MINUTES OF THE REGENTS` COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2002

Place & Time: Campus Center Conference, Room 220
University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa
4:21 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Regents
McElrath (presiding)
Bergin
Dowling
Nunokawa
Poe
Ikawa (ex-officio)

Committee Member Excused: Regent Weiner

Other Regents Present: Regents
Kawakami
Kurisu
Kobayashi
Lee
Thurston

Others Present: Evan S. Dobelle, President, University of Hawaiʻi
Deane Neubauer, Interim Chancellor, University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa
William Pearman, Chancellor, UH-West Oʻahu
Christopher Lu, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UH-Hilo
Randy A. Hitz, Dean, College of Education
David Iha, Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board
Carl H. Makino, Executive Assistant to the Board

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Regents` Committee on Academic Affairs held on April 18, 2002, were approved as circulated.
Establishment of a Certificate in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management at the University of Hawai‘i - West O‘ahu

Chancellor Pearman requested that the Committee approve a Subject Certificate in Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management at University of Hawai‘i - West O‘ahu.

In the aftermath of the 9/11 disaster, educational institutions across the United States have been encouraged to meet the growing need and demand for skills in disaster preparedness and emergency management. Public, private, and non-profit organizations have responded at the Federal, State, and local levels in collaboration and cooperation to meet this need. The UHWO proposal has been developed with the assistance of an Educational Improvement Fund (EIF) Grant designated for the purpose of establishing a certificate program to meet the immediate and future needs in disaster preparedness and emergency management.

The faculty of the UHWO Public Administration specialization have been collaborating with faculty in Maui who through a much larger Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant are developing an on-line AA degree program for MCC in Disaster Management. They also have been in contact with the UH-M~noa (UHM) Psychology Department and the Executive Director of the UHM Disaster Management, Humanitarian Assistance and International Peacekeeping Program, who is developing a “theme” of courses at the Graduate Level. The ultimate goal is to collaborate on a “seamless” curriculum to provide students the option of moving from the on-line Maui Program through UHWO to the UH-M~noa program.

FEMA strongly believes that our communities will need a new generation of more professional and better educated emergency managers; more “disaster sensitive” professionals in other fields; and enhanced professional development for today’s emergency management practitioners. As of July 2001, of all the colleges and universities in the U.S., twelve offered associate degrees, eleven offered bachelors degrees and fifteen offered masters degrees in emergency management.

The requested actions formalize the gradual evolution of curricula at UHWO and are
consistent with the institution’s Mission and Strategic Plan, 1997-2007. They respond to (a) the Western Association of Schools and College’s (WASC) recommendation to “rethink and restructure more circumscribed educational programs” based on the results of assessment data and (b) recommendations resulting from program reviews. The proposed action will permit UHWO to align a certificate more closely with program curriculum and student expectations while still maintaining the interdisciplinary focus.

According to Chancellor Pearman no additional resources will be required to support these proposed actions. Five current UHWO faculty already offer courses that are part of the program. The certificate curriculum addresses environmental, social and recovery issues and is based on FEMA recommendations.

Regent Nunokawa inquired about projected enrollments. Chancellor Pearman informed that informal surveys indicated that about a third of West O‘ahu students expressed some interest in taking the program.

Regent Lee asked if there will be any new faculty needed. She was informed that no new faculty would be needed and this could be done within proposed resources.

Regent Bergin moved to establish a Subject Certificate in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management at the University of Hawai‘i - West O‘ahu to be effective Fall 2002, subject to the Regents’ policy on provisional academic programs. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Establishment of a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Health and Physical Education, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo

Vice Chancellor Lu requested that the Committee approve the establishment of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Health and Physical Education in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, effective Fall 2002. The proposed Bachelor of Arts in Health and Physical Education defines course requirements that will provide students with strong preparation for the teaching of health and physical education at the secondary school level.

Since 1989, the Health and Physical Education department has worked to develop a course of study necessary for a physical education degree. The curriculum now covers all areas at a depth appropriate for a major in the field, and will offer a Bachelor of Arts in Health and Physical Education to the students of UH-Hilo, beginning in Fall 2002. The proposed Health and Physical Education degree is a multidisciplinary program combining existing College of Arts and Sciences courses into a sound curriculum that will provide majors with the requisite content knowledge for health and physical education classes in a secondary school setting. In addition to national standards for such courses, specific Hawai‘i State Department of Education content and performance standards have also been
part of the curriculum and course development process.

