DATE: July 29, 2014

TO: Randolph F. Moore, Chair
   Board of Regents

David Lassner, President
University of Hawai’i

FROM: Ron Bontekoe, Chair
   Mānoa Faculty Senate

RE: Support of the Mānoa Chancellor

The Mānoa Faculty Senate is concerned with the rumored impending termination of Chancellor Apple. As the Board of Regents-sanctioned faculty advisory body to the Mānoa Chancellor, the Senate Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Mānoa Faculty Senate, by unanimous vote at their meeting of July 28, 2014 affirms its stated support (see appended URLs) for the Mānoa Chancellor and finds the Chancellor’s performance over the last two years to have been exemplary.

We find the Chancellor’s actions over the last two years to be supportive of the following principles to which we adhere:

#1: Undergraduate tuition should support undergraduate education. Graduate tuition should support graduate education.
#2: The hiring and firing of a chancellor must involve the faculty and students.
#3: Integrity and transparency are paramount in budget and administration.

The Senate Executive Committee expects to work with Chancellor Apple over the next several years to develop practices and policies in conformance with these principles.

Please consult, if interested, the following URLs for further evidence of our support of the Chancellor:

January 6, 2014 Senate Executive Committee Testimony to the Board of Regents

January 6, 2014 Manoa Faculty Senate Resolution in Support of the Chancellor
Available at: http://www.hawaii.edu/uhmfs/documents/2013_14/20140115_reso_cancercenter.html
APPENDIX

Resolution in Support of the Chancellor of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Whereas, The University of Hawaii at Mānoa’s accreditation (like that of any university) depends on the integrity of its autonomy, a critical component of which is the administration’s decision-making authority; and

Whereas, The University of Hawaii at Mānoa Faculty Senate in 2010 adopted with a vote of 35 in support and 2 opposed the Resolution Concerning the Process for Selecting a Director for the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii, which raised grave questions about the hiring process and whether the minimum qualifications were met by the current incumbent; and

Whereas, The Chancellor has investigated a considerable number of faculty grievances and complaints regarding the leadership of the UH Cancer Center and has determined that action was appropriate; and

Whereas, The Chancellor appears to have been prevented from exercising his appropriate line authority; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the University of Hawaii at Mānoa Faculty Senate decries any interference in the exercise of the Chancellor’s authority.

CC: Tom Apple, Chancellor
University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

Reed Dasenbrock, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

Brian Taylor, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education
University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

Kathy Cutshaw, Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance and Operations
University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

Interim Vice Chancellor for Students
University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

Manoa Campus Deans and Directors

University of Hawai‘i Professional Assembly

Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i

University of Hawai‘i Graduate Student Organization