution Honoring President David Lassner.

Mahalo,
Amy Warrington



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My name is Amy Malia Warrington and I am writing this testimony to refer to agenda item VII E: Adoption of Resolution Honoring President David Lassner. In the Honoring University of Hawai'i President David Lassner document, I would like to highlight where it states "WHEREAS, as President of the University of Hawai'i, David Lassner, has worked diligently with his team of officers, as well as faculty, staff, and students of the University of Hawai'i to create an academically, financially, culturally, and organizationally strong institute". I would like to emphasize the part where it claims he has worked diligently with students of the University of Hawai'i but as of Tuesday, November 19, 2024, the athletic director, Craig Angelos was fired for the reason being his "performance" in which has caused student-athletes of the University to speak against this decision. As an alumni, I even took it upon myself to speak out on the news of him being fired, so I will quote myself here as why this is wrong. I stated, "Out of my five years there, I only felt cared about by the athletic department in my 5th which is the year he [Craig Angelos] became the AD... I'm not the only athlete who voiced that to the athletic department. Firing someone who made positive changes, fixed major issues that were caused by others before him, and actually SPOKE with his athletes, knew their names, and genuinely cared about them is not right". Does that really sound like working diligently with students?

I don't need to retell my story as you all, including David Lassner himself, have heard me and watched the tears roll down my face as I begged to not let history repeat itself. But let's set the record straight before Lois Mannin takes over as the new interim athletic director and before the new president takes their position. Before Mr. Angelos came in, all the issues that I have shared to you all were brought up to those same people in the department who hold high positions including Lois Manin. I quote myself again on this as this was what actually happened, "Myself and some of my teammates had sat in multiple meetings with multiple people from the athletic department. Before Mr. Angelos, we were either ignored, told to be quiet/tried to be silenced, told not to ask questions, or constantly told excuses. This should never happen to any athlete/team who brings up major concerns about their situation and also includes health and safety concerns". A zoom meeting happened in the Summer of 2021 with myself, a few of my teammates, my coaches, and those same people including Lois Manin where we voiced these same concerns in which they responded with, we would keep in contact with you. Out of the trust that the athletic department lost from me due to previous lies and hiding details, I asked them how can we trust you that you will be in contact with us cause that has not been the case. Their response was we will, they didn't though. But Craig Angelos changed that when he came in, I stated, "When Mr. Angelos came in, we had a rough start, but he listened, he wanted us to speak up, let us ask all the questions we wanted, and worked towards solutions together with us". On March 17, 2024, Craig Angelos gave us the chance to speak to him and Lois Manin (Lois for the first time since the 2021 meeting), in which myself, one of my teammates, my coaches, our sports supervisor, Jim Stein, Craig Angelos, and Lois Manin met, less than an hour before we had to leave for the airport for an away meet, thanks to Craig Angelos, who made this happen one way or another when others weren't able to, or I should say did not want to. So with this information, are you going to truly sit there and tell the public that you work for the student-athletes, and work diligently with students, but then go ahead and fire Craig Angelos, the positive change that was brought to the athletic department?

David Lassner, I understand that you are retiring, but if you really do care about the future of the University like it is being said, then you would have not fired your athletic director who showed he was benefiting all programs, who came in front of yourself and the rest of the regents with a presentation about how he planned to try to fix all of these issues that were happening right under your nose and in the knowledge of Lois Manin, especially since some of us actually came to speak to you and the Regents

about these issues right to your face in person. We asked you to not let history repeat itself, but here we are on the path of just that. Did you even listen to the words that your student-athletes said? Are you even listening to the words of your student-athletes? It is obvious that this decision does not sit well with not only your student-athletes. They are still students, so you should've worked diligently with them, but also the people of Hawai'i, who have been voicing how disappointed they are in this decision, and even started a petition to reinstate Mr. Angelos as the athletic director. All of us speaking out to actually set the record straight, whether you saw it or not, has gotten a lot of positive engagement and support from others in favor of Mr. Angelos.