The proposed program would make it possible for Big Island students to complete their degrees without leaving home, then proceed to a post-baccalaureate teacher education program. We anticipate that most graduates will choose to enter the UH-Hilo Education Department’s post-baccalaureate Teacher Education Program.

The department has full access to all UH-Hilo athletic facilities. There are two full-time, tenure-track faculty and seven part-time faculty. No new facilities, equipment or faculty are necessary for this new degree offering.

Regent Poe asked when the program would be up to its full capacity. Vice Chancellor Lu said in about three to four years.

Regent Bergin moved to approve the establishment of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Health and Physical Education, in the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo to be effective Fall 2002, subject to the Regents’ policy on provisional academic programs. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Request to Enter into a Sponsored Research Agreement Between the Education Laboratory and the University of Hawai‘i

Interim Chancellor Neubauer requested that the Committee authorize the administration to enter into a Sponsored Research Agreement between the Education Laboratory and the University of Hawai‘i (a New Century Charter School) in accordance with Section 10-3 of the Board of Regents’ Policies.

The agreement specifies the terms of the relationship between the College of Education, Curriculum Research Development Group, University of Hawai‘i and the Education Laboratory, a New Century Charter School and its Local School Board.

The Education Laboratory, a Hawai‘i New Century Public Charter School and its Local School Board (collectively, “Charter School”) submitted its Application and Implementation Plan (“Charter”) to the Board of Education on November 30, 2000. The Charter was approved on August 16, 2001. The Charter School is governed by its Local School Board and educates Kindergarten through 12th grade students. The purpose of this agreement is to permit the Charter School to temporarily use the facilities at 1776 University Avenue, Honolulu, Hawai‘i to carry out its charter.

The agreement enables the University to conduct research and develop and test curriculum on the Charter School’s students. The agreement specifies responsibilities of both the Charter School and the University of Hawai‘i. It should be noted that the Charter
School shall be responsible for ensuring that the charter is implemented in accordance with all applicable state and federal rules, laws, orders, and collective bargaining agreements. Moreover, the Charter School shall be solely and exclusively responsible for any and all damage or injury arising out of the errors, omissions, or acts of the Charter School’s officers, agents, and employees, and University employees during or in connection with the performance of the agreement, to the extent to which such damage or injury has been determined by a court or otherwise agreed to by the Charter School, and, the Charter School shall pay for such damages and injuries to the extent permitted by law and if appropriate, as approved by the Hawaiʻi State Legislature. It should be further noted that the Charter School shall obtain, maintain, and keep in force throughout the term of the agreement, liability insurance necessary to provide coverage for its obligations and responsibilities in an amount of at least $1,000,000.00 for liability arising out of each occurrence.

The agreement has been reviewed by the Office of the University General Counsel and by the Mānoa Chancellor’s Office. The agreement will expire June 30, 2002 and therefore, the Charter School requested the Board’s approval for a renewal on the same terms for an additional year, July 1, 2002-June 30, 2003.

Regent McElrath asked that the Committee ask the administration for a report on how the buildings and grounds would be maintained and who would be paying for that cost.

Regent Nunokawa inquired about the research design being used at this charter school. Dean Hitz indicated that they were making an attempt at experimental design and would provide the Committee with the information on research at the charter school.

Regent Poe moved to authorize the administration to enter into a Sponsored Research Agreement between the Education Laboratory and the University of Hawai‘i to be effective upon Board approval and authorize the administration to renew the agreement for the same terms for an additional year. The motion was seconded and carried by majority vote with Regent Nunokawa voting in opposition. Three in favor and one against, motion carried.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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David Iha, Secretary

Dated: July 26, 2002

c: Chairperson Allan K. Ikawa
   Members, Committee on Academic Affairs
   President Evan S. Dobelle
   Sr. Vice President & Chancellor Joyce S. Tsunoda
   Sr. Vice President & Chancellor Rose Tseng
   Interim Chancellor Deane Neubauer
   Chancellor William A. Pearman