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

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2002

Place & Time: Campus Center Conference Room 220
University of Hawai‘i at M~noa
1:18 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Regents Dowling (presiding)
Kaneshiro
Kawakami
Kurisu
Lee
McElrath
Nunokawa
Poe
Kobayashi (ex-officio)

Committee Members Excused: Regents Ikawa
Thurston
Yamasato

Others Present: Evan S. Dobelle, President, University of Hawai‘i
Walter S. Kirimitsu, Senior Vice President and University General Counsel
Deane Neubauer, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs
David Iha, Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board
Carl Makino, Executive Assistant to the Board

University System Level Reorganization

Interim Vice President Neubauer provided an overview of the proposed reorganization of the University of Hawai‘i system level explaining that at the Committee’s last meeting on November 21, 2002, that several concerns had been expressed by students as well as the Hawai‘i Government Employees’ Association (HGEA). The Committee decided to defer this matter until this meeting in order to allow all parties time to resolve the issues of concern. He reported that as a result, six amendments were being proposed to the original submittal at this time.
1. Change in narrative language page 5.

Current language: Specifically, the creation of the Chief of Staff and the supervisory role of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at the system level indicate the offices’ responsibilities as leadership agents for system-wide non-academic and academic matters, respectively.

New language: Specifically, the creation of the Chief of Staff and the coordinative role of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at the system level indicate the offices’ responsibilities as facilitators and coordinators for system-wide non-academic and academic matters, respectively.

2. The solid line from the VP for Student Affairs to the VP for Academic Affairs is changed to a dotted line to represent a consultative line of communication.

3. The Director of Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action relocates to the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and University General Council.

4. The line of communication from the VP for Research to the RCUH is deleted, and partial funding for the position from RCUH shall not occur.

5. Inclusion in the proposal narrative of an explanation for the change of the line from the VP Legal for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel to the President. The line becomes dotted - consultative.

6. Additional language in section IV “Impact on Staffing” to clarify the movement of positions from the Office of the Chancellor for Community Colleges to the Office of the President for International Education.

HGEA’s concerns were relative to the Vice President for Research and its relationship to RCUH. In resolving the matter, Interim Vice President Neubauer stated that the Vice President for Research would be a separate position from heading RCUH. HGEA was also concerned of the transfer of the Community College employees to other departments. Interim Vice President Neubauer stated that a memo of agreement had been reached relative to these positions. HGEA, therefore, concurred with the reorganization as amended from November 21, 2002.

The following testimonies were then received:

1. Paul Clur, representing the UH Student Caucus, expressed support for the reorganization as amended from the November 21, 2002 version and explained by Interim Vice President Neubauer.

2. Michael Dahilig, UH-Mānoa ASUH President, expressed support for the reorganization as amended, although he felt that students were rushed into this
decision and asked the Board to direct the administration to involve students earlier in these processes.

3. Keikilani Meyer, UH Student Caucus, expressed support for the proposed reorganization stating that it was an opportunity to reorganize Student Affairs on a systemwide basis.

4. Noel Griffiths, UH Student Caucus and Honolulu CC ASUH, did not provide oral testimony, concurring with the previous student testimonies.

5. Kiyoshi Ikeda, UHM Commission on Diversity, recommended that the Board request consultation of key executive officers with the Senate Executive Committee to work with appropriate sub-committees to settle on the wisdom of linking graduate division and the research enterprise for joint planning and implementation. He also recommended that the Board take an active role and request a clarification of the exact pattern of collaboration, consultation and advisories involving the office of Academic Affairs and office of Student Affairs at the system levels and at the campus levels. He added that the Chief of Staff, if necessary, must be an academic officer who clearly understands the complexities of the range of institutional functions required to maintain priority initiatives in a quality institution.

6. Katie Barry, M~ui CC ASUH, expressed support for the reorganization as amended and thanked the Board and administration for allowing students more time to discuss the proposed reorganization. She reiterated that the Vice President for Student Affairs should not be subordinate in any manner to any other Vice President.

7. Lei Desha, HGEA, acknowledged that accelerated discussions between the administration and HGEA had taken place that day and that the major issues were resolved. HGEA offered its concurrence to the proposed reorganization as presented.

8. Jill Nunokawa, OSA Faculty Senate, expressed appreciation for making the necessary amendments to support Student Services.

9. Joyce S. Tsunoda, testifying as an individual, endorsed and supported the proposal. She stated that as an alumni of this University she wanted what was best for the future of its students. She had been assured by President Dobelle that the mission of the Community Colleges would not be changed and its identity not diminished in any way as a result of the proposed reorganization. She felt the reorganization would, once and for all, make it easier for students to transfer throughout the system, better serving the articulation process since the Community Colleges would now assume its equal place among the ten campuses.
President Dobelle thanked Chancellor Tsunoda for her testimony of support, assuring her that the mission and identity of the Community Colleges would be preserved. He further acknowledged that there was an accreditation issue that needed to be addressed with the appropriate commission and assured that the administration would see to it that the Community Colleges’ accreditation would not be jeopardized by this reorganization.

Regent Kurisu suggested that the external auditing function report to the Board. President Dobelle concurred, stating that in his experiences at other systems, the external audit function always reported to the auditing committee of the governing boards. Regent Kurisu suggested that the Board’s policies be amended to reflect such a reporting function. Chairperson Kobayashi stated that Regent Kurisu could work with staff to develop the necessary proposal for the Board’s next meeting.

Chairperson Kobayashi moved to approve the proposed reorganization as proposed and modified. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Iha, Secretary

Dated: December 26, 2002

c: Chairperson Bert A. Kobayashi
   Members, Committee on Budget and Long-Range Planning
   President Evan S. Dobelle
   Vice President James R. W. Sloane
   Interim Vice President Deane Neubauer