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September 7, 2021

Mr. Christian Fern
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University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly
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Via email to fern@uhpa.org

Subject: Proposed Changes to RP 6.208 Board Exemptions to Non-Resident Tuition

Dear Mr. Fern:

Regents Policy 6.208 relating to Board exemptions to non-resident tuition is currently under review by administration. The proposed policy changes have been presented and discussed informally with the UH Officers, Council of Senior Student Affairs Officers (CSSAO), Registrars and the All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs and is presently being submitted for formal consultation to CSSAO.

Justification for Policy Changes

RP 6.208 defines when students may be granted waivers of the non-resident tuition differential (NRTD). This policy is being updated to reflect recent legislation related to eligible veterans and to clarify/expand eligibility requirements for Pacific Island citizens and students participating in national or international exchange programs with the University.

Key Changes at a Glance

The following identifies key changes that are being proposed:

- I. Purpose: No changes
- II. Definitions: No changes
- III. Policy:
 - Updated eligibility for veterans in accordance with *Isakson and Roe Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020*.
 - Added eligibility for Pacific Island citizens from locations where the public higher education institution does not offer the program desired by a student. Current policy is

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- specific to public higher education institutions granting baccalaureate degrees.
- Added NRTD waivers for students participating in national or international exchange programs with UH that include reciprocal tuition agreements.
- Added statement restricting NRTD waivers or exemptions to those described in this policy.

Please find attached a clean copy of the proposed policy changes and a copy with tracked changes. The current policy is located at: <https://www.hawaii.edu/policy/docs/temp/rp6.208.pdf>

Sincerely,



Hae Okimoto
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Attachments



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September 21, 2021

Ms. Hae Okimoto
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
University of Hawaii System
Office of Vice President for Academic Strategy
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Dear Associate Vice President Okimoto:

RE: Proposed Changes to RP 6.208 Board Exemptions to Non-Resident Tuition, letter dated September 7, 2021.

Pursuant to Article I, Recognition, Article III, Maintenance of Rights and Benefits, and Article XVII, Representation Rights, paragraphs I. and §89-9(c), HRS, the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA), appreciates the opportunity to engage in consultation with the University of Hawaii (UH) over the above-cited subject matter.

The UHPA acknowledges the proposed revisions to the above referenced policy by updating: 1) the eligibility benefits for veterans pursuant to H.R. 7105 - Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D., Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 (Public Law No: 116-315), including but not limited to, the removal of the residency requirement for individuals eligible for educational benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship; 2) adding eligibility for Pacific Island citizens from locations where their public higher education institution does not offer a program that is desired by the student; 3) adding waivers for students participating in national or international exchange programs that have a reciprocal tuition agreement with UH; and 4) clarifying language that waivers or exemptions of non-resident tuition are limited to caveats delineated in the subject policy.

At this time, UHPA has no comments, suggestions, or concerns to the proposed revisions. Nevertheless, pursuant to R-20, (Roles and Consultation Protocols Involving UH Administration, UH Professional Assembly, and UH Faculty Senates), the UHPA requests that the UH furnish for UHPA's review all comments, suggestions, and concerns raised by the applicable Faculty

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Senates during the formal consultation process on this matter before the policy is adopted and implemented. Accordingly, the UHPA reserves its rights to raise concerns after receipt and ample review time of such relevant and pertinent information.

If you have any questions regarding UHPA's response above, please feel free to contact me at 593-2157 or via email at takeno@uhpa.org.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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Dwight Takeno
UHPA Associate Executive Director

cc: Christian Fern, UHPA Executive Director
James Kardash, UHPA Associate Executive Director



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December 3, 2021

Ms. Hae Okimoto
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
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Dear Associate Vice President Okimoto:

RE: Proposed Changes to RP 6.208 Board Exemptions to Non-Resident Tuition, initial letter dated September 7, 2021 and follow-up email dated November 23, 2021.

Pursuant to Article I, Recognition, Article III, Maintenance of Rights and Benefits, and Article XVII, Representation Rights, paragraphs I. and §89-9(c), HRS, the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA), UHPA acknowledges receipt of the above referenced email. UHPA appreciates the UH's follow-up on our request to review the comments received during the academic consultation process with the Faculty Senates as provided for in R-20, (Roles and Consultation Protocols Involving UH Administration, UH Professional Assembly, and UH Faculty Senates). Based on a final review of the recent changes, UHPA has no concerns or further comments to offer.

Sincerely,

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Dwight Takeno
UHPA Associate Executive Director

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