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Via email to fern@uhpa.org

Subject: Proposed Changes to EP 6.204 Student Financial Assistance

Dear Mr. Fern:

Executive Policy 6.204 relating to student financial assistance is currently under review by administration. Executive Policy 6.204 relating to student financial assistance is currently under review by administration. Revisions are being proposed to provide for annual review of students' eligibility for financial aid, to adjust the allocation amounts for need-based aid, and to provide direction on determination of non-need based aid for students.

After engaging in substantive informal consultation with a variety of individuals and groups across the System including UH Officers, Council of Senior Student Affairs Officers, Financial Aid Directors and the All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs, the proposed policy changes are being submitted for formal consultation to the Council of Senior Student Affairs Officers, Council of Chief Academic Officers, all Faculty Senates and UH Student Caucus.

Justification for Policy Changes

Students eligible for federal financial aid are not applying and as such, students are not receiving as much aid as may be possible to finance their education. By instituting this policy change, students have the opportunity to receive additional federal and institutional aid to cover more of their cost of attendance.

EP 6.204 Key Changes at a Glance

The following identifies key changes that are being proposed:

I. Purpose: No changes

II. Definitions: No changes

III. Executive Policy:

- Added section A.2 - Requires students receiving financial assistance to re-submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application annually for re-evaluation of eligibility for all sources of financial aid (federal, state, institutional).
- Section A.3 – Added graduate (GA), teaching (TA) and research (RA) assistants to types of scholarships to make it clear that scholarships for GAs, TAs and RAs are an acceptable use of tuition scholarship funds.
- Section B.1 – Adjustments to calculations for minimum need-based aid allocations:
 - UH Mānoa – minimum of 10% of average of actual tuition revenues from previous 3 academic years.
 - UH Hilo & UH West O‘ahu - minimum of 12% of average of actual tuition revenues from previous 3 academic years
 - UH Community Colleges - minimum of 8.8% of average of actual tuition revenues from previous 3 academic years
- Section B.2 – Changed guidelines for determination of non-need based aid.
 - Allocations based on campus missions/goals as outlined in Regents Policy.
 - Campus leaders to consult with enrollment management leadership to determine allocations to listed scholarships.
- Section G – Annual review of all financial aid awarded shall be done by UH Officers based on report prepared by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Strategy.

Attached are a redline version and clean copy of the revised policy. The current policy is located at:

<https://www.hawaii.edu/policy/index.php?action=viewPolicy&policySection=ep&policyChapter=6&policyNumber=204&menuView=closed>

Sincerely,



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Attachments