

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Minutes

MEETING DATE May 19, 2025
MEETING TIME 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
LOCATION Via Zoom

Members

Name	Role	Attendance
Edo Biagioni	Chair	Present
Marguerite Butler	Member	Present
Camaron Miyamoto	Member	Present
Sarita Rai	SEC Sec.	Present
Brian Richardson	MFS Sec.	Present; left at 2:49 pm; returned at 2:56 pm
Ann Sakaguchi	Vice Chair	Present
Carolyn Stephenson	Member	Present, arrived at 1:31 pm
John Kinder	Staff	Present

Guests

Name	Role	Time
Michael Bruno	Provost	2:00 pm - 2:45 pm
Laura Lyons	iVPAE	3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Subject	Discussion/Information	Action / Strategy / Responsible Person
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order.	The meeting was called to order by Chair Biagioni at 1:30 PM.
Review of Minutes	1. The draft minutes of the 5/12/2024 Senate Executive Committee were deferred.	1. Minutes were deferred to the 6/2/25 SEC meeting.
Chair's Report	<p>1. Update on 5/15 BOR meeting. Testimony on General Education by Jon Osorio, Marguerite Butler (mostly testified on Chancellor resolution), Ashley Maynard, and Steve Taylor of Kauai CC. Taylor claimed that Mānoa did not consult the community colleges. Regent Tochiki's focus is on meeting the needs of all our students – what are their needs to be successful? Regent Faumuina stated that it was "not especially easy to transfer from Kapi'olani to Mānoa." Several participants agreed that it should be clear whether General Education refers to system-wide requirements or to each campus' requirements. Resolution on System-wide General Education Curriculum passed unanimously. Resolution on Institutional Autonomy and Board Independence passed unanimously. Updates on Federal Budget (Anthony Ching) and Hawaii Legislature (Kalbert Young).</p> <p>2. Campus Town community meeting at Noelani Elementary (EB+MB). Slightly modified presentation from the one at SEC, with lessons learned from other successful Campus Towns (activity hub, mix of land uses, access for all, sense of place). From the audience, much support for University Lab School and pushback on development and the structured approach to feedback that the presenters were prepared for. State representatives, a senator, and VP Kalbert Young were in the audience.</p> <p>3. UHM Financial Mitigation Measures (as of 5/15/25)</p>	<p>1. Information only.</p> <p>2. Information only.</p> <p>3. Information only.</p>

	<p>Key updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification that post-doctoral appointments require approval. • Travel that is fully funded using UH Foundation or personal funds is exempt from the approval requirement. • Link to the UHM Financial Mitigation Measures Document List has been updated to: <p>4. The following Senate resolutions passed and the votes were certified by the SEC on May 14, 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Presented to the Mānoa Faculty Senate by the Committee on Administration & Budget (CAB) for a vote of the full Senate on May 14, 2025, a resolution in support of a UH Mānoa Chancellor Search. Approved by the Mānoa Faculty Senate on May 14, 2025 with 53 votes (91.38%) in support and 5 votes (8.62%) opposed.</i> - <i>Presented to the Mānoa Faculty Senate by the Committee on Academic Policy & Planning (CAPP) for a vote of the full Senate on May 14, 2025, a resolution supporting the proposal for a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics. Approved by the Mānoa Faculty Senate with 61 votes (96.83%) in support and 2 votes (3.17%) opposed.</i> - <i>Presented to the Mānoa Faculty Senate by the Committee on Academic Policy & Planning (CAPP) for a vote of the full Senate on May 14, 2025, a resolution supporting the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Premedical Sciences. Approved unanimously by the Mānoa Faculty Senate with 63 votes (100.00%) in support and 0 votes opposed.</i> - <i>Presented to the Mānoa Faculty Senate by the Graduate Council for a vote of the full Senate on May 14, 2025,</i> 	<p>4. Information only.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>a resolution to approve the new Provisional Degrees MS and PhD in Sustainable Fisheries at the University of Hawai‘i Mānoa. Approved by the Mānoa Faculty Senate with 64 votes (98.46%) in support and 1 vote (1.54%) opposed.</i> - <i>Presented to the Mānoa Faculty Senate by the Committee on Administration & Budget (CAB) for a vote of the full Senate on May 14, 2025, a resolution to endorse with reservations the proposed reorganization within the College of Education (COE) via the closing of the Curriculum Research and Development Group (CRDG) and the formation of the College of Education Research Institute (CERI). Approved unanimously by the Mānoa Faculty Senate on May 14, 2025 with 64 votes (100.00%) in support and 0 votes opposed.</i> 	
Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SAC is being formed for a new Dean of the School of Hawaiian Knowledge with a request for nominations by August 2025. 2. SAC is being formed for a new UH Press Director & Publisher. SAC will be working during the summer through late Fall. 3. HSHK resignation (2024-26 term) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2025 HSHK - Alternate member - E. Kalikoaloha Martin, Jr. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Referred to CFS. 2. Refer to CFS 3. Appointed to HSHK and approved by SEC.
Guest(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provost Michael Bruno (2:00 pm - 2:45 pm) Provost Bruno commented on the Housing Resolution passed by the Senate. He asked that in the future before presenting the resolution to the Faculty Senate, the committee responsible should communicate with the administrators/staff and fact-check. It was noted that the faculty’s concern has been the affordability of housing for students. Provost Bruno 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. action taken.

indicated that Mānoa's housing costs are reasonable. That Financial Aid covers the cost of housing.

