August 7, 2014

TO: UHM Faculty

FROM: UHM Faculty Senate Executive Committee (SEC)

SUBJECT: SEC’s Endorsement of the Chancellor

At the invitation of President Lassner, the Senate Executive Committee considered what qualifications and qualities a candidate for the Manoa Chancellor must have and who might best lead the Manoa campus in the future. After due consideration, the SEC is submitting the attached letter to the President indicating that, by far the best candidate for the Chancellor’s role is Tom Apple.

We continue to believe that it is destabilizing to UHM to fire a Chancellor when no charge of malfeasance has been brought forth. We are extremely concerned about the lack of consultation with the Manoa Faculty Senate over these issues, in violation of the concept of shared governance.

The SEC has been informed by the Chancellor that what has been called a hard “hiring freeze” is really increased scrutiny of unit expenditures, with a focus on long-term commitments, especially on tenure-track hires. The process of consultation between Vice Chancellors and Deans, which is now under way, should allow academic programs to move forward and provide classes for our students for this coming academic year. While the “hiring freeze” is of concern to all faculty, the SEC is especially concerned that the sudden termination of the Chancellor harms the stability and welfare of Manoa.

We continue to believe that the firing of Chancellor Apple was ill-conceived and poorly executed; it should be reversed.

Attachment (1)