

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA
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Senate Resolution 03-16
For First Reading

A RESOLUTION

COMMENDING UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA FOR CONTINUED EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, EDUCATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

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 14,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,

WHEREAS, at the halfway point of a 10-year accreditation term granted in 2011, on a June 1, 2015 letter, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Vice president Barbara Gross Davis wrote that panel members were “extremely impressed” by the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s Interim Report and its progress in several areas; and,¹

WHEREAS, the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s six-year graduation rates have increased from 48.6% in 2009 to 56.2% in 2014, the four-year rate has increased from 17.5% in 2010 to 24.7%; and,²

WHEREAS, in fall 2009 there were 29,251 unsuccessful registration attempt, the average student was unable to get into more than two courses student needed to take indicating that close to half of the courses taken by students were second choices, affecting the students time to graduate, in Fall 2014, the number of unsuccessful registrations dropped drastically to 2,317, fewer than 10% the number five years previously; and,

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in the amount of financial aid available to Mānoa students, increasing the amount of tuition income reallocated as institutional financial aid from 15% to 20%, resulting in additional funds for students, increased funds available for undergraduate research, service learning, and legislative internships; and,

WHEREAS, students who earn the Associates of Arts and/or a few Associate of Science degrees from a UH Community College will automatically be admitted to the four-year campus of their choice if they transfer before earning an Associates of Arts, making the transfer to Mānoa or to the two other UH baccalaureate-granting campuses easier; and,

WHEREAS, both the 6-year and 4-year graduation rates have increased significantly over the past - few years, due to the choices that the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa acted on a record

¹ <http://www.hawaii.edu/news/2015/06/08/uh-manoa-praised-for-continued-excellence-in-academic-achievement-educational-effectiveness/>

² http://manoa.hawaii.edu/wasc/pdf/interim_report_2015.pdf

number of students have graduated within recent years, all evidence suggests that these gains reflect real changes in campus processes and attitudes; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa is to strives for an increase its graduation rates, improving the 6-year graduation rate to above 60%, and the 4-year graduation rate to above 30%; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Senate would like to commend the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa for continued excellence academic achievement, and educational effectiveness, in the hopes that Mānoa will meet its goal by the end of the 10-year accreditation term

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to: The Board of Regents of the University of Hawai‘i; University of Hawai‘i President David Lassner; University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Chancellor Robert Bley-Vroman; University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Interim Vice-Chancellor for Students Lori Ideta, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa; Mānoa Faculty Senate; The Honolulu Star-Advertiser; and Ka Leo O Hawai‘i

Aye(s): Vice President Kamoshida, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Tagaban, Senator-at-Large Callihan, Dela Cruz, Mitsui, Nishihara, Senator Barrow, Baxa, Hinshaw, Lao, Sevilla, Shon **[13]**

Naye(s): [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Introducer: Maggie Hinshaw, Senator for the Colleges of the Arts and Sciences