University of Hawai'i Board of Regents'

RESOLUTION

Supporting a Systemwide Strategic Academic and Facilities Plan

WHEREAS, there is a recognition that funding for public higher education in general, and the University of Hawai'i in particular, is an increasing challenge in the face of society's needs for a more educated citizenry;

WHEREAS, there is a recognition that, as an integrated statewide system, the University of Hawai'i has the opportunity to adopt statewide and systemwide approaches to assure more effective and efficient use of all available facilities and resources to maximally serve the people of Hawai'i;

WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i system is presently comprised of ten campuses each with unique missions and goals;

WHEREAS, it is deemed a necessary goal to optimally utilize the university's land, human, and fiscal assets, including through the development of capital improvements and facilities, in order to provide the best possible service to our current and future students;

WHEREAS, in order to achieve this goal, academic programs and plans should drive land uses and physical plant development, which comprise university's Long Range Development Plans ("LRDP") and capital improvement programs;

WHEREAS, modern distance learning and online technologies provide opportunities for greater sharing of programs among campuses and islands; and

WHEREAS, the Board has expressed its desire for a more centralized and holistic approach to academic planning encompassing all campuses and serving all locations;

WHEREAS, the LRDP updates for each campus will be consistent with the aforesaid systemwide centralized plan, embracing its goals, objectives and priorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii Board of Regents requests the Administration to develop an integrated high-level systemwide academic and facilities master plan that creates a strategic vision to align and leverage each campus' unique mission and resources while reducing unnecessary duplication and increasing collaboration and sharing of academic offerings to make more effective and efficient use of fiscal, human and physical plant resources, modern distance learning technologies, and land assets while advancing the higher education goals of the State.

Adopted by the Board of Regents University of Hawai'i September 17, 2015

