



**Senate Resolution AY 2018:
Resolution Regarding UH Leadership and the State Legislature**

Whereas, Hawai'i voters overwhelmingly supported constitutional autonomy for the University of Hawai'i in 2000, ensuring the institution more control in the management of its resources, and

Whereas, the affairs of the University of Hawai'i fall under the general management and control of the Board of Regents (BOR), pursuant to Article X, Hawai'i State Constitution, and Chapter 304A, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and

Whereas, the BOR has exclusive jurisdiction over the internal structure, management, and operation of the university, and

Whereas, the BOR formulates policy and exercises control over the university through its executive officer, the university president, and

Whereas, the state budget amendment that suggested the elimination of hundreds of faculty positions was not just an attack on faculty but on University of Hawai'i's autonomy and the future of higher education in our state, and

Whereas, faculty members were erroneously identified in the state budget provision as unproductive and have experienced severe anxiety, and

Whereas, the University of Hawai'i leadership's choice not to inform faculty of leadership's stance and work towards removing the budget provision did not represent the mission of the university to contribute toward social, economic, and environmental well-being, and

Whereas, the students, staff, and faculty at the University of Hawai'i need strong leaders who will protect its autonomy and advocate for its constituents, and

Whereas, shared governance requires open and transparent communication,

Be it resolved that the University of Hawai'i Maui College Academic Senate requests that matters concerning the faculty and matters concerning academics are communicated honestly and directly with the faculty senates, and

Be it further resolved that the University of Hawai'i Maui College Academic Senate recognizes that the faculty and administration of the University along with the Board of Regents need to come together for the sake of our students, the people of the state of Hawai'i, and the future of higher education, to present a unified front and insist that our autonomy be protected from and respected by the State Legislature.