

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF REGENTS COMMITTEE ON STUDENT SUCCESS MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2023

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[Meeting Video](#)

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Laurie Tochiki called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Mānoa, Information Technology Building, 1st Floor Conference Room 105A/B, 2520 Correa Road, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822, with regents participating from various locations.

Committee members in attendance: Chair Laurie Tochiki; Vice-Chair William Haning; Regent Laurel Loo; Regent Abigail Mawae; and Regent Ernest Wilson.

Others in attendance: Board Chair Alapaki Nahale-a; Regent Neil Abercrombie; Regent Lauren Akitake; Regent Wayne Higaki; Regent Gabriel Lee; Regent Diane Paloma (ex officio committee members); President David Lassner; Vice President (VP) for Administration Jan Gouveia; VP for Academic Strategy Debora Halbert; VP for Legal Affairs/University General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; VP for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer Garret Yoshimi; VP for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Kalbert Young; Interim VP for Community Colleges Della Teraoka; UH-Mānoa Provost Michael Bruno; UH-Hilo Chancellor Bonnie Irwin; UH-West O'ahu Chancellor Maenette Benham; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents (Board Secretary) Yvonne Lau; and others as noted.

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Tochiki inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes of the October 5, 2023, committee meeting which had been distributed. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

Regent Mawae arrived at 9:34 a.m.

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Board Secretary Lau announced that late written comments in support of granting established status for the Associate of Science Degree in Creative Media (ASCM) programs at Hawai'i Community College (HawCC), Kaua'i Community College (KauCC), and University of Hawai'i Maui College (UHMC) were received from Gabriel Navalta.

Ticannaf “Teak” Ruby-Ano, Faith Christy, and Gabriel Navalta provided oral comments in support of granting established status for ASCM programs at HawCC, KauCC, and UHMC.

Written testimony may be viewed at the Board of Regents website as follows:

[Late Written Comments Received](#)

#### **IV. AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **A. Request Board Approval to Change the ASCM from Provisional to Established Status at HawCC, KauCC, and UHMC.**

Interim VP Teraoka briefly reviewed the current program proposal process emphasizing that these requests are initiated at the campus level and thoroughly vetted by campus faculty and administration, the university officers, and the Council of Chief Academic Officers prior to being brought before the board for approval. She provided an overview of the request to grant established status to the ASCM degree programs at HawCC, KauCC, and UHMC, noting that each was granted provisional status in 2016; spoke about some of the specific benefits and unique attributes of these programs; indicated that this request was unusual because it involved conferring established status to degree programs on multiple campuses; discussed the Academy for Creative Media’s (ACM’s) vision for the development of a systemwide creative media studies program that would be offered at each of the university’s ten campuses and span the entire higher education spectrum from certificates to doctoral degrees; stated that HawCC, KauCC, and UHMC were the final three campuses seeking to obtain established status for their ACM related academic programs; and talked about the growth of the creative media industry in Hawai’i along with its ever-increasing workforce demands.

Chris Lee, ACM Founder and Director, provided historical context to the establishment of the university’s ACM System approximately 20 years ago; pointed out the existence of collaborative articulations among currently established ACM programs throughout the university system; and went over some of the successes experienced by ACM program graduates.

Noting that ACM degree program proposal requests are initiated at the campus level, that ACM degree programs were already in place at each of the university’s ten campuses and presumably overseen by their respective campus faculty and administration, and that articulation agreements between the various ACM degree programs already existed, Regent Abercrombie questioned the role of the university’s ACM System. Interim VP Teraoka replied that the ACM System oversees the entirety of ACM academic programs across the university so as to support proper articulation as well as help avoid undue program duplication.

Robust conversations occurred on the functions of the ACM System relative to the campus and university administration with respect to oversight of the various campus ACM programs.

Several regents expressed their support for the various ACM degree programs across the university system.

Regent Wilson moved to recommend board approval of established status for the ASCM degree programs at HawCC, KauCC, and UHMC, seconded by Regent Mawae, and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Tochiki adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Yvonne Lau  
Executive Administrator and Secretary  
of the Board of Regents