

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA
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**SENATE RESOLUTION 05-24
DEMANDING STUDENT, FACULTY, AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION ON THE
PRESIDENTIAL SELECTION COMMITTEE**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University (ASUH) of Hawai'i at Mānoa Senate is the elected body representing approximately 12,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,

WHEREAS, ASUH is committed to advocating for students to have meaningful inclusion to ensure a diverse, and robust process in selecting the next President; and,

WHEREAS the Board of Regents (BOR) is charged with appointing the President of the University in Article X Section 6 of the State Constitution¹

WHEREAS although the BOR retains the power to appoint the President, its demonstrated shared governance through the Presidential Selection Committee in previous processes; and

WHEREAS, in October 2008, the BOR established a twelve member Presidential Selection Committee that included a student vote that was tasked with selecting 2-4 unranked finalists for the Board to consider;² and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2013, ASUH Mānoa testified on resolution 01-14 which it submitted as written testimony to the BOR, the resolution requested student inclusion on the search process and ideal candidate qualification;³ and

¹ State Constitution, Legislative Reference Bureau, accessed December 14 2023, <https://lrh.hawaii.gov/constitution/#articlex>

² University of Hawai'i System Legislative Testimony, 16 January 2009, 2009 Information Briefings, accessed December 13, 2023, https://www.hawaii.edu/offices/eaar/govrel/briefings/2009/presidential-search_al-landon_01-16-09_hre-hed.pdf.

³ Board of Regents' Committee on Presidential Selection Meeting Minutes, 2 July 2013, 2013 BOR Minutes.

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WHEREAS, Following testimony, the BOR established a twelve member Presidential Selection Committee that comprised of Seven Regents, a member of the Student Caucus, a member of the All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs (ACCFSC), a member of the Administrative, Professional, and Technical (APT) staff, and non-voting members from the UH Foundations, and two ex-officio Regents; and

WHEREAS, On October 19, 2023, the BOR appointed a five member PIG for the purpose of investigating and recommending a well-articulated presidential selection process to the full board as noted in the September 29, 2023, memorandum from Chair Nahale-a⁴ to the Governance Committee⁵; and

WHEREAS, On December 7, 2023, ASUH Mānoa, the Faculty Senate, and other groups representing stakeholders at the University requested inclusion and representation on the Presidential Selection Committee; and

WHEREAS, The BOR established a Committee of the Whole as the Presidential Selection Committee, therefore making its' first decision in recent decades where BOR members solely serve on the Presidential Selection Committee; and

WHEREAS, The BOR Student Regent's term will end in May 2024; and

WHEREAS, The current timeline process does not expect a final decision before the end of the Student Regent's term; and

WHEREAS, Diverse inclusion on decision-making bodies has demonstrated significant improvement to process efficiency and outcomes of decisions⁶; and

WHEREAS The lack of inclusion of faculty, students, staff and other stakeholders goes against best principles of shared

⁴ Board of Regents' Committee on Governance, 5 October 2023, 2023 BOR Materials, accessed December 14, 2023, https://www.hawaii.edu/offices/bor/governance/materials/202310051045/Committee_on_Governance_10_05_2023_Materials.pdf.

⁵ Board of Regents' Meeting Minutes, 19 October 2023, 2023, accessed December 14, 2023, <https://www.hawaii.edu/offices/bor/regular/minute/202310191000.regular.pdf>.

⁶ Erik Larson, "New Research: Diversity + Inclusion = Better Decision Making at Work," Forbes, September 21, 2017, accessed December 13, 2023 <https://www.forbes.com/sites/eriklarson/2017/09/21/new-research-diversity-inclusion-better-decision-making-at-work/?sh=43c57d5a4cbf>.

governance⁷, including as outlined by the American Association of University Professors; and now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

that ASUH opposes the composition of the Presidential Selection Committee as decided on the December 7, 2023 meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that ASUH repudiates the BOR decision to have student inclusion limited to only the Advisory Group, and Student Regent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that ASUH urges the Board of Regents to consider a Presidential Selection Committee whose membership does not have a majority of BOR members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that ASUH is not confident and does not believe that the Student Regent can provide adequate student inclusion and representation since the Regent's term will expire within the current anticipated timeline discussed at the December 7, 2023 meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that ASUH opposes the use of a search firm to vet and screen applicants, and believes the duty of the Search Committee be limited and put up for further discussion for Student, Faculty, and community input; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that ASUH demands that (1) the BOR form a Presidential Selection Committee that includes UH stakeholders such as students, faculty, staff, Pūko‘a council, and consider broader community representation such as, a cultural practitioners; and (2) the demanded Presidential Selection Committee be tasked with recommending 2-4 unranked finalists to the BOR to consider; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the

University of Hawai‘i Student Caucus (UHSC), Board of Regents, the UH President, the office of the Provost, the Governor of Hawai‘i, and as testimony on behalf of ASUH Mānoa at the January 4, 2023 BOR Committee of The Whole meeting, and/or future meetings where the ASUH President and the ASUH body deems the resolution necessary.

⁷ Larry Geber, “Reaffirming the Value of Shared Governance, American Association of University Professors”, Academe, September 1997, <https://www.aaup.org/sites/default/files/files/SharedGovernance1997.pdf>.

INTRODUCED BY: Mariko Quinn, Senator of the College of Arts & Sciences
Kyson James-Foree, Senator of the College of Arts & Sciences

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE RESOLUTION 05-24

Aye(s): Secretary Cable-Treadwell, Treasurer Reed, SAL Hermoso, SAL Tabangay-Hata, Senator Roysdon, Senator Goo Senator Li, Senator Stanford, Senator James-Foree, Senator Pintor, Senator Quinn **[11]**

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s):

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