

**UH MĀNOA GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION**  
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**VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN**  
**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I PRESIDENT DAVID LASSNER**

- WHEREAS, University of Hawai'i President David Lassner removed Mānoa Chancellor Thomas Apple without input from key university stakeholders such as students, faculty, and representatives of the Native Hawaiian community; and
- WHEREAS, The timing of Chancellor Apple's removal at the end of July precluded optimal student and faculty reaction to said removal; and
- WHEREAS, Following said removal President Lassner admitted that the 360 process used to evaluate Chancellor Apple was flawed, yet refused to do a re-evaluation; and
- WHEREAS, President Lassner, while still interim, violated the line of authority by overriding Chancellor Apple's decision to remove a director of a UH Manoa unit for good cause; and
- WHEREAS, President Lassner has provided a dismissive response to allegations of outside intervention in the running of the university; and
- WHEREAS, President Lassner at the time of removing Chancellor Apple presented no plans for the future leadership of UH Manoa, other than to 'consult with campus groups' about an interim Chancellor; and
- WHEREAS, President Lassner put the University in peril by failing to consider the negative consequences of the precipitous removal of Chancellor Apple, such as its ability to attract highly qualified external administrators in the future, its accreditation, its public reputation, and its fiscal stability; and
- WHEREAS, President Lassner has operated in a generally non-transparent manner regarding the removal of Chancellor Apple and the appointment of the interim chancellor, and
- WHEREAS, President Lassner did not reveal any concerns he had about Chancellor Apple prior to removing him, and had in fact publicly commended Chancellor Apple's performance while he was a presidential candidate and interim president; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Graduate Student Organization enters a vote of no confidence in President David Lassner; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the UH Board of Regents, 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, the Mānoa Faculty Senate, Governor Abercrombie, Attorney General David Louie, Senator David Ige, Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Representative Isaac Choy, Representative Mark Takai

APPROVED BY THE GSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OCTOBER 2, 2014

Approves: 31

Opposes: 2

Abstentions: 6