

LABOR EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
- DRAFT -

November 19, 2024

The regular meeting of the Labor Education Advisory Council was hybrid and called to order by Chair Clyde Hayashi at 12:05 p.m. on November 19, 2024 at B217 and Zoom:
<https://hawaii.zoom.us/j/92676395786> Meeting ID: 926 7639 5786

For more information see: <http://www.hawaii.edu/uhwo/clear/home/LEAC.html>

Attendance:

Council Members: Colleen Bird, Clyde Hayashi, Cathy Lederer, Morrison Luka, Palani Simon, Janet Suster, Leyton Torda, Marc Yamane, Ilima Long

CLEAR/UHWO Staff: Dr. Leslie Lopez, Interim CLEAR Director
Professor Osman Keshawarz
Joy Chong-Stannard
Brandy Ader

Guests: Dr. William Puette, Former CLEAR Director
Dr. David McDonald VC for Administration
Justin Puaoi, IBEW 1186
Michael Bursack, UHWO student

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the August 6, 2024 meeting were approved as posted and pre-circulated.

Introductions

- New CLEAR faculty and staff: Dr. Osman Keshawarz (Labor Economist)

CLEAR Interim Director's Report - Dr. Leslie Lopez

- Rutledge Endowment
The market value of the endowment as of November 19, 2024, is \$1,125,500.46
- Labor Studies Certificate
Dr. Lopez shared with the council that Dr. Keshawarz is currently working on an assessment report for the Certificate. Course offerings through the CS3 Program allow students to take LBST courses at the UH System Community Colleges without fees and at the CC tuition rate. CLEAR is working on communicating with the CC advisors to raise awareness on their campuses. Will present to move from provisional status to permanent after the assessment is complete.

A brief discussion occurred about the expansion of the Labor Studies program to possibly offer a bachelors degree

- New Staff Orientations and Projects
Dr. Lopez reported that Dr. Keshawarz visited the Unfair Labor Practice Strike on Maui to interview

nurses on strike dealing with the privatization of public resources. Dr. Keshawarz is also co-teaching LBST 300. He is also creating a curriculum map for UH's transition of its course management system from Laulima to Lamaku.

- **Filling Staff Vacancies**
Dr. Lopez reported that the CLEAR Digital Archivist position has been approved but not posted yet. She is communicating with the VC for the reason for the delay. There is a large backlog of informational requests for the archives.

There are (3) public presentations for the finalists of the CLEAR Director position. One presentation was held last week and two more are scheduled for this week.

Rice and Roses

- **Ah Quon McElrath Project** (<https://www.laborhistoryhawaii.org>)
Joy Chong-Stannard reported that Ah Quon McElrath documentary was broadcasted on 10/17/24 on PBS. The AQ Premier, a kick-off event for the documentary was scheduled on 10/1/24. It received great feedback and is accessible on PBS' YouTube for a year. PBS maintains the site and has been supportive of the project. ILWU recognized for their contribution to access resources from their archive collection to complete the documentary.

Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting has been scheduled as a hybrid meeting for February 5, Wednesday, 12:00 PM at UHWO B217 and on Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Submitted by Brandy Ader
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