

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Alapaki Nahale-

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### **C. Windward Community College Report**

Jennifer Brown, Vice Chancellor (VC) for Student Affairs at WinCC, presented information on the campus's mission and values stating that the college has been dedicated to the advancement of the people of Hawai'i for the last 50 years. She reviewed fall-to-fall enrollment statistics, highlighting relevant data trends experienced over the last five years and recent enrollment successes; provided an overview of student population demographics, pointing out that large percentages of individuals attending WinCC were of Native Hawaiian ethnicity and from high schools within the Windward O'ahu region; spoke about the number of students taking part in WinCC's early college program, partnerships with other community college campuses within the university system in the provision of courses for early college programs, and ventures to increase engagement with potential early college students; mentioned actions being taken to address social and economic challenges that continue to impede the pursuit of higher

Regent Akitake sought additional information about the Pu'uhonua Program, including enrollment data. VC Brown responded that WinCC's Pu'uhonua Program was established in 2017 at the Women's Community Correctional Center and the Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility through a United States Department of Education Title III Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions grant. The Pu'uhonua Program, which actively engages incarcerated students through rigorous coursework, skill building, and proactiv

1. **All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs (ACCFSC)**
2. **Maunakea Management Board (MKMB)**
3. **\_\_\_\_\_ Council**
4. **Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH)**
5. **University Health Partners (UHP formerly UCERA)**

Chair Nahale-a referred regents to the respective standing committee reports from the November 2, 2023, committee meetings, as well as the ACCFSC, MKMB, P ko'a Council, RCUH, and UHP affiliate reports, which were contained in the materials packet.

Regent Abercrombie asked whether there were additional updates on MKMB activities in addition to what was contained in the MKMB affiliate report. Chair Nahale-a replied that the framework for the creation of a working group to provide a forum for discussions on joint management issues related to Maunakea has been approved by the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA) and that MKSOA will be considering the working group concept at its next meeting. Regent Abercrombie stressed the importance of clarifying responsibilities for the oversight of Maunakea as quickly as possible. Chair Nahale-a stated that the board and university have held the position that management and stewardship of Maunakea will continue to be the kuleana of the university until such time that the MKSOA is prepared to assume this responsibility. President Lassner confirmed Chair Nahale-a's assessment.

## **VI. AGENDA ITEMS**

### **A. Consent Agenda**

1. **Approval to Change the Associate of Science Degree in Creative Media**
2. **Fiscal Years Biennium (FYB) 2023-25, Supplemental Operating Budget Request for the University of Hawai'i (UH) to be submitted to the Governor and the State Legislature**
3. **FYB 2023-25, Supplemental Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budget Request for the University of Hawai'i (UH) to be submitted to the Governor and the State Legislature & 6-Year CIP Plan Update.**
4. **Requesting Approval to Indemnify National Aeronautics and Space Administration ("NASA") and the federal government when using U.S. Government Property for Sponsored Research awards received from NASA during Calendar Years 2024 and 2025**

Regent Abercrombie moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Vice-Chair Wilson.







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on this matter was that it involved direct communication between the administration and faculty senates rather than individual employees which does not ensure the proper conveyance of this information to the governing body's membership. As such, the possibility exists that individuals were not fully aware of the proposed policy revisions and their potential impacts. However, VP Halbert questioned what more could be done to ensure that every voice was heard on this issue.

Regent Haning spoke about the evolutionary nature of developing the policy revisions noting that such an endeavor will always be subject to contention among differing parties. Nevertheless, he expressed his support for the proposed changes.

Regents commended the work of VP Halbert on this matter and voiced their appreciation for the efforts of all of the parties that were engaged in this endeavor.

Regent Haning moved to approve the amendments to RP 9.202, RP 9.213, and RP 9.214, seconded by Regent Abercrombie, and noting the no votes of Regent Tochiki and Regent Mawae, the motion carried with all other members present voting in the affirmative.

Chair Nahale-a announced that Agenda Item VI.E. would be taken up after executive session.

## **VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed to the public)**

Regent Abercrombie moved to convene into executive session, seconded by Regent Akitake, and with all members present voting in the affirmative, the board approved convening in executive session to consult with the board's attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities, pur



**X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Nahale-a adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/S/

Yvonne Lau  
Executive Administrator and Secretary  
of the Board of Regents