I will end my testimony with this. I don't know what you need to hear to change your mind, but I hope you see your athletes speaking loud and clear right now and I am proud to see it. They are the ones being the most affected by this. They don't deserve this at all. No athlete should be ignored, told to be quiet, tried to be silenced, or told to not ask questions by their own athletic department for major issues like this and I pray that none of them speaking out are treated like that, which is how other athletes were treated before and I ask you the regents to look into this so no other student-athletes are harmed and exploited. I ask that the next president lead with integrity, inclusivity, respect, transparency, and accountability.

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VII.E. Adoption of Resolution Honoring President David Lassner

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November 21st BOR meeting

Aloha,

My name is Montserrat Montanes i Arbo. I am a former University of Hawai'i Track and Field athlete and team captain, and I am here to speak about item 7.E on the agenda. I want to address the impact of the latest move from Mr. President on my former team and why it matters.

The truth is, I knew he was going to fire Mr. Angelos back in January—because everyone knew. He already tried to install Lois as Athletic Director back when Matlin left, but the coaches were against it. So instead, he brought in Mr. Angelos with **this** plan in mind. Now, with no time to find a replacement before his departure, they'll have no choice but to accept his bestie Lois as interim AD.

I already mentioned this in the April meeting. And before I get into ratslander, let me say: I am a girls' girl. But I ***will not*** tolerate a woman who is supposed to represent and advocate for women's sports ***destroying*** the women's teams. Cutting their budget. Telling athletes not to speak up about unfair treatment. Telling coaches they should be ***grateful*** to even have a job, and accusing them of "speaking out of turn" when all they're doing is advocating for their teams' needs.

This is the same woman who has protected men's teams that put this school in ****Title IX violation.**** The same woman who stood by while we lost our stadium and practice facilities—the ones built solely to comply with Title IX in the first place, back in 2017.

I am not saying we always saw eye to eye with Mr. Angelos at first. But I'm told things have changed this year, thanks to all the times we've come here to tell you

what's happening. I can see that even from Spain. This excuse of "performance" as a reason for firing him? It's ridiculous. He actually did his job. He met with students, he listened, and he tried to make things better—even when it wasn't his mess to clean up.

In some ways, I'm glad you did this, Mr. President, because instead of leaving with glory, this move has shown the people of Hawai'i who you truly are—and it ain't pretty. Honest actions would have honest reasons, not vague and confidential ones.

I'm saying this now so there are no surprises when all of this comes back to bite "whoever" is in this room when it does. I sincerely hope there's no need for any student-athletes to come up here again to complain about what's happening on Lower Campus after Angelos' departure. Because we **all** know whose abuse of power and obstruction brought us here in the first place.

She said—and I quote:

"I've been assigned the responsibility to serve as acting Athletic Director, and my goal is to do everything I can to help in this transition and continue the momentum that Craig and the team have created during his time here. It is important that we keep our focus on supporting our student-athletes. My hope is that everyone can put personal feelings aside and work together for the greater good."

So, for the next loooooong months that Lois is acting AD, I sure hope she lives up to what she publicly promised. Because this works both ways. She, too, has to put her feelings aside and start ***caring for and respecting all the teams.***

Thank you, Mr. Angelos, for listening to us. And Go 'Bows!

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VII.E. Adoption of Resolution Honoring President David Lassner

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It was recently announced in the media that the Board of Regents would not be addressing the issue related to the Athletic Director. I am attaching comments to this resolution as I do feel it would be important to investigate the process and decision making that led to the firing of Mr. Angelos based on performance. The timing and nature of the announcement is quite perplexing. Mr. Angelos has helped our Athletics Department move to become a full time member of the Mountain West, charter flights for our football team, revitalized passion and interest in Hawaii Athletics, as well as fundraising. It is quite a noteworthy accomplishment in 18 months. I have submitted additional comments in a group email to the Board of Regents. I hope you will reconsider and take the Athletic Director issue for formal review before you proceed with any resolution to honor President Lassner.

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