

**UH MĀNOA GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION**  
**2445 Campus Rd., Hemenway Hall 212**  
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**VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN**  
**THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AS A BODY**

WHEREAS, The University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents as a body damaged the reputation of UH Mānoa by creating a lot of turnover in top administrative positions in the past three years, including the University of Hawai‘i President position, the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Chancellor position twice, and the University of Hawai‘i West O‘ahu Chancellor position; and

WHEREAS, The University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents as a body disregarded the concerns raised by key stakeholders including students, faculty, and representatives of the Native Hawaiian community regarding the removal of Mānoa Chancellor Thomas Apple; and

WHEREAS, The University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents as a body did not conduct a satisfactorily rigorous presidential search and did not adhere to the spirit of the rules for the presidential search by allowing the interim president to be a finalist; and

WHEREAS, The University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents as a body neglected to take into account the detrimental effects of such actions and turnover on our ability to attract the best and most qualified potential new administrators; and

WHEREAS, The University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents as a body has created an environment of mistrust between them and the student body; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That the Graduate Student Organization enters a vote of no confidence in the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents as a body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be clearly delineated relationships between University of Hawai‘i System and its constituent campuses in a manner that ensures appropriate autonomy for campuses and eliminates administrative redundancies at the system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the line of authority is clear and practiced such that subordinates cannot “go around” chancellors to the system president or the Board of Regents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents reduce the amount of business conducted in executive session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board should advocate for more stakeholder representation, by including for example a second student regent, at least one faculty regent, and at least one Native Hawaiian regent; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to Governor Abercrombie, Attorney General David Louie, Senator David Ige, Representative Isaac Choy, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Senator Donna Mercado Kim, the UH Board of Regents, UH President David Lassner, the Chancellors within the UH System, the UH Student Caucus who will distribute this resolution to the various student government bodies, the Associate Students of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, and the Mānoa Faculty Senate.

APPROVED BY THE GSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OCTOBER 2, 2014

Approves: 33

Opposes: 1

Abstentions: 4