

**REVISED CONSTITUTION OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I STUDENT CAUCUS (UHSC)**  
Last Revised 5/20/2017

**ARTICLE I: PREAMBLE**

The University of Hawai‘i Student Caucus (UHSC) is committed to the effective representation and advocacy of students within the University of Hawai‘i system. To this end, the UHSC works actively with the University community to ensure that the needs of University of Hawai‘i students are understood and acknowledged.

**ARTICLE II: NAME**

The official name of this organization shall be the “University of Hawai‘i Student Caucus. The official abbreviation of this name shall be “UHSC”.

**ARTICLE III: PURPOSE**

- A. The University of Hawaii Student Caucus is hereby established within the University of Hawaii to advocate collectively for the interests and needs of students within member campuses of the University system. The UHSC shall provide a cohesive and unified voice before the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, the University Administration, the Hawaii State Legislature, and other policy-making bodies.
- B. The primary functions of the UHSC shall be:
- i. To provide representative input on policies and decisions affecting students of member campuses of the University of Hawai‘i (UH) system in general or subgroup thereof regarding system-wide issues and student concerns based upon the principles of mutual interest and collective strength;
  - ii. To work with campus student governments and student bodies to improve the collective representation of students within the UH system;
  - iii. To provide an advisory body to the administration of the UH system;
  - iv. To provide an organization from which student representatives of the UH system shall be selected for recommendation to serve upon system-wide committees;
  - v. To initiate and maintain co-curricular programs that are relevant to UH system students; and
  - vi. To support the UH system’s commitment to diversity and its unique responsibilities to the indigenous people of Hawai‘i and to Hawai‘i’s indigenous language and culture in accordance with Board of Regents Policy RP 4.201.

- a) Furthermore, in commitment to this mission, the UHSC is committed to diversity within and among all racial and ethnic groups served by public higher education in Hawai'i in accordance with Board of Regents Policy RP 4.201 (III)(C)(4)(a)(4)(c).

#### **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

The organization shall have members as outlined in the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE V: AUTHORITY**

- A. The University of Hawai'i Student Caucus is the system-wide student association chartered by the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, pursuant to Chapter 7 of the BOR Policies specified in Sec. 7-4.
- B. At no time shall the UHSC exercise any authority over the campus student governments. As the advocate for students system-wide, the UHSC shall facilitate communication and cooperation throughout the University system.

#### **ARTICLE VI: ADVISOR**

- A. The University shall assign an advisor to the UHSC in accordance with University Executive Policy stipulated in Executive Policy EP 7.207 (III)(F).
- B. In accordance with the University Executive Policy EP 7.207, it shall be the responsibility of the advisor to:
  - i. foster and promote student learning, student success, and student satisfaction with all members of UHSC;
  - ii. develop students' leadership, critical thinking, communication, organizational, problem-solving, and interpersonal skills;
  - iii. work with all members of the UHSC to ensure that individuals are executing their duties and responsibilities as specified;
  - iv. communicate the needs, goals, concerns, roles, and interests of both students and the University to each other; and
  - v. advocate on behalf of the UH student population in the process of institutional governance.

#### **ARTICLE VII: FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

- A. The operation of the UHSC shall be financed through an adequate appropriation from the University Administration to cover reasonable operating costs in accordance with Executive Policy EP 7.207 (III)(D).

- B. All expenditures shall be made in accordance with University policies and procedures and as authorized by an annual budget approved by the UHSC Advisor in accordance with Executive Policy EP 7.207 (IV).
- C. The UHSC may obtain additional finances through gifts, grants, endowments, campus allocations, fees, fundraising, etc.

### **ARTICLE VIII: FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, & OPERATIONS**

- A. An appropriate amount of space, facilities and equipment shall be designated for proper use by the UHSC in accordance with Executive Policy EP 7.207 (III)(E).
  - i. The location of such space and the availability of facilities and equipment shall be beneficial to the UHSC in fostering and supporting its system-wide purpose, goals, operations, and activities.
  - ii. Additionally, each member campus shall provide adequate support to its student representatives in order that they may properly carry out the duties of student delegates to UHSC.

### **ARTICLE IX: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- A. All matters not specifically addressed in these articles shall be governed by the provisions in the bylaws or by applicable law.
- B. The actions of the UHSC shall not violate any superseding University policy or rule, applicable state or federal law.

### **ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS**

- A. An amendment to this Constitution shall be made in writing to the chairperson or advisor of the UHSC.
- B. At the next meeting of the UHSC, the amendment shall be discussed and timetable shall be set to allow for input from, and consultation with, campus student governments and campus student life staff advisors.
- C. The UHSC shall vote on the proposed amendment at an authorized meeting following the deadline for input from campus student governments and campus student life staff advisors.
- D. A two-thirds vote of the UHSC shall be necessary to approve the amendment for referral to the UHSC Advisor for final approval as per Executive Policy EP 7.207 (IV).
- E. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the following methods:
  - i. A petition requesting a Constitutional amendment may be promulgated by UHSC members. Such a petition must have the approval of ten percent of the UHSC membership.

- ii. The UHSC by majority vote may propose Constitutional amendments during any regular session.
- iii. After receiving or approving the amendment proposal(s) the amendment(s) must be publicly circulated for a period of not less than two weeks before a ratification vote may be held.
- iv. Amendments shall be effective upon ratification of two-thirds of the present and voting UHSC delegate.

**ARTICLE XI: ENACTMENT**

- A. This constitution shall become effective immediately upon approval by the UH President or designee in accordance with Executive Policy EP 7.207(IV). This constitution shall be binding upon the UHSC and shall supersede any existing policies, charter, constitution, or operating rules.

Approved by UH Student Caucus: November 23, 2002  
 Approved by University President Evan Dobbelle: May 13, 2003  
 Approved by UH Student Caucus: May 14, 2012  
 Approved by UH Student Caucus: May 20, 2017  
 Approved by University President David Lassner:

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 UHSC Chairman Date

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 UH President Date