RESOLUTION TO HALT THE USE OF ACADEMIC ANALYTICS

WHEREAS, the UH Mānoa administration contracted a private company (“Academic Analytics”) to analyze faculty productivity three and a half years ago without consultation with the faculty; and

WHEREAS, faculty productivity is already assessed in departmental guidelines for contract renewal, tenure, promotion, and periodic review; and

WHEREAS, the services of Academic Analytics are a significant university cost with no realistic cost-benefit accounting; and

WHEREAS, the database and algorithms are proprietary and not subject to verification by UHM faculty; and

WHEREAS, tenure means that a faculty member is deemed competent to explore questions and contribute to one’s profession in ways that that faculty member deems appropriate; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mānoa Faculty Senate finds the process used by administration to contract with Academic Analytics to lack transparency and to lack faculty consultation and therefore constitutes an unacceptable invasion into faculty governance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa administration issues a statement in writing assuring that the data generated by Academic Analytics will never be used; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa administration immediately terminate the contract; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the UHM Vice Chancellor for Research, UHM Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UHM Chancellor, UH President, and the UH Board of Regents.

Supporting Documents:

Article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* “Can Data Measure Faculty Productivity? Rutgers Professors Say No” <http://chronicle.com/article/Can-Data-Measure-Faculty/234595?cid=pm&utm_source=pm&utm_medium=en&elq=9846781405bf4f3b9b57e27f8b5d5031&elqCampaignId=2055&elqaid=7212&elqat=1&elqTrackId=65b43e3c2e11402597cb8dd10ae0dbb>