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**Notice of Meeting
 UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I**

BOARD OF REGENTS COMMITTEE ON KULEANA

Members: Regents Paloma (Chair), Wilson (Vice-Chair), Abercrombie, Miyahira, and Tochiki

Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
 Bachman Hall
 1st Floor Conference Room 106 A/B
 2444 Dole Street
 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822

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ORDER OF THE DAY

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes of the May 2, 2024 Meeting**
- III. Public Comment Period for Agenda Items:**

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IV. Agenda Items

A. Presentation on the Genealogy Leading to the Kuleana Imperative

V. Adjournment

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MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS COMMITTEE ON KULEANA MEETING

MAY 2, 2024

A video recording of this meeting may be viewed at the Board of Regents website as follows:

[Meeting Video](#)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Diane Paloma called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Information Technology Building, 1st Floor Conference Room 105A/B, 2520 Correa Road, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822, with regents participating from various locations.

Committee members in attendance: Chair Diane Paloma; Vice-Chair Abigail Mawae; Regent Neil Abercrombie; Regent Lauren Akitake; and Regent Laurie Tochiki.

Others in attendance: Regent William Haning; Regent Wayne Higaki; Regent Gabriel Lee; Regent Laurel Loo; Regent Ernest Wilson (ex officio committee members); President David Lassner; Vice President (VP) for Academic Strategy Debora Halbert; VP for Community Colleges Erika Lacro; VP for Legal Affairs/University General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; VP for Research and Innovation Vassilis Syrmos; VP for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer Garret Yoshimi; VP for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Kalbert Young; UH-Mānoa Provost Michael Bruno; UH-West O'ahu Chancellor Maenette Benham; UH-Maui College Chancellor Lui Hokoana; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents (Board Secretary) Yvonne Lau; and others as noted.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Paloma offered her apologies for the lengthy period of time between committee meetings stating numerous circumstances led to the committee's inability to convene. She then inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes of the August 3, 2023, committee meeting which had been distributed. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Board Secretary Lau announced the Board Office's receipt of late written comments from Jill Nunokawa regarding the university's kuleana imperative. Additionally, three individuals also signed up to provide oral testimony.

Bronson Azama, Pearl Bachiller, and Jill Nunokawa provided oral comments on the university's kuleana imperative.

Written testimony may be viewed at the Board of Regents website as follows:

[Late Written Testimony Received](#)

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Presentation on the Kuleana Imperative by Hawai'i Papa O Ke Ao (HPOKA)

Chair Paloma provided some background information on this agenda item stating it was intended to be a summary of the effort undertaken by HPOKA to address the Kuleana Imperative contained within the University of Hawai'i System Strategic Plan 2023-2029 (Strategic Plan). She stressed this was a work in progress; noted the receipt of feedback on the imperative from various Native Hawaiian constituencies, including those within the Pūko'a Council; and mentioned the expectation for ongoing acceptance of input on this matter.

Chancellor Benham and Chancellor Hokoana, presented information on behalf of HPOKA regarding its work on the Strategic Plan's Kuleana Imperative over the past year. They also provided historical context to the creation of HPOKA, as well as the establishment and framing of the Kuleana imperative; highlighted some of the foundational principles of HPOKA in addition to the group's current composition; briefly reviewed the imperative's goals and objectives; underscored the significance of the imperative to the recognition and acknowledgement of Hawai'i's indigenous population; emphasized the diverse input received on the imperative's language from kanaka across the ten campuses of the university system; and spoke about the next steps expected to be undertaken by HPOKA to address the imperative including ongoing consultation with campus Native Hawaiian Councils and community stakeholders and the development of action plans and metrics.

Chair Paloma shared her thoughts on the ongoing work of HPOKA, the Pūko'a Council, the various Native Hawaiian constituencies throughout the university system, the administration, and others to bring the Kuleana Imperative to fruition. She also mentioned the concerted effort among a diverse array of entities and individuals to address this matter which she has witnessed over the course of the last year.

Regent Wilson inquired about the relationship between HPOKA and the various university groups it has been working with including the Pūko'a Council. Chancellor Benham stated that, in her opinion, there is a good relationship between HPOKA and the other university constituencies it has been engaging with, including the Pūko'a Council, as evidenced by the collaboration on the Kuleana Imperative's language, despite there being room for improvement. She also pointed out the distinct missions and objectives of HPOKA and the Pūko'a Council. Chair Paloma provided her input on this issue noting the campus specific advocacy role of the Pūko'a Council as opposed to HPOKA's promotion of broader, systemwide strategic initiatives.

Regent Tochiki mentioned the reorganization of the board's committee structure to include a Committee on Kuleana which, in her mind, demonstrates the importance of the Kuleana Imperative to regents. She then proceeded to ask about HPOKA's plans for the next 12 months or so to move forward on the development, implementation, and fulfillment of the imperative. Chancellor Hokoana replied that HPOKA's basic framework for the imperative is currently being vetted and has been sent to the Native Hawaiian Councils on every campus for review and feedback. Some responses have been received and will be used to further strengthen and develop the imperative. Once the internal assessment of the framework is completed, HPOKA intends to present it to the broader community for additional input.

