



GOV. MSG. NO. **313**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

January 29, 2009

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii:**

Grant Tuck Sun Teichman

Term to Expire: 6/30/2010

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

March 10, 2009

Grant Tuck Sun Teichman  
5962 Ohe Street  
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RE: For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT TUCK SUN TEICHMAN, for a term to expire 6-30-2010.

Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 225  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on my behalf.

I was motivated to enter the Board of Regents selection process because of the opportunities the University has given many members of my family. As a third generation University of Hawaii student, continuing to serve my community has always been a driving force in my life. A large connection to the University has always been my family. My grandfather graduated University of Hawaii in 1941, my father taught at the John Burns School of Medicine where he met my mother. My brother also currently attends the University. Many of my aunties, uncles and cousins have also received degrees from the University. Like so many other families in Hawaii, the University of Hawaii has always been a part of our lives. It is an honor to be able to give back through service and ensure future generations receive the same opportunities we have.

I have twice served as the president for the Associated Students University of Hawaii (ASUH) and most recently as the president-elect for the University of Hawaii Student Union Campus Center Board (CCB). These leadership roles, along with service on other various University committees and appointments, have allowed me to become extensively familiar with University policy/procedures and have given me a solid foundation in the institutional history behind many of our multi-year projects. Some examples are the Frear Hall renovation bonds enacted by House Bill 19 in 2006 and more recently the Campus Center Renovation and Expansion project funded in 2008. I believe these experiences

will allow me to hit the ground running should I be confirmed as a University regent.

As we move into the next centennial for the University of Hawaii it is important for the Board of Regents to select a strong and visionary president to lead the University. The Board needs to ensure that in challenging economic times the University is consistently searching for new sources of revenue. At the same time, the Board must be vigilant that funds are not diverted from critical items such as repair and maintenance of our facilities.

The specific priorities I feel the University Board of Regents should take interest in are 1) safety and security of our students, 2) repair and maintenance of facilities and 3) reducing the amount of interim appointments in order to promote permanent leadership taking ownership of large challenges facing the University system.

The next president should not only have extensive management skills in tackling these three priorities, but a demonstrated ability in bringing diverse constituencies together. Developing positive relationships with community groups and University stakeholders is essential in constructing a shared vision that addresses many of the challenges the University will face in the coming years.

Demonstrated ability is important. The next president will have to situate themselves in an economic climate of decreased resources and increased demand for higher education. Positive efforts must be made in cultivating private donors and grants.

The relationship between the President and the Board should be constructive. Both parties should work together in welcoming new ideas and promoting innovation in making University programs more efficient. The University of Hawaii system plays the important role in crafting a strategic vision for the future of the 10-campus system.

The role of the Board and President constantly changes. Both parties should challenge the other to find more efficient ways of rendering services to students. Ensuring equity of resources across all campuses is important. The Board has the important responsibility of ensuring enough resources are allocated in order to preserve the excellence of each program. All adjustments to resources will have to be carefully evaluated.

The relationship between the University and the Legislature needs to be open and transparent. The same relationship should exist between the University and all of its varied stakeholders. In challenging economic times it will be important the Board of Regents and the Legislature maintain an open dialogue on priorities,

resources and funding in order to continue providing Hawaii's residents the opportunity for an affordable higher education.

Thank you again for allowing me to submit testimony on my behalf and I would be happy to answer any other questions.

Sincerely,

Grant Tuck Sun Teichman

**Testimony GM 313**

**Teichman, Grant**



UNIVERSITY  
of HAWAII  
MĀNOA

January 20, 2009

Jill N. Tokuda  
24<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 218  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda:

Please find enclosed my testimony in support of Grant Teichman's nomination for the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. I have also forwarded the testimony via email to you. I believe Mr. Teichman would be an excellent selection for the Board, having given so much of his time and energy on behalf of the students of the Mānoa campus. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this nomination.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lei A. Wakayama".

Lei A. Wakayama  
Program Specialist

**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA**

Co-curricular Activities, Programs and Services

**TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER  
EDUCATION**

For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT T. TEICHMAN before the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Higher Education

Submitted by: Christine Kirk-Kuwaye, Ph.D., Coordinator, Leadership Development, Co-curricular Activities, Programs, & Services, University of Hawaii at Manoa

*Christine Kuwaye*

To Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee:

I testify in support of Mr. Grant Tuck Sun Teichman's nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known Grant Teichman since summer 2003 when he attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa's Honors program orientation for freshmen, and in the fall of spring of his freshman year, he was student in my sections of Honors 101 and 102. Because I am on the staff of UHM's Co-curricular Advising, Programs & Services (CAPS), the unit responsible for providing advising to the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii (ASUH), the undergraduate student government, I had the opportunity to continue to informally speak with Grant during his two terms as ASUH president and have continued to stay in contact with him.

Grant's strengths and abilities as a scholar were demonstrated in his Honors freshman project. He readily sought my and others' advice for direction in investigating historical sources beyond the obvious and easily accessible ones, and his work was driven both by an intellectual curiosity as well as personal passion—in this case, as a resident of Hale Aloha, one of the freshmen dormitories he experienced firsthand some of the challenges new college students face when living on campus. It seemed appropriate and perhaps inevitable when Grant later ran for ASUH president, easily won, and once in office applied his investigative skills to pursue problems that many undergraduates faced. In short, Grant was an excellent student: he wrote with a distinctive, confident style, was a confident and engaging presenter, and a vigorous yet amicable debater.

The strengths as a regent Grant Teichman will bring to the Board are his quick intelligence, experience in thorough research and the examination of all sides of an issue, his dedication to that which he takes on, and his sense of balance and fairness. I recommend him without reservation.

I respectfully ask that Mr. Teichman's nomination receive the consent of the committee, and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

January 23, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Grant Teichman's confirmation for the UH Board of Regents. I have known Mr. Teichman since the Fall semester of 2006, when he was enrolled in my course on historiography. Since then, he has come by my office, and I have seen him around campus on additional occasions for informal chats, and so I have been able to maintain contact with him over the last two years.

His performance in my course was simply outstanding. Mr. Teichman is a highly intelligent and articulate young person. I conducted the course in a graduate seminar style rather than a lecture course, and so the students mastered course themes via intensive discussions of the class readings. In these discussions, he truly distinguished himself not only as a capable public speaker but also as a keen reader of texts. Although the course is technically part of the History Department, it is actually unlike any of our other offerings, since it resembles literature and philosophy courses more so than history. Consequently, the readings in the course are challenging. Mr. Teichman wrote superb papers analyzing texts from authors such as Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche, Thomas Kuhn, Edward Said, Michel Foucault, and others. He demonstrated in his papers his considerable analytic skills and ability to write clear and effective prose. He was one of the two top students in the course (out of twenty-three).

In the many interactions that I have had with Mr. Teichman over the last year, he has always been a cheerful, humorous, and polite individual. He is a popular figure among both faculty and his fellow students (the latter, of course, elected him as president of the student body). He is exactly the kind of student that faculty want (and expect) to succeed in life. He has my unqualified and highest recommendation for admission into your graduate program.

Sincerely,

Mark McNally, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor  
Chair





**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII STUDENT CAUCUS 2008-2009**  
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**Testimony Offering Comments Regarding the BOR**  
**Appointment of - Grant Tuck SunTeichman**

**TO:** Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda  
Chair, Committee on Higher Education

**TESTIFIER:** Liana Hofschneider, Chair, University of Hawai'i Student Caucus

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 17, 2009

**HEARING:** EDU Committee Hearing, RM 225 1:15 PM, GM 313

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Aloha Chair Tokuda and honorable members of the Senate Higher Education Committee,

The University of Hawai'i Student Caucus (herein referred to as the UHSC) is the representative organization and the collective voice of over 50,000 students across the 10 campuses under the University of Hawai'i System as chartered by the Board of Regents.

We are established to advocate for the interests and needs of students throughout the system.

On Saturday, March 14, 2009, the UHSC expressed serious concerns about the appointment of Mr. Grant Teichman to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents (BOR) as the Student Regent. As the chair of the UHSC, I am testifying on behalf of the group.

The UHSC's reasons for offering concerns stems from the following actions by Mr. Teichman. Since Mr. Teichman's appointment as interim Regent in December 2008 –he has declined invitations to each of the monthly meetings to address the UHSC and to discuss issues and priorities that impact student life and academics. As of today, he has not met with the UHSC, and has not confirmed his presence at any future UHSC meetings either.

Further, the UHSC is concerned since Mr. Teichman had only attended one out of three BOR meetings since his appointment. His frequent absence is indicative of his lack of support and commitment to serving and protecting the interest of the students.

I extend a humble appreciation to this honorable committee for allowing me to testify regarding the appointment confirmation of Grant Tuck Sun Teichman.

Respectfully,

/s/Liana Hofschneider

# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA

Co-curricular Activities, Programs and Services

TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
Governor's Message No. 313: For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of  
the University of Hawai'i gubernatorial nominee, GRANT TEICHMAN

March 16, 2009

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda-Chairperson, Senator Norman Sakamoto-Vice Chairperson  
& Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education

It is a pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of **Grant Teichman**, a nominee for the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents (BOR). Grant and I have been acquainted for four years. During the 2005-2007 academic years, Grant served as President of the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (ASUH). During this same period, I served as the lead advisor to the organization.

From his first day as President, Grant displayed a commitment to the work, his fellow students, and to the University community. Unlike many previous executive officers that served as a senator before moving into senate leadership, Grant was elected into his first-term as President and he took everyday as an opportunity to grow while serving others. Through his two years at ASUH, Grant learned that collaboration and consultation is important, even if it sacrifices a bit more time to accomplish one's goals.

Grant's leadership in the senate provided lots of opportunities for his peers and colleagues to get involved with government. He led many to the state capitol, to the city council and to administrators' offices to advocate on behalf of students. The groups advocated for more academic advisor positions, more library hours, a new greatly needed dormitory and numerous other items. These are concrete examples of Grant's motivation and leadership in action. From their advocacy as well as the hard work of others, the campus was awarded more academic advisor positions, now has a 24 hour study room at Sinclair Library and the new 810 bed space Frear Hall is up and running.

I am confident that Grant as a student regent, Grant will be able provide a student perspective in board decision making. This will ensure not just the sustainability of our state's public higher educational system but the ability for a student perspective to be embraced in the decision making process.

I respectfully ask that Grant Teichman's nomination receive the consent of the committee, and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

Sincerely,



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TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER  
EDUCATION

For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, Grant T. Teichman, before the Hawai'i State Senate Committee  
on Higher Education

TO: Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members of the Senate Higher Education  
Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Donna Prather, Program Executive, Atherton YMCA



I testify in support of Mr. Grant Tuck Sun Teichman's nomination to the University of  
Hawai'i Board of Regents.

I have known Grant Teichman since May 2008 when I became director of the Atherton  
branch of the YMCA of Honolulu. Grant is a resident in the Mary Atherton Richards  
House here and serves on the branch Board of Managers.

In individual encounters and at board meetings, Grant has displayed a keen interest in  
the university community as well as the community at large. He is well-read and well-  
traveled and is capable of applying new ideas to situations while, at the same time,  
understanding and respecting the culture that is present. In one-on-one conversations  
with Atherton staff and residents, he has shown himself to be attentive and responsive.  
At board meetings, he brings a perspective that is to-the-point and always appreciated  
by the other members. He possesses a wit that puts others at ease and often facilitates  
discussion.

Grant Teichman has served the University of Hawai'i on a number of levels and has  
shown himself to be a man of insight and integrity. He can be relied on to work for the  
future of his state and his alma mater.

I respectfully ask that Mr. Teichman's nomination receive the consent of the committee  
and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT T. TEICHMAN before the Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Higher Education.

By Michael Kawaharada, Principal, Englekirk Partners Consulting Structural Engineers, LLC, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee:

I testify in support of Mr. Grant Tuck Sun Teichman's nomination to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

I, Michael Kawaharada, have been a practicing structural engineer in Honolulu for the past thirty-eight years. I have also served on the Board of Managers for the Atherton (University) YMCA for the last forty years, the HCDA Board for eight years (1994 – 2002) and have been a lecturer in the School of Architecture at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa for twenty years (1978 – 1998).

I met Grant in 2006 when he joined the Board of Managers at the Atherton YMCA as a student member (and he remains a member to this day). It is a familiar situation as I also was a student when I first became a board member at the Atherton YMCA. Grant stands out as an exceptional example of a committed and concerned student whom I believe will continue to want to be of service to Hawai'i for years to come.

Grant has shown me that, during discussions at the board meetings, he is not only willing to take stands on what he believes to be right, but also willing to listen to others and take the time to research facts before making a final decision. Further, his involvement with the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i (ASUH) and the Campus Center Board (CCB) proved invaluable to our board as we deliberated numerous issues that we have faced at the Atherton (University) YMCA.

I believe that Mr. Teichman can be a valuable contributing member of the Board of Regents as we prepare the University of Hawai'i to serve the educational needs of Hawai'i in the future.

I respectfully ask that Mr. Teichman's nomination receive the consent of the committee, and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate with a positive recommendation.



**TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Governor's Message No. 313: For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT TEICHMAN**

March 16, 2009

**Dear Senator Jill Tokuda-Chairperson, Senator Norman Sakamoto-Vice Chairperson  
& Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education:**

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of **Grant Teichman** as the nominee for the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents (BOR). I have known Grant for approximately three years. During the 2006 – 2007 academic year and Grant's second term as the President of the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, I was elected as Senator for the Colleges of Arts and Sciences.

Immediately upon my election to the Senate, I was astonished by Grant's constant willingness to put himself on the line for students. As the year progressed, I consistently looked up to him as an incredible ambassador and student leader. In fact, the skills I developed while working with his administration and the confidence I gained through the example he presented, influenced my decision to run for Treasurer the following year.

During the time that Grant served as President of ASUH I fought alongside my fellow Senators on the frontline of Mass Transit for the university segment. Unfortunately, however, this was one battle that we did not win. Following the final city council vote that left the university off the initial segment, what amazed me the most was Grant's ability to continue the unending job of representing in light of the defeat we had just faced. In fact, his leadership is what encouraged each of us to continue showing that the students at UH Mānoa have a strong voice that must be heard.

Now, almost two years after Grant's term ended in the ASUH Senate, I have the honor of completing my own one year term as the President of the same association. As this school year comes to an end, it is clear to me more than ever that Grant's work laid the foundation for the future student leaders of our university. He truly opened doors for us by proving that students deserve a voice in the decision making process at our university.

I am certain that Grant will continue his commitment to the well-being of the students as the student regent. In fact, it will be exciting to see what he can accomplish as his focus shifts from student focused to university-wide initiatives. I have full confidence that his student perspective will be great addition to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

I respectfully ask that Grant Teichman's nomination receive the consent of the committee, and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

Sincerely,



Jaime M. Sohn  
President, 96<sup>th</sup> Senate  
Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa  
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March 10, 2009

TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER  
EDUCATION

For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i,  
Governatorial Nominee, GRANT T. TEICHMAN before the Hawai'i State Senate  
Committee on Higher Education

Submitted by Robert D. Wotring, II, MD

To Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee:

I testify in support of Mr. Grant Tuck Sun Teichman's nomination to the University of  
Hawai'i Board of Regents.

I've known Grant for about 15 years. As his pediatrician I've seen him grow and mature  
into the successful young man that he is today. Grant is bright, affable, and energetic.  
He has repeatedly demonstrated a willingness to serve in a leadership position during his  
tenure as a student at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. I think Grant would be an  
invaluable member of the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. He brings youthful  
energy and a bright new perspective to an important Board.

I respectfully ask that Mr. Teichman's nomination receive the consent of the committee,  
and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

Sincerely,



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Testimony for HRE 3/17/2009 1:15:00 PM GM313

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Submitted on: 3/10/2009

**Comments:**

I strongly support Grant Teichman's nomination to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. Having served two terms as President of the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii, Grant's leadership and understanding of the issues and concerns of undergraduate students will provide a unique and fresh perspective on the Board.



**TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

**For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of  
Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT TEICHMAN before the Hawaii State  
Senate Committee on Higher Education**

**Submitted by MATHEA R ALLANSMITH, M.D.**

**To Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members of the Senate Higher Education  
Committee:**

**I testify in support of Mr. Grant Tuck Sun Teichman's nomination to the University  
of Hawaii Board of Regents.**

**As a family friend I have known GRANT TEICHMAN for 15 years. I saw him  
successfully grow from grammar school through high school and through  
University. At each stage he was appropriate, considerate, moral, intelligent and  
service oriented.**

**In my career as a full time faculty member of Harvard Medical School I ran a  
training program for research in ocular immunology for ophthalmologists and  
medical students who wished to enter academic medicine. I had ample opportunity  
to judge character and resolve. Also, as the years have passed, I have seen how my  
judgment has played out as my former trainees have become academicians.  
GRANT TEICHMAN has the character and resolve to be an exceptionally good  
University regent.**

**I respectfully ask that Mr. Teichman's nomination receive the consent of the  
committee, and be forwarded to confirmation by the full Senate.**

TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER  
EDUCATION

For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT T. TEICHMAN, before the Hawai'i State Senate Committee  
on Higher Education

Submitted by: Sheela Jane Menon

To Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee:

I testify in support of Mr. Grant Tuck Sun Teichman's nomination to the University of Hawai'i  
Board of Regents.

As a graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Honors Program (Class of 2008), and as a  
former Peer Advisor and Student Coordinator of the First Year Advising Center at UHM (2006-  
2008), I have had the chance to get to know Grant Teichman in a variety of settings. As the  
President of the Associated Students of the University Hawai'i (ASUH), it was clear to me that  
Mr. Teichman was a passionate advocate and a dedicated leader. He took his position very  
seriously and had a thorough understanding of the risks and responsibilities that he had assumed  
as ASUH President. Despite many challenges, Mr. Teichman never appeared to lose sight of his  
mission to serve the students and the university with integrity.

In keeping with that mission, he also made a concerted effort to stay abreast of every facet of the  
various issues that affected UHM. His nuanced understanding of these issues and his articulate  
responses to them were indicative of the high level of leadership at which he operated.  
Mr. Teichman's input on issues related to the growth of UHM's Honors Program and his support  
of the struggles we faced within Academic Advising were similarly thoughtful and constructive.  
They were reflective not only of his strong leadership qualities but also of his high academic  
standing.

The determination, intelligence, and enthusiasm that have always characterized Mr. Teichman's  
contributions are a good indication to me that he would be an invaluable asset to the Board of  
Regents. I am confident that his service in that capacity would help support and stimulate  
meaningful change, sustainable policies, and responsible administration of one of Hawai'i's most  
valuable resources: its university. I respectfully ask that Mr. Teichman's nomination receive the  
consent of the committee, and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate with a positive  
recommendation.

Sincerely,



Sheela Jane Menon

**Sheela Jane Menon**

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February 4, 2009

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Re: Recommendation for Gubernatorial Nominee Grant T. Teichman

Dear Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee:

I am writing this letter in enthusiastic support of Grant T. Teichman's nomination to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

I have known Grant since 2006 when he first joined us on the Board of Managers of the Atherton YMCA. I was immediately impressed by his composure and communication skills.

Grant has been an active participant in the management and affairs of the Atherton YMCA. His experiences as President of the ASUH and Student Union Campus Center Board have provided the Board of Managers with valuable insight on how to best serve the University of Hawai'i students who reside at the Atherton YMCA and participate in its leadership and outreach programs.

Grant possesses exceptional energy, focus, and interpersonal social skills. He is also a good person in both a qualitative and moral sense. I have found Grant to be true to his word at all times. He genuinely cares about people and the systems that help people improve their lives.

On a personal note, I have enjoyed our many discussions about the Richardson Law School, Apple Computer company, student housing concerns, politics, and travels abroad to Europe and Australia. Grant exhibits a wide breadth of interests, intellectual

Honorable Jill N. Tokuda

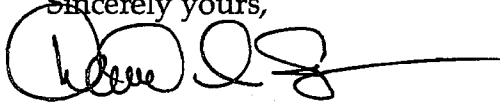
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curiosity, and civic responsibility that are remarkable for a young adult. He is a born leader.

I recommend Grant Teichman to you without reservation. I am confident that he will be an excellent addition to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Sgan', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David A. Sgan, Esq.

**TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER  
EDUCATION**

For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of  
Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT T TEICHMAN before the Hawaii State  
Senate Committee on Higher Education

Submitted by: Lynette Y.C. Young

To Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members of the Senate Higher Education  
Committee:

I testify in support of Mr. Grant Tuck Sun Teichman's nomination to the University  
of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known Grant Teichman all of his life and I have no doubt that he will  
represent the University of Hawaii Board of Regents as he has represented all of  
the organizations that he has been involved in (including the University of Hawaii  
ASUH) with integrity, commitment, professionalism and style.

My name is Lynette Young and I am Grant Teichman's Aunt.

I respectfully ask that Mr. Teichman's nomination receive the consent of the  
committee, and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

Please submit testimony to:  
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TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER  
EDUCATION

For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of  
Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT T TEICHMAN before the Hawaii State  
Senate Committee on Higher Education

Submitted by: Samuel T. Alton, Former Associated Students of the University of Hawaii  
Senator

To Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members of the Senate Higher Education  
Committee:

I testify in support of Mr. Grant Tuck Sun Teichman's nomination to the University  
of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

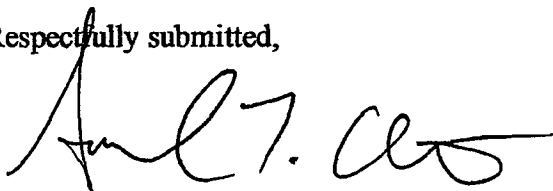
When I first enrolled at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa back in the fall of 2006, one  
of the first students I met was Grant Teichman, then serving as President of the  
Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i, and he encouraged me to get involved  
right away and run for ASUH. Upon being elected I had the honor of serving the  
students of the Mānoa campus with Mr. Teichman in his final year as President. I also  
have the privilege of calling myself his brother, as we are both members of the Omicron  
Zeta Chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, which has been one of the most heavily  
active organizations on campus in the realm of community service and fund raising.

Mr. Teichman has always put the students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa ahead  
of himself, no matter what issue has been presented and never pursued personal success.  
He made sure to work as a team and get the input from the various Senators before  
making decisions. This trait I believe will lead him to enormous success as a regent  
defending the students and solidifying the integrity of the University of Hawai'i.

On a more personal note, Grant Teichman represents the students of the University of  
Hawai'i better than any student I have ever met and has a deep love for Hawai'i and this  
University. I believe Mr. Teichman's University resume speaks for his dedication to the  
students and to the Manoa community.

I respectfully ask that Mr. Teichman's nomination receive the consent of the committee,  
and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

Respectfully submitted,



TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER  
EDUCATION

For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii  
Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT T TEICHMAN before the Hawaii State Senate  
Committee on Higher Education

Submitted by



Wilfred T Au

To Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee

I testify to support Mr. Grant Tuck Sun Teichman's nomination to the University of  
Hawaii Board of Regents

I have known Grant since he was born as he is my nephew.

I've observed him throughout his academic career from grade school and on till today.  
He completes anything he tackles successfully—be it at school or projects he initiates at  
home.

Grant is not compulsive. When looking at a problem he would look at the pro's and  
con's before he makes a decision. Grant wants to be successful in whatever he  
undertakes. His mind is always running non-stop.

I am amazed at how successful he has been by getting excellent grades in school and at  
the same time served as the student body president at the University of Hawaii for two  
years carrying a full academic load.

His involvement in the community at the University of Hawaii as a very successful  
student body president tells me that he knows a lot of how the university should be  
operated.

Grant's determination to succeed in whatever he does and his insight would be a great  
asset to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. After all, he was elected by  
his fellow students for two terms which gives him an excellent knowledge how the  
university operates.

I respectfully ask that Mr. Teichman's nomination receive the consent of the committee,  
and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

I am sending you a copy of this testimony with my signature through the post office.

Very truly yours,  
Wilfred T Au

Enclosed is a copy of this testimony with my signature through the post office.

Very truly yours,  
Wilfred T Au

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For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of  
Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT T TEICHMAN before the Hawaii State  
Senate Committee on Higher Education

Submitted by: Lei Wakayama

To Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members of the Senate Higher Education  
Committee:

I testify in support of Mr. Grant Tuck Sun Teichman's nomination to the University  
of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

I served on the Chancellor's Working Group on Student Rights and  
Responsibilities in Fall 2006 with Mr. Teichman. Our charge was to update and  
recommend procedural changes to the University's Student Conduct Code and  
judicial procedures. Grant served as the undergraduate student representative,  
lending critical student perspective to our discussions and recommendations.  
Throughout our meetings, research, and final reporting process, I found Mr.  
Teichman to be a forthright and exemplary contributor.

Not only is Mr. Teichman an articulate member of the University community, he  
brings years of experience and knowledge of the stakeholders, practices, and  
mission of the University to this important crossroad. This background gives Mr.  
Teichman the ability to speak on many issues wisely – something that not all  
candidates may have the ability to do. His institutional knowledge, paired with his  
leadership experience, are qualities that I would consider ideal for a Board  
member to possess.

He expresses the student voice with confidence and clarity. He led the  
Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i for many years with integrity and  
selflessness. I have found his outlook refreshing in the midst of slow moving  
academia – and he accomplished much during his terms as the undergraduate  
student leader.

It is no secret that the State and University are headed for difficult times. I would  
like to see Board members who are sensitive to both the internal conflicts as well  
as the sentiment of the community-at-large when addressing possible solutions  
for the University. I believe that Grant would offer the unique perspective that we  
so badly need.

I respectfully ask that Mr. Teichman's nomination receive the consent of the  
Committee, and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.



TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
HIGHER EDUCATION

For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of  
Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT T. TEICHMAN before the Hawaii State  
Senate Committee on Higher Education

Submitted by: Marlene Q. F. Young, Esq.

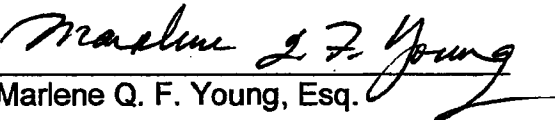
To Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members of the Senate Higher Education  
Committee:

I testify in support of Mr. Grant Tuck Sun Teichman's nomination to the University  
of Hawaii Board of Regents.

As Mr. Teichman is my nephew, I have first-hand knowledge of his great intellect  
and his natural interest in public service. A successful member on the Board of  
Regents should have extensive experience in serving on a board, basic  
knowledge of issues facing the University, and a significant ability to represent  
the University's interests. In reviewing these prerequisites, Mr. Teichman not  
only meets, but also fully exceeds the requirements for serving on the Board of  
Regents.

Given his two year term (2005-2007) as Associated Students of the University of  
Hawaii (ASUH) President, his service as president-elect for the Campus Center  
Board (CCB) in 2008, and his membership in 2005 on the Mayor's High-Capacity  
Transit Corridor Project Advisory Board Committee, there is substantial evidence  
that Mr. Teichman has the qualifications for such appointment. Aside from being  
qualified, Mr. Teichman would bring to the Board a fresh student perspective,  
and previous experience in dealing with issues particular to this University.

With this, I respectfully ask that Mr. Teichman's nomination receive the consent  
of the committee, and be forwarded for confirmation to the full Senate.

  
Marlene Q. F. Young, Esq.

TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER  
EDUCATION

For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT T. TEICHMAN before the Hawaii State Senate  
Committee on Higher Education

Submitted by: Rick J. Eichor

To Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee:

I testify in support of Mr. Grant Tuck Sun Teichman's nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

During the past three years I have served as advisor to a University Of Hawaii fraternal organization. Mr. Teichman is an active member of that organization. I have observed him in various settings during these years. He is committed to community service and engages in public activities with spirit reflecting his desire to help others.

Grant is well respected by his peers as evidenced in his election to two terms as president of the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii as well as his participation in various other campus committees. His campus and community experiences have prepared him well to serve the State and larger University community.

I find Grant to be a personable, intelligent, and caring young man and a genuine credit to the University. I believe he will bring a boost of energy and resourcefulness in seeking solutions to the difficult problems facing the University.

I respectfully request that you approve Mr. Teichman's nomination and forward it to the full Senate for confirmation.

Thank you.

1/21/09

To Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee:

I testify in support of Mr. Grant Tuck Sun Teichman's nomination to the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents. I have known Grant all of his life because I am his mom. I realize that I may be biased but Grant has been an extremely hardworking, intelligent, honest individual who has had real commitment to the University of Hawaii system. He is a third generation UH graduate as my father, Hung Lum Young, graduated with a degree in Chemistry from UH Manoa in 1942, right after WWII broke out. Grant's father, Robert Teichman, and I are graduates of JABSOM (Class of 1978) and have practiced as physicians for many years on the island of Kauai.

Grant would be a successful regent because he has an intimate knowledge of UH Manoa, as he has served for two years as president of ASUH. He is taