September 15, 2015

Randy Moore, Chair
University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents
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Dear Chair Moore and Board Members:

While we have no immediate objection to the hiring of Dr. Michael Bruno to the position of Vice Chancellor of Research (VCR) for the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa campus, we have serious reservations about the process of appointing a candidate based on the results of a search conducted over two years ago. We are also concerned about the lack of transparency in this process, and the urgency and short notice with which students, faculty, and the university community were informed of this decision. We have observed a pattern of disregard for the principles of shared governance and transparency in the recent hiring of executive positions. We strongly encourage the Board of Regents to prioritize the topic of shared governance.

On behalf of the Graduate Student Organization Executive Council.