MINUTES OF THE REGENTS’
COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2002

Place & Time: Campus Center Conference, Room 220
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
4:32 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Regents Nunokawa (presiding)
Lee
McElrath
Poe
Yamasato
Kobayashi (ex-officio)

Other Regents Present: Regents Dowling
Kurisu
Thurston

Others Present: Evan S. Dobelle, President, University of Hawai‘i
Deane Neubauer, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs
Karl E. Kim, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Randy A. Hitz, Dean, College of Education
Lawrence C. Foster, Dean, School of Law
Glenn Cannon, Professor, Theater & Interim Co-Director Film & Video
Chris Lee, film producer
David Iha, Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board
Carl H. Makino, Executive Assistant to the Board

Subjects:

1. Establishment of a Master in Law (LLM) Degree for Foreign Law Professionals, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

2. Cinematic and Digital Arts Program
3. Educational Research at UH Education Laboratory Charter School/CRDG

4. General Education Core Requirements

**Establishment of a Master in Law (LLM) Degree for Foreign Law Professionals, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa**

Interim Vice Chancellor Kim requested that the Committee approve the establishment of a Master in Law (LLM) degree program for foreign law professionals in the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

The proposed LLM (*Legum Magister*) degree will address the growing interest of foreign-trained law professionals in learning more about the U.S. legal system. The mission of the proposed program is to enhance the international reputation of our law school and to enrich the international experience for our faculty, staff, and students. A secondary goal is to increase tuition revenue.

In recent years, there has been a great increase in the number of LLM programs at American law schools. This reflects the growing complexity of U.S. and international law and, thus, a concomitant growing interest in U.S. lawyers to specialize in certain areas such as environmental law, intellectual property, tax, or international trade. LLM programs designed to provide foreign-trained lawyers with a general introduction to American law are, in fact, the fastest growing LLM programs in the nation.

Nationally, law schools have been interested in starting such programs for several reasons. First, they are an excellent way to globalize an American law school through interaction with foreign-trained law professionals. Second, a high-quality LLM program can enhance the national and international reputation of a law school. Third, the programs are an excellent new source of revenue. They are relatively inexpensive to operate since most of the courses typically required are pre-existing law courses.

The LLM is typically a two-semester, nine-month course of study. Enrollment will be limited to a maximum of 15 students. The principal requirement for the LLM degree would be the successful completion of 24 credits (12 per semester) of law study. It is anticipated that the LLM will be fully self-supporting and will generate additional revenues for the University.

The American Bar Association (ABA) requires that a full-time law faculty member be designated as the Director of the program. One of the existing faculty members will serve as Director. This faculty member would receive a 1/4 course reduction or a summer stipend to carry out his or her administrative duties. In addition, a full-time Assistant Director (a student services specialist) will be hired to handle the day-to-day administrative aspects of the program.

The degree has been reviewed by the ABA and is recommended for approval by the
Mānoa Faculty Senate. This degree program will not require any additional resources or new funding from the University. Costs for the assistant director will be covered by tuition revenue. The curriculum will be based upon existing courses.

Regent Lee inquired if a student could complete the proposed program in one year. Dean Foster indicated that it could and that the proposed curricular requirements were standard for such programs.

In response to Regent Dowling, Dean Foster informed that tuition and fees would amount to approximately $19,500 for the entire course.

Regent Lee moved to establish a Master in Law (LLM) degree program for foreign law professionals in the William S. Richardson School of Law University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, effective Fall 2003, subject to the Regents’ policy on provisional academic programs. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Cinematic and Digital Arts Program

Interim Vice President Neubauer provided an overview on a proposed film school at UH-Mānoa that will be brought to the Board within the coming year, should plans fall into place. The initial step was to work within Mānoa’s Liberal Studies baccalaureate program to create a track in media production/film studies in order to generate a focused core and develop a collaborative faculty. He added that a coordinated funding campaign needed to be planned in order to attract sufficient funds to support a permanent program. Assuming its success, Interim Vice President Neubauer informed that the program will be brought to the Board for establishment in accordance with the Regents’ policy on new academic programs. He then introduced Mr. Chris Lee, former President for Productions for TriStar Pictures and Columbia Pictures.

A former resident of Hawai‘i, Mr. Lee was raised in Kailua and graduated from Iolani High School and will become involved in this program along with current faculty member Glenn Cannon who is now in his 34th year as Professor of Theater, film and television at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Mr. Lee shared his experiences in the film industry with the Committee and expressed his thoughts on a film school at the University.

Educational Research at UH Education Laboratory Charter School/CRDG

Regent Nunokawa explained that the Committee on Academic Affairs had requested that the administration help the Regents better understand the research conducted by the Charter School Education Laboratory School. Dean Hitz explained that the Education Laboratory School serves as a laboratory environment to test curriculum in a variety of educational context.

Regent McElrath commented that charter schools are currently using University
facilities, some without prior Board approval. Interim Vice Chancellor Kim acknowledged this, adding that the lease for the Laboratory School was not a long term one. Regent McElrath followed, inquiring if the Charter School was covering all of their current expenses for maintenance and upkeep of the facilities. She was informed that the University was subsidizing much of the maintenance and utilities costs amounting to approximately $200,000 per year.

Regent Nunokawa commented that the University could better use such funds as well as the space currently being occupied by the Charter School. He informed that there are several programs such as Information Science and Dental Hygiene that are currently using space inappropriate to their program and needs. If moved elsewhere those facilities can be better utilized by the University and the $200,000 put to use by our students.

General Counsel Kirimitsu acknowledged that the renewal of the lease must come before the Board for approval.

Regent Nunokawa requested that the Lab School along with the College of Education provide a full report on the Charter School and its relationship to the College of Education at the Committee’s meeting in January.

**General Education Core Requirements**

Interim Vice Chancellor Kim provided an overview of M~noa’s General Education Core requirements.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Iha, Secretary

Dated: November 22, 2002

c: Chairperson Bert A. Kobayashi
Members, Committee on Academic Affairs
President Evan S. Dobelle
Interim Vice President Deane Neubauer