New construction is a public/private partnership. The rates get established by the partner - and those rates are higher. The housing is for Junior Faculty and Graduate students. Mānoa is contributing 2 million dollars a year for 8 years to keep the cost lower.

Provost Bruno noted that we are all learning about Wendy and her management style. She is trying to make an effort to learn about Mānoa. She is meeting with Deans and Faculty at UHM.

She will continue to meet with the SEC herself. Keep in mind what SEC may do to facilitate and enable her to understand what makes Mānoa special.

She views herself first and foremost as the President of the system. She is also CEO of Mānoa - and she hates the title and it is tricky. He recommends SEC to help her by having honest conversations of how Mānoa can thrive as also being a full participating member of the system.

She would like to have a seamless approval of the credits and pathways for the UH System.

He appreciates that we thanked him for his service.

Provost Bruno said that the President is going to choose the Interim Provost. The deadline to self-nominate or be nominated was Friday, May 23, 2025. At the end of the day she will contact the nominees. Her intention is to have someone in place by June 2, and will overlap with Provost Michael Bruno. Hopefully she will pick someone who knows Mānoa.

The Provost stated that the Mānoa Chancellor resolution got noticed.

According to BOR Chair Lee and the President, they feel that Mānoa should have a Chancellor and a Provost.

He noted that there is a desire to have an outward facing Chancellor position (advocating for Mānoa, legislature, donors, with federal agencies and the system) and inward facing Provost position (looking at the academics and what is current). This is a way to ensure Mānoa is strong and helpful.

In response to the question of his initial hire as a VCR for Research and part of the duties were reorganized to the system VPRI, in retrospect should the research-related functions have remained at UHM?

Provost Bruno responded that at the start, he did not have a problem with the supporting services being in the system office. However, when things started breaking; the capacity to keep up with the proposals and awards; there is concern that the system is not sufficiently responsive to Mānoa and is a problem; if the reaction of the system is to be defensive then it is a problem. Wendy Hensel is looking at HR, Procurement, all system offices including the Vice Presidents with a critical eye.

When hiring EM positions, he noted that Mānoa should be overwhelmingly represented in search committees.

Finally, he was thanked for providing a budget for a Parliamentarian and that has been a huge benefit to make MFS meetings function more smoothly, and especially for committees working on challenging issues.

He also stated that he welcomes any requests from May 19-June 30, 2025. VC A. Sakaguchi will email her request directly to the provost.

He clarified that Chad Walton is hired as the AVP for Research and there are no two Vice Provosts for Research at Mānoa.

Finally, right from the start of their conversation, Wendy has been very thoughtful and kind in their conversations which had been more than once. She was supportive that he

	<p>wanted to go back to the faculty. He feels sad but he is in a good place.</p> <p>2. iVPAE Laura Lyons (3:00 pm - 3:30 pm)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Draft MOA 2. GEO director update 3. Discussion of "articulation problems" - could it be students taking elective credits at CCs that are not accounted for in Mānoa BS majors? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed ready for signatures 2. No time for discussion. 3. No time for discussion.
MFS Committee Reports	<p>Committees are adjourned for the semester except for CFS.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CAB (SR): Nothing to report 2. CAPP (CS) – No report 3. CFS (MB) – No report 4. COA (BR) – No report. 5. COR (CS) – No report 6. CPM (CM) – No report. 7. CSA (CM) – No report. 8. GEC (MB) – Met May 14, 2025. Discussed BOR Gen Ed resolution and possible information points that may be useful for the regents. Reviewed GEC annual report. Reviewed General Education self-study. Approved voting by email for GEC actions over the summer. 9. CEE (AS) – No report. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information only. 2. Information only. 3. Information only. 4. Information only. 5. Information only. 6. Information only. 7. Information only. 8. Information only. 9. Information only.
Other Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pilina Support Team (BR) – No report. 2. Grad Council (CS) – Meeting was held on May 6. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information only. 2. Information only.

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Unfinished Business	1. SEC Summer meeting schedule 2. 2025-26 Senate/Congress meeting schedule	1. Deferred until the new SEC members are on board June 2. 2. Deferred until the new SEC members are on board June 2.
Business	1. None	
New Business	1. Campus Improvement Survey results - to be sent via the Congress listserv, Admin; All Deans; All Vice Presidents and BOR. Request to Provost Burno to send the survey results to the Provost Council. 2. The ROTC faculty are not eligible to be on the Faculty Senate.	1. Approved to send via the congress listserv and others. 2. Information only.
Adjournment	The next regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee will be convened on Monday, June 2, 2025 via Zoom	Chair E. Biagioni adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sarita Rai, SEC Secretary.

Approved unanimously on June 2, 2025.