

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA
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In the Senate
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Senate Resolution 03-15
For First Reading

A RESOLUTION

**IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF TOM APPLE AS THE CHANCELLOR OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA**

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,* in October 2011, the University of Hawai'i (UH) created the UH Mānoa Chancellor Search Advisory Committee¹ in order to find the candidate most equipped to fill the highest administrative position at Mānoa, the UH System's flagship campus; and,
- WHEREAS,* the Search Advisory Committee was composed of 23 members from the Mānoa faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, deans, administrative staff, representatives of Native Hawaiian groups, colleagues from departments such as astronomy, tropical agriculture, education, natural sciences, and the schools of law, medicine, ocean and earth science and technology, and nursing, as well as alumni and community leaders²; and,
- WHEREAS,* the diversity of the Committee ensured the incorporation of the various priorities and interests of Mānoa's diverse community into the search; and,
- WHEREAS,* the national executive search firm Isaacson, Miller, which serves leading educational research universities, healthcare institutions, non-profit foundations and national advocacy organizations, assisted the Committee in the process³; and,
- WHEREAS,* Isaacson, Miller successfully completes close to 150 executive searches each year⁴; and,
- WHEREAS,* the screening of over 400 applicants and nominees from across the nation began in January 2012, followed by interviews to select the top candidates⁵; and,
- WHEREAS,* the Committee narrowed the pool of candidates to four finalists, who visited Mānoa from March to April 2012 to give campus and community members the opportunity to meet the finalists and provide input⁶; and,
- WHEREAS,* from a group of four finalists, then-UH President M.R.C Greenwood recommended Dr. Thomas M. Apple for the position of UH Mānoa Chancellor, a recommendation that was

¹ <http://www.hawaii.edu/news/2011/10/29/manoa-chancellor-search/>

² <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/news/article.php?aId=4763>

³ <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/news/article.php?aId=4763>

⁴ <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/news/article.php?aId=4763>

⁵ <http://www.hawaii.edu/news/2012/05/17/apple-named-chancellor-of-uh-manoa/>

⁶ <http://www.hawaii.edu/news/2011/10/29/manoa-chancellor-search/>

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unanimously approved by the Board of Regents during their May 17, 2012 meeting held at the John A. Burns School of Medicine⁷; and,

WHEREAS, the extensive selection process of Mānoa's Chancellor was one of fairness and transparency; and,

WHEREAS, during Chancellor Apple's time at Mānoa, he has taken tangible steps to increase transparency with students, faculty, staff, and community members through his regularly scheduled campus-wide conversations in which he discussed his plans and answered concerns from the public; and,

WHEREAS, Chancellor Apple has demonstrated his commitment to building transparency and open communication with students through his regular attendance at ASUH General Senate meetings and one-one-one meetings with current and past ASUH Presidents; and,

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2013, Chancellor Apple collaborated with the ASUH 101st President and External Affairs Committee to organize a Student Forum, at which the prevalent student issues of parking and sustainability were addressed; and,

WHEREAS, on Saturday, July 26, 2014, Hawaii News Now first reported the impending removal of Mānoa Chancellor Tom Apple, who has three more years before he completes his five-year contract⁸; and,

WHEREAS, the sudden news shocked many community and campus members, as there was no previous public indication that UH President David Lassner did not plan to keep Chancellor Apple as the head of UH's flagship campus; and,

WHEREAS, the lack of transparency and decision regarding Chancellor Apple's potential removal failed to give students and faculty an opportunity to provide appropriate input into his performance evaluation; and,

WHEREAS, a decision of this magnitude should first be made in consultation with appropriate faculty and student representatives; and,

WHEREAS, the removal of Chancellor Apple will add an unnecessary financial burden to the University, as UH will have to pay for his settlement, as well as the contract of a new chancellor; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, the ASUH 102nd Senate supports the continuation of Tom Apple as Chancellor, confident in his ability to envision and realize a better Mānoa; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASUH 102nd Senate urges the UH System President Lassner and the UH Board of Regents to publicly commit to retain Tom Apple in his position as the Chief Executive Officer of the campus; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to:

UH Board of Regents Chair Randolph G. Moore & Members; President David Lassner; Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Joanne Itano; Associate Vice President for External Affairs and University Relations Lynne Waters; Interim Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Jan Javinar; UH Mānoa Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Reed Dasenbrock; Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance & Operations Kathy Cutshaw; Assistant Vice

⁷ <http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/bor/regular/notice/20120517.regular.pdf>

⁸ <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/26122508/breaking-tom-apple-to-be-removed-as-chancellor-of-university-of-hawaii-manoa-campus-details-at-10-pm-on-kgmb-and-khnl>

Chancellor & Dean of Students Lori Ideta; Graduate Student Organization President Michelle Tigchelaar & Members; Mānoa Faculty Senate Chair Ron Bontekoe & Members; Hawaii News Now; KHON2 News; Honolulu Star Advertiser; and Ka Leo O Hawai‘i.

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