MINUTES OF THE REGENTS' COMMITTEE ON
BUDGET & LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2002

Place & Time: Campus Center, Rooms 306-307
University of Hawai‘i at Hilo
4:52 p.m.

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

Committee Members Excused: Regents Kawakami
Kurisu

Others Present: Walter S. Kirimitsu, Senior Vice President and University
General Counsel
David Morihara, Director, Governmental Relations
David Iha, Secretary of the Board
Carl Makino, BOR Staff

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Regents’ Committee on Budget and Long-Range
Planning and Joint Committees on Community Colleges and Budget and Long-Range Planning
held on January 17, 2002, were approved as circulated.

Legislative Update

Mr. Morihara reported that the University’s capitol improvements budget and the budget bills
would be decided upon shortly. The Hurricane Relief Fund Bill, which authorizes the issuance of
$100,000,000 in GO bonds appropriates the amount from the trust fund into the General Fund.
This bill allocates $7 million to the University of Hawai‘i. He added that none of the University’s
special funds were raided.
Reporting on the University of Hawai‘i’s Legislative package, Mr. Morihara informed that:

- HB2585 and SB2843, allowing the University to indemnify other parties to a contract was no longer moving through the legislature.

- HB2586 and SB2844, relating to the settlement for claims against the University, were not moving, however, SB2073 was pending in the House Higher Education Committee. He reminded that in previous years University settlements were taken out of the University’s Special Funds.

- HB2587 and SB2845, which exempts the faculty from the civil service reform amendments that create a performance judge, was no longer moving but there would be continued discussion with UHPA.

He reported on the repeal of the HOPE endowment special fund which was scheduled for hearing by the Senate Education Committee. HB2488 and SB2746, which authorizes the transfer of Aloha Stadium to the University of Hawai‘i were not moving. He also reported that President Dobelle and Vice President Costello met with the Congressional delegation and among other things Cancer Research Center was discussed as one of the University’s high priorities.

Regent Lee asked how often the legislators visited the campuses. Mr. Morihara informed that the legislators try to make regular visits for fact-finding, especially subject committees such as Higher Education.

Regent Weiner noted that the Regents should be approached to see if they can be of assistance with bills that are of priority for the University.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Iha, Secretary

Dated: April 5, 2002

c: Chairperson Allan K. Ikawa
Members, Committee on Budget and Long-Range Planning
President Evan S. Dobelle
Vice President James R. W. Sloane
Vice President Colleen O. Sathre
Interim Vice Chancellor Rodney Sakaguchi