

April 27, 2008

Honorable Norman Sakamoto
Chair, Education Committee
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dar Chair Sakamoto and Distinguished Members of the Committee:

RE: GM656

This letter is in SUPPORT of the confirmation of Joshua Wingstrom for nomination to the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents.

Mr. Wingstrom has three primary strengths. First, his experience with the University of Hawaii Student Caucus gives him a system wide perspective and a network of people throughout the state that he can utilize in making decisions. Additionally, he has approximately six years of experience with student government at multiple Universities and in a wide variety of capacities (including two years of experience on a judiciary board). The fact that he has also served on the executive board of his church youth group, Kokokahi Sail and Yacht Club, UH ICS Club, the Graduate Student Organization (GSO), and the UH Student Caucus is testament to others confidence in his ability to lead. Finally, assuming that the P-20 initiative is critical to the University of Hawaii's success, his experience with the University of Hawaii's Laboratory for Information and Learning Technologies provided him with the opportunity to work with rural schools to help enable educators to collaborate on Unit and Lesson plans. Also, he has a substitute teaching certificate from the DOE. The sum of all these experiences provide him with a wide institutional perspective and a deep K-12 through graduate school perspective.

Thank-you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joshua Wingstrom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Joshua Wingstrom

From: Katie Barry [katieba@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2008 4:22 PM
To: Sen. Norman Sakamoto; Sen. Jill Tokuda; Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland; Sen. Clayton Hee; Sen. Clarence Nishihara; Sen. Brian Taniguchi; Sen. Sam Slom; Sen. Mike Gabbard
Cc: katieba@hawaii.edu; agbayani@hawaii.edu
Subject: UH Student Regent Nominee Graduates 1 Month After Appointment Starts
Attachments: Picture 1.png; 08-candidateswingstrom.pdf

Dear Honorable Senators of the Senate Education Committee,

As a former student leader at the University of Hawaii, I write to notify you that the current nominee for the student seat on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents will reportedly graduate 1 month after his term starts on July 1, 2008. This means that he would only serve one month as the Student Regent as an actual student.

The biography he wrote for the Regents Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC www.hawaii.edu/rcac) explicitly states that he intends to graduate in August of 2008. I have attached a .pdf copy of his biography. It probably is not the best allocation of resources to train this individual in the complexities of Board matters for one month's work.

In addition, as a regent he will represent the University. And on this count his MySpace page is horrendous. He lists "naked parties" and "beer pong" as his favorite activities. His cover picture is a picture of him "beer bonging." Its a little disappointing that this person is now the Chair of the University of Hawaii Student Caucus, an organization I use to work for.

You can find his myspace page at: http://www.myspace.com/dakine_josh

Please use your best judgement to decide if this person should sit on the Board of Regents.

Best regards,

Katie Barry
Former Secretary, University of Hawaii Student Caucus
Former ASUH Senator