
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF ARTS AND
SCIENCES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Since the Fall of 2000, the enrollment at the
2 University of Hawaii Manoa has grown by 3,670 students, an
3 increase of twenty-one per cent in six years. During this same
4 period, the colleges of arts and sciences has grown with an
5 increase of 5,507 students, an increase of fifty-five per cent
6 in six years. While enrollment was growing, the college has
7 lost 56.25 faculty positions and has lost \$3,650,000 in base
8 budget, which seriously compromised the college's ability to
9 serve the students at the university.

10 The college of arts and sciences advising program serves
11 the entire University of Hawaii Manoa campus. The current
12 advisor/student ratio is 1:1,500, while the nationally
13 recognized standards is 1:250. The request of 8.5 FTE advisors
14 will nearly double the size of the advising staff, will allow
15 students to receive timely advice and speed up the graduation
16 rate, and improve student retention. The goal of the college is
17 to actively advise every freshman and sophomore, every semester.



1 Financial aid also serves the entire University of Hawaii
2 Manoa campus. The financial aid office is critically
3 understaffed because of loss of positions and increased
4 enrollment. This issue is critical because the financial aid
5 office is now unable to meet federal compliance guidelines and
6 received audit findings that could lead to federal penalties.
7 The college currently has eleven staff financial aid advisors
8 who are currently trying to meet the needs of nearly 21,000
9 students. The college is requesting six additional financial
10 aid advisors. With the addition of the six financial aid
11 advisors, the college can meet the needs of the students on a
12 timely basis and meet the new federal guidelines.

13 The college is actively seeking to integrate information
14 technology to reduce manual data entry and reduce paper flow.
15 Personal support staff does not currently meet the needs of the
16 students and information technology may eliminate the need for
17 hiring a multitude of personnel to keep up with the growing
18 campus population. This can be accomplished through automation
19 of routine transactions, reducing paper flow, and providing
20 superior web-based services that can be accessed by students
21 through the MyUH portal twenty-four hours a day, seven days a
22 week. Using Student Tracking and Academic Reporting (STAR), a



1 software package being developed and tested by University of
2 Hawaii Manoa computer specialists, students will ultimately have
3 access to better degree planning tools, financial aid
4 information, and more transparent call scheduling options. STAR
5 is already used extensively by deans and departments to manage
6 enrollment in real time and has greatly reduced students'
7 difficulty in finding seats in high demand classes over the past
8 academic year. These position requests will allow the college
9 to expand the use of these software technologies, further
10 limiting the need for future staffing, reducing paper flow for
11 many transactions, and providing direct support for student
12 computing needs. The requested staff will also allow the
13 college to integrate its financial and student management
14 systems for more accountable management.

15 The college is requesting funding for approximately
16 seventy-five classes staffed by part time faculty and for six
17 new faculty positions in areas experiencing the greatest
18 enrollment growth. This is to directly address the loss of
19 faculty that has occurred since 2000.

20 The college of languages, linguistics, and literature has
21 lost twenty-one positions since 1999, and has lost approximately
22 \$350,000 in operating funds. They desperately need hires in the



1 department of English, as well as the Chinese and Japanese
 2 departments. The college of arts and humanities has lost
 3 twenty-five positions since 1999 and over \$700,000 in operating
 4 funds since 2000. They have asked for additional hires in
 5 history and art. The college of social sciences has lost 10.25
 6 faculty positions and over \$2,600,000 since 1995 and has
 7 experienced tremendous growth in demand for psychology and
 8 social sciences classes. Overall, arts and science units have
 9 lost 56.25 positions and \$3,650,000 in base budget while their
 10 enrollment grew fifty-five per cent. The colleges of arts and
 11 sciences, in order to keep up with the demands of a growing
 12 student population, need to have faculty positions and monies
 13 restored to its base budget.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,349,370, or so
 16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
 17 the University of Hawaii college of arts and sciences, as
 18 follows:

- 19 A. Restoration of college budget base. \$400,000
- 20 B. Restoration of tenure track positions.
- 21 Six full-time permanent positions \$360,000
- 22 C. IT specialists to provide college-wide support.

1	Two positions		\$107,100
2	D. Additional staff needed to support and update		
3	BANNER student information system.		
4	Six IT specialist, PPB		\$348,000
5	E. Funding for IT infrastructure.		
6	1. Personal services		
7	IT specialist, PBC	\$61,392	
8	IT specialist, PEE	\$50,340	
9	Subtotal personal services costs		\$111,732
10	2. Other current expenses		
11	Software, licenses		\$ 2,000
12	3. Equipment		
13	Computer hardware		\$ 8,000
14	Total Request		\$121,732
15	F. Financial aid staff to meet student needs and comply with		
16	federal regulation.		
17	Six institutional support, PPB		\$280,000
18	G. Student services faculty and staff support.		
19	1. Personal services		
20	Five faculty specialists	\$225,500	
21	Graduate assistants		
22	(one full-time, one part-time)	\$49,008	



1	IT specialist	\$42,000	
2	APT-institutional support	\$33,886	
3	Student assistant	\$84,000	
4	Subtotal personal service cost		\$434,394
5	2. Operating expense		\$ 44,625
6	Total student services faculty		
7	and staff support request		\$479,019
8	H. Student services advising.		
9	1. Personal services		
10	Graduate assistants		
11	(one and one-half positions)	\$49,008	
12	One IT specialist	\$42,000	
13	One APT-staff	\$33,886	
14	Five student assistants		
15	(peer counselors)	\$84,000	
16	Subtotal personal service cost		\$208,894
17	2. Operating expenses	\$44,625	
18	Total student services advising		
19	request		\$253,519

20 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
 21 University of Hawaii college of arts and sciences for the
 22 purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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University of Hawaii College of Arts and Sciences; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funding for the University of Hawaii college of arts and sciences.