Regent Abercrombie expressed his concerns with the apparent lack of inclusion of the faculty senates in this process, especially given some of the educational objectives of this imperative, and sought clarification about the relationship between HPOKA and these organizations. Chancellor Benham replied that HPOKA is not a governing body and as such, it does not have a direct association with the faculty senates. HPOKA looks to each campus' individual HPOKA representative and Native Hawaiian Council to have conversations about the imperative with their respective faculty senates as the process moves forward.

Discussions ensued on the engagement of various university constituencies to achieve some of the objectives mentioned in the Kuleana Imperative, particularly with respect to the matriculation of all students, faculty, staff, administrators, and regents into HPOKA; the impact kuleana has on the other Strategic Plan imperatives; the inclusivity of the process to develop the framework for the Kuleana Imperative; the meaning of the university being a Native Hawaiian place of learning; and the arduous tasks that lie ahead for HPOKA.

B. Committee Annual Review

Chair Paloma referenced and went over the committee annual review matrix provided in the materials packet stating that it sets forth the actions carried out by the committee throughout the year relative to its goals and objectives. She also noted several items in the matrix that would be taken up at a later date or had been referred to another committee for action and then asked committee members if they had any questions or comments about the activities of the committee over the past year. None were raised.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Paloma adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne Lau
Executive Administrator and Secretary
of the Board of Regents

The Kuleana Imperative (#1): Where we've come from and where we're going

Kaiwipunikauikawēkiu Punihei Lipe, PhD
BOR Committee on Kuleana
March 6, 2025



Mahalo piha



“Hawai‘i Papa o ke Ao”

- The report
- The working group
- The philosophy & commitment
 - Hawai‘i foundation of enlightenment and knowledge



A Genealogy:
UH System steps along the way



An Overview

- Ka'ū Report (1986)



KA'U

University of Hawai'i Hawaiian Studies Task Force Report

Na wai e 'ole ke akamai i ke ala i
Ma'a i ka hele 'ia e o'u mau kupuna

*Who can be without knowledge on the path
So long walked upon by my ancestors*

KA'U: UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I HAWAIIAN STUDIES TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Isabella Abbott, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Jean Ilei Beniamina, Kaua'i Community College

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Richard "Dutch" Mossman, Kapi'olani Community College

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David Sing, University of Hawai'i at Hilo

Haunani-Kay Trask, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

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- Hawai'i Papa o ke Ao Report (2012)





Hawai'i Papa O Ke Ao

-is the name chosen for this group tasked with developing a plan to make the University of Hawai'i a leader in indigenous education. The phrase simply means Hawai'i Foundations of Enlightenment/Knowledge. The deeper application of this name is cosmogonic, for in the name is Papahānaumoku (Papa) and Wākea (reflected in his Ao form), the original parents of Hawai'i Consciousness.

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- UH Strat Plan & Kuleana Imperative (2023)



Imperative ▶

Fulfill kuleana to Native Hawaiians and Hawai'i

Goal

Model what it means to be an indigenous-serving and indigenous-centered institution: Native Hawaiians thrive, traditional Hawaiian values and knowledge are embraced, and UH scholarship and service advance all Native Hawaiians and Hawai'i.

Objectives

- Ensure that UH supports the success of Native Hawaiians in learning, teaching, service and research across our campuses and nurtures Native Hawaiians as leaders.
- Create opportunities for all UH students, faculty, staff, executives and regents to inform their work by learning about Hawaiian language, culture, knowledge, and the past and present impacts of colonization.
- Play an active role in the reconciliation of injustices, advancing language parity, and improving the lives of Native Hawaiians across the islands.

Metrics

- Support the Hawai'i Papa o Ke Ao Leadership Council in creating a detailed plan as an update to the 2012 Hawai'i Papa o Ke Ao Report in consultation and collaboration with the Pūko'a Council and others throughout the university. The detailed plan to achieve this imperative and these objectives will be presented to the Board of Regents within one year of the adoption of this plan.

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Pūko‘a & Hawai‘i Papa o ke Ao: Gaining Clarity



	Who	Expertise	Kuleana	In convo with whom?
Pūko‘a (advisory to President)	Reps for campus councils; staff & faculty who work in content specific areas everyday w/students, staff, & faculty	Experiences, needs, assets of students, staff, & faculty	Advocate to/advise President based on those experiences	- President - HPoKA director - Chair of Kuleana committee
Hawai‘i Papa o ke Ao (working group)	1-2 people from each campus identified by their chancellor/provost	- Organizational leadership - Organizational change & transformation	- Strengthening the institution’s ability to be reflective of “HPoKA”	- Campus councils - HPoKA director

Moving Forward: HPoKA Director's Next Steps

A‘o: To teach and learn

Task	Status	Due date
Visit each campus	Completed	3/5/2025
Create Imperative #1 campus survey	In progress	3/14/2025
Send out survey	Not started	3/21/2025



Alu: Connect, Work Together

Task	Status	Due date
Imperative #1 System-wide directory	In progress	5/2/2025
Imperative #1 'Aha	In progress	5/30/2025
Launch PD sharing program	Not started	8/31/2025



‘Auamo: To take on the work together

Task	Status	Due date
Reviewing survey data & planning next steps	Not started	6/6/2025



Questions / mana'o?

