

MINUTES

**BOARD OF REGENTS COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL SUCCESS
MEETING**

AUGUST 1, 2024

A video recording of this meeting may be viewed at the Board of Regents website as follows:

[Meeting Video](#)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lauren Akitake called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2024,

Chair Akitake inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes of the June 6, 2024, committee meeting which had been distributed. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Executive Assistant Go announced the Board Office's receipt of written testimony from State Senator Carol Fukunaga and numerous other individuals regarding UHM's Academy for Creative Media/School of Cinematic Arts. Additionally, one individual signed up to provide oral testimony.

Christine Acham, Chair of the School of Cinematic Arts, provided verbal comments on the UHM Academy for Creative Media/School of Cinematic Arts.

Written testimony may be viewed at the Board of Regents website as follows:

[Written Testimony Received](#)

IV.

Access Deployment Program (BEAD Program). This funding, which is currently in the process of being obligated to the university by the State Department of Budget and Finance (B&F), will give the university the ability to start procurement activities for the building out of additional network connections through internet service providers so as to reach the BEAD Program's goal of 100 percent of residential connections having access to high-speed internet facilities.

With respect to the ground leases for real property at KauCC and UHWO, VP Yoshimi stated significant progress has been made in the negotiation of final lease terms for the noted properties with Google. Additionally, Google has initiated its due diligence work relative to the KauCC and UHWO sites.

Given past instances where the State's processing and procedural delays resulted in the withdrawal of federal funding for projects, Regent Abercrombie asked if the BEAD Program was moving forward in a timely fashion and if the \$149.5 million mentioned has already been encumbered by the university so as to avoid the aforementioned situation. He also questioned whether the ground leases were proceeding forth in accordance with the university's plans and if their approval by the board was an integral part of this process.

recent changes to federal law regarding educational benefits for citizens of the Freely Associated States under the Compact of Free Association (COFA) treaty and asked if regents had any questions on this issue.

Regent Faumuina asked if his understanding was correct that this amendment to RP 6.208 meant COFA students would now be paying the university's in-state tuition rate. VP Halbert responded in the affirmative.

Regent Miyahira moved to recommend board approval of amendments to RP 6.208, as requested by the administration, seconded by Regent Higaki, and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

D. Presentation on a Proposed United States Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) at UHMC

VP Young presented information on a proposal made by the VA to lease about two acres of vacant, university

Referencing the potential for the CBOC to provide practicums for students enrolled in the healthcare fields, Regent Haning asked if UHMC was considering establishing partnerships with schools and colleges of the university system, such as the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM), to deliver and carry out these training programs. Chancellor Hokoana responded in the affirmative stating, UHMC has had conversations with JABSOM and other healthcare affiliated programs about incorporating their academic and clinical training programs into the CBOC endeavor.

For the edification of regents, President Lassner provided some context to this proposal and the reason it has taken a while to get to this stage, noting the VA originally wanted to purchase the land, rather than lease the parcel, which was something the administration

Gouveia stated the \$3 million was fully expended to improve spaces in Sinclair Library in order to support both SCA and the School of Communication at UHM.

Chair Akitake reiterated the desire for the development of a work plan as mentioned by Vice-Chair Mi

site located at 430 West K wili Street in Hilo so that it can continue to serve as housing for UHH students, faculty, and staff was issued earlier this year. Unfortunately, no proposals were received by the university. As such, the administration is having internal conversations about possible next steps for this project. Fortunately, the lease extension with ASH Hawai'i to continue to operate and manage the Hale K wili Apartments, which was approved by the board at its February 16, 2024, meeting was entered into in May of this year and provides the university with an additional one-to-two years to determine its options.

Mentioning previous discussions about utilizing the UH Press Parcels for faculty housing, Regent Abercrombie questioned whether this was something the administration was still considering. Director Shibata stated that the administration did consider using the UH Press Parcels as a site for faculty housing but deemed the property to be unsuitable for this purpose. Nevertheless, the administration continues to evaluate its options for this parcel.

Due to time constraints, Chair Akitake mentioned she would personally speak to