

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA
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SENATE RESOLUTION 03-19

**REGARDING THE MĀNOA REORGANIZATION & THE RECOMBINATION OF THE
PRESIDENT AND MĀNOA CHANCELLOR ROLES**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Senate is the elected body representing approximately 10,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UH Mānoa) is the flagship campus of the University of Hawai'i (UH) System and Research I Institution, that experiences a need for improvement in areas such as but are not limited to increased student success and growth, recruitment/retention, high-quality of education and consistent and stable campus leadership; and,

WHEREAS, UH President and UHM Interim Chancellor David Lassner initiated public forums and meetings with related stakeholders to conceptualize a reorganization to our current Mānoa administrative structure; and,

WHEREAS, Interim Chancellor Lassner along hopes to accomplishing the following through a Mānoa Reorganization: "1) Strong and strategic enrollment management: recruitment and retention 2) Meaningful integration of research and education, including undergraduate involving all colleges, schools, ORUs and institutes 3) Improved student success outcomes through integrated support for both academic success and student growth & development 4) Enhance and strengthen Mānoa's role as a premiere Asia-Pacific focused global "R1" research university 5) Strengthen, streamline and clarify advocacy and compliance programs that support protected classes and 6) Provide stable leadership and strong voice for Mānoa"¹; and,

WHEREAS, the ASUH advocates for the needs and interests of students to UH Mānoa's administration, and is an advisory group to the Chancellor of UH Mānoa; and,

WHEREAS, that the ASUH participates in academic and student programs, events, and services that are funded and administered by our UHM administration and its units, whom are impacted by concepts of a Mānoa Reorganization; and,

WHEREAS, the ASUH recognizes the impact of a reorganization of our UH and UHM administration to the quality of our education and student life for all current and future students at the UH Mānoa, and expresses the need of ASUH's participation and consultation in any reorganization of UH Mānoa's structure; and,

¹ Key Objectives of Reorganization, Page 2 <https://Mānoa.hawaii.edu/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Mānoa-reorg-nov-2018.pdf>

WHEREAS, Members of the UHM community participated in the public forums that took place in December 2017² and April 2018³, and related stakeholders met with current campus administrators, ASUH and GSO at an all-day meeting event in March 2018 surrounding the conceptualizing of a Mānoa Reorganization; and,

WHEREAS, The Mānoa Faculty Senate passed a resolution titled “*Supporting The Recombination Of The System President And Mānoa Chancellor Positions,*” formalizing faculty support for a recombination of the roles in order to bring stability to Mānoa Leadership⁴ due to numerous short-term chancellors Mānoa has experienced; and,

WHEREAS, President and Interim Chancellor Lassner presented his most updated Concept of a Mānoa Reorganization⁵ that included the Recombination of the UH System President role and Mānoa CEO to the ASUH Executive Committee on Wednesday, October 31st to inform of and include the ASUH in the conceptual process of this reorganization, as well as during a Public Forum⁶ on November 2, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, that the ASUH ensures its commitment to students representation by presenting this resolution in regards to the Mānoa Reorganization and Recombination of the UH System President and Mānoa CEO roles; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we urge that the Mānoa Reorganization and recombination of the UH System President and Mānoa CEO roles prioritize student success, encourage stronger engagement through cooperation and collaboration of our various units, consolidate duplicate services and positions, minimize administrative costs, increase student accessibility to UHM administration, encourage improvement to university policies and procedures, and reactivate the advisory role of ASUH and GSO to the UHM Administration; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we also urge that the Mānoa Reorganization and recombination of the UH System President and Mānoa CEO roles does not result in micromanagement by the UH System over the Mānoa Campus, dissolved campus autonomy and lessened shared governance amongst System and Mānoa campus administrators, increased administrative costs, increased tuition or fees, decreased fund allocation to student related programs and services that include but are not limited to: all Student Academic Success, Student Growth and Development, and SEED programs and services, course materials and resources, student employment, scholarships, awards and stipends, tuition assistance, and the forms of student support; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUH believes that students and the success of our students should be the priority of our Administration, and that a reorganization to the Mānoa Administration is necessary to support this; and,

² Campus Reorganization Public Forum 1 http://www.hawaii.edu/calendar/Mānoa/2017/12/01/32265.html?et_id=42491

³ Campus Reorganization Public Forum 2 <https://Mānoa.hawaii.edu/chancellor/communications/reorganization-update-2/>

⁴ Mānoa Faculty Senate Resolution Supporting The Recombination of the System President and Mānoa Chancellor Positions <https://hawaii.edu/uhmfs/mfs-passes-resolution-supporting-the-combination-of-the-system-president-and-Mānoa-chancellor-positions/>

⁵ Updated Concept of Mānoa Reorganization <https://Mānoa.hawaii.edu/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Mānoa-reorg-nov-2018.pdf>

⁶ Campus Reorganization Public Forum 3 <https://Mānoa.hawaii.edu/reorg/>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUH strongly urges the BOR or President and Interim Chancellor Lassner to amend the Concept of the Mānoa Reorganization with the following changes: 1) to move New Student Orientation under Student Growth and Development, 2) move Enrollment Management under Student Success, 3) show separation of roles to lead Student Academic Success, Student Growth and Development, SEED, and Enrollment Management separately under Student Success, and 4) make Student Success independent from the Provost umbrella, with a direct line to the President/Mānoa CEO; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUH strongly supports the need for a physical representative of Mānoa separate from the UH President/Mānoa CEO individual in order to provide independent representation of the Mānoa campus in System-wide decision making and fairness amongst other UH campus representatives, thus supporting the concept of the Provost as presented in the Concept; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUH believes that the Concept with these changes and kept components would support the University's goal to improve recruitment/retention, provide stability to Mānoa Leadership and Administration, clarify the University of Hawai'i System's responsibilities and operations, as well as realign the necessary focus and priority of our students. The ASUH supports the Concept of the Mānoa Reorganization with the changes and desired components indicated above, and our support is conditional to the implementation of the said changes; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to: the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents Chair Lee Putnam and Members, President and UHM Interim Chancellor David Lassner, Vice President for Administration Jan Gouveia, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Chancellor for Research Michael Bruno, Interim Vice Chancellor for Students Lori Ideta, Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance and Operations Kathy Cutshaw, Associate Dean of SOEST Chip Fletcher, Interim Dean of Language, Linguistics and Literature Laura Lyons, Former Chair of the Mānoa Faculty Senate Executive Committee Christine Sorensen Irvine, the Graduate Student Organization, and Ka Leo O Hawai'i.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCPET

Aye(s): Vice President Simeona, Treasurer Honda, Secretary Sakamoto, Senators-at-Large Chun, Li, Negrillo, Senators Aspacio, Balico, Dahmen, Dunham, Ganoy, Gapet, Hortizuela, Johnson, Juliano, Kobayashi, Leval, Oshiro, Ramirez, Ross, Su, Transfiguracion, Urasaki, Yim, Yoshida **[25]**

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Introducers: Andrew Kalani Simeona, Vice President, Danson Honda, Treasurer, Jaclyn Sakamoto, Secretary, Starshine Chun, Senator-at-Large, Landon Li, Senator-at-Large, Nicole Hortizuela, Senator, College of Engineering, Rudy Ramirez, Senator, College of Arts and Sciences

THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE 106TH SENATE ON NOVEMBER 14TH, 2018