

Bronson Azama, Jazerick Hata, Mananakealoha Paschoal, and Kawaiola Kapuni provided oral comments on the election of board officers.

Ashley Maynard provided oral comments on General Education curriculum proposals in relation to Regents Policy (RP) 5.213 and shared governance.

Jill Nunokawa provided oral comments on conflicts between the university's mission as an indigenous serving institution and work being conducted through university's University Affiliated Research Center and Applied Research Laboratory utilizing United States Department of Defense funds.

Written testimony may be viewed at the Board of Regents website as follows:

[Written Testimony Received](#)

[Late Written Testimony Received](#)

Acting Chair Lee announced that Agenda Items V.B. which relates to the awarding of Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degrees to Gerald K. Santos, Fred Kalani Meinecke, and Michael D. Nakasone would be taken up at this time.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

B. Approval of the Awarding of the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters Degree Upon Gerald K. Santos, Fred Kalani Meinecke, and Michael D. Nakasone

Acting Chair Lee referenced background information pertaining to each of the abovementioned candidates for an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters provided in the board materials packet and asked if regents wanted to speak about any of the noted individuals.

Citing previous interactions with Mr. Nakasone during his time as governor, Regent Abercrombie applauded the exceptional work of Michael D. Nakasone stating that his significant contributions to the music community and the profound impacts he had on students warrants approval of this honorary degree.

Regent Abercrombie moved to approve the awarding of an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Gerald K. Santos, Fred Kalani Meinecke, and Michael D. Nakasone, seconded by Vice-Chair Wilson, and noting the excused absences of Regent Mawae and Regent Tochiki, the motion carried with all members present voting in the

process; underscored the use of FAFSA by colleges and universities to award other forms of institutional aid to students in need; noted Congressional passage of the

such as the opening and closing ceremonies, in the Stan Sheriff Center; and the holding of two, six-hour, cultural sharing events at UHWO. Voyaging canoes from around the Pacific are also expected to take part in a ceremony at Hakipu'u on the Windward side of O'ahu, the site where Hōkūle'a was first launched 49 years ago. From there the wa'a will sail to and berth at Honolulu Community College's Marine Education and Training Center located on Sand Island.

C. Release of Hawai'i College and Career Readiness Indicators Report (Hawai'i CCRI)

Hawai'i CCRI, a comprehensive report providing information on how well Hawai'i's high school seniors are prepared for success in college, career, and community, was recently released and contains information pertinent to the university. President Lassner highlighted some data points of interest from the report including Hawai'i's college going rate, which remains flat for the class of 2023, with just 51 percent of graduating seniors attending college the first fall after high school graduation, and is still below the college going rate of 56 percent witnessed pre-pandemi(per) (d pr)7(h)10 ((adu17(h)10 (44>

involve itself in decisions on proposals of this nature and other matters related to the university.

While she acknowledged Regent Abercrombie's concerns, Regent Paloma expressed her belief that the MOA was a first step in a very lengthy process and simply laid the groundwork for partnerships between the university, HCDA, and HHFDC. She then moved to approve the consent agenda and the motion was seconded by Regent Loo.

Regent Akitake suggested including updates for this project as a regular item on future committee agendas thus affording regents with an opportunity to provide feedback and direction as to how the board wants to proceed on this issue. She also verbalized her agreement with Regent Abercrombie's point of view concerning greater involvement by the board in projects of this nature, particularly earlier on in the process.

Discussions ensued on possible ways the board could avoid having trepidations such as those raised by Regent Abercrombie crop up on university development projects in the future.

There having been a motion that was moved and seconded, a roll call vote was taken, and noting the excused absence of Regent Mawae, and the no vote of Regent Abercrombie, the motion carried with all other members present voting in the affirmative.

Regent Akitake asked if the approach used to manage and implement the landscaping improvements mentioned in SHS's written student housing update report was standard practice or if this process was changed due to the temporary transfer of unit oversight to VP Gouveia. Additionally, she requested clarification on the Office of Campus Operations and Facilities (COPF) role in the landscaping improvement project. Interim Director Akana replied that the current manner in which landscaping improvements were being addressed at UHM's student housing facilities was atypical relative to SHS's past practices. With respect to COPF's role in the project, VP Gouveia responded that organizationally, Blake Araki, Director of COPF, reported directly to her, with the normal jurisdiction of his unit encompassing the provision of building and ground maintenance for the main Mānoa campus, which historically and traditionally

use and consumption of cannabis at certain university facilities. AVP Kunz also reviewed the legislative calendar and timetable for the remainder of the session.

Regent Abercrombie asked if the \$125,000,000 in Renew, Improve, and Modernize (RIM) project funding included in the version of the State Budget passed by the House contained appropriations for UHM student housing. VP Young replied that the referenced funding was appropriated for the purpose of addressing systemwide RIM projects and did not specifically allocate money for endeavors related to UHM student housing. However, language contained within the House version of the State Budget with respect to RIM project funding does reference student housing. As such, the administration believes that an opportunity exists for these monies to be deployed for use on student housing projects.

Conversations ensued between VP Young and Regent Abercrombie on, among other things

Interim Chair Lee announced that the next board meeting was scheduled for April 18, 2024, at Kapi'olani Community College.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Interim Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Yvonne Lau
Executive Administrator and Secretary
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