MINUTES OF THE REGENTS’
COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

Date: Thursday, January 17, 2002

Place & Time: Campus Center Conference Chamber, Room 220
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
3:36 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Regents
Lee (presiding)
Bergin
McElrath
Poe
Thurston
Ikawa (not present)

Other Regents Present: Regents
Dowling
Kawakami
Kobayashi
Kurisu
Nunokawa
Weiner

Others Present: Evan S. Dobelle, President University of Hawai‘i
Walter S. Kirimitsu, Senior Vice President and
University General Counsel
Doris M. Ching, Vice President for Student Affairs
David Iha, Secretary of the Board
Carl H. Makino, BOR Staff

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Regents’ Committee on Student Affairs held on
October 18, 2001, were approved as circulated.

Delegation of Authority to Administer the Regents and Presidential Scholarship Program
and to Rename the Scholarship Program

Vice President Ching requested that the Committee rename the Regents and
Presidential Scholarships and delegate to the President authority to administer those
scholarship programs. She explained that the Board of Regents established “The Regents Scholarship for Academic Excellence” and the “Presidential Achievement Scholarship” in 1986. Since then the program has been highly successful in attracting and graduating academically superior students.

Vice President Ching stated that guidelines and procedures for recruiting and selecting scholars and administering the program had been developed and refined through 15 years of experience. She assured that the program would continue in its present form whereby:

C Each year, twenty (20) first year incoming freshmen are selected as Regents Scholars and ten (10) incoming juniors are selected as Presidential Scholars. Regents Scholars are required to reside on campus during their first year.

C Applications are solicited from Hawai‘i’s public and private high schools for the Regents Scholarships.

C The Presidential Scholarships recognize and support students who developed excellent academic records or outstanding scholarly or creative achievement in prior college study.

• Criteria for selection include grades, test scores, evidence of honors and awards, a record of community or co-curricular service and leadership, and a personal statement of educational goals.

C Regents Scholars receive a tuition waiver and a $4,000 stipend for four years, and Presidential Scholars receive a tuition waiver and a $4,000 stipend for two years, provided in both cases the Scholars maintain their eligibility, particularly a required minimum grade point average. Each Regents and Presidential Scholar receives a one-time academic travel grant of $2,000.

C The President provides an annual report to the Board, with demographic, educational and other pertinent information about the Scholars, as well as any changes to the operations of the program.

Based on the record of the program and the administration’s willingness to accept greater responsibility and accountability, a broad policy statement is proposed as sufficient to achieve the objectives of the Board in administering these scholarships. Vice President Ching explained that the following paragraph would replace the detailed statements currently contained in Board policy:

“Regents Scholars will be selected as incoming freshman students, at any campus of the University of Hawai‘i, on the basis of outstanding academic accomplishment
and additional evidence of merit or creative achievement, co-curricular or community service, and leadership. Presidential Scholars will be selected as incoming juniors, enrolled in or transferring to any baccalaureate campus of the University of Hawai‘i, on the basis of scholarly or creative achievements in prior college study and a record of merit or creative achievement, co-curricular or community service, and leadership. Regents and Presidential Scholars must be bona fide residents of Hawai‘i for tuition purposes, and affirmative recruitment will be undertaken to achieve statewide distribution of scholarships. The scholarships are annually renewable as long as eligibility is maintained, for up to four years for Regents Scholars and up to two years for Presidential Scholars. Each Regents and Presidential Scholar will receive a full tuition waiver, a stipend, and a one-time travel grant for an activity designed to enhance the educational objectives of the Scholar. The President or President’s designee shall establish all necessary policies and procedures for selection of recipients and administration of the Regents and Presidential Scholars Program, and shall provide an annual report to the Board on demographic, educational and other pertinent information of the scholarship recipients. The President shall provide an annual report to the Board of Regents with demographic, educational and other pertinent information on the recipients, and any changes to the operation of the program.

The proposed text, according to Vice President Ching, addresses the complaint of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) concerning the “Presidential Achievement Scholarship.” NMSC advises that the terms “merit scholarship” and “achievement scholarship” are reserved for its exclusive use. Using the name “Presidential Scholarship” nullifies any further complaint from the NMSC while retaining the attribution of highest distinction and therefore, the additional recommendation to rename the Presidential Achievement Scholarship. The Regents and Presidential Scholarships are widely recognized as the most prestigious and generous support the University provides to undergraduate students.

Regent Nunokawa moved to delegate the authority requested to administer the Regents and Presidential Scholarships and amend the Board’s policy allowing for the renaming of the “Presidential Achievement Scholarships” to “Presidential Scholarships.” The motion was seconded followed by a discussion.

Regent Lee questioned the justification for the requested delegation since it is a Board of Regents Scholarship. Vice President Ching explained that the delegation would be more in the implementation of details. The major policy concepts and principles would remain the same and would require Board approval in order to amend them in any way. Campuses would be allowed to make minor changes necessary to enable them to run the program more efficiently while not changing the overall intent and policy.

Upon call the motion was carried unanimously. There being no further business
before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Iha, Secretary

Dated: February 18, 2002

cc: Chairperson Allan K. Ikawa
Members, Committee on Student Affairs
President Evan S. Dobelle
Vice President Doris M. Ching
Vice Chancellor Daniel Ishii
Vice Chancellor Keith Miser