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Via email to fern@uhpa.org

SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to RP 5.211 Admissions

Dear Mr. Fern:

Regents Policy 5.211 relating to Admissions is currently under review by administration. The proposed policy changes have been presented and discussed informally with the UH Officers, discussed with the Vice Chancellors for Academic Affairs and are currently being submitted to all Faculty Senates for formal consultation.

Justification for Policy Changes

RP 5.211 establishes the authority of the President to create campus ceilings for non-resident undergraduate enrollment. Such ceilings were designed when the environment for recruitment of undergraduate students required more restrictive policies so that Hawai'i residents would be prioritized in the UH system campuses. The demographic realities of modern enrollment management means that all qualified Hawai'i residents are admitted to their campus of choice, and thus specifically articulated non-resident undergraduate enrollment caps are no longer needed. The policy is thus in need of updating. The current philosophy of enrollment prioritizes Hawai'i residents in the enrollment management strategy. However, as noted in the policy, non-residents provide a diversity of backgrounds and enrich the experience of all undergraduates. While Hawai'i residents will always be prioritized, if a campus chooses to admit additional non-residents, these policy revisions allow for campus flexibility to do so.

Attached for your information are redline and clean copies of the revised policy. The current policy is located at:

<https://www.hawaii.edu/policy/index.php?action=viewPolicy&policySection=rp&policyChapter=5&policyNumber=211&menuView=open>

Sincerely,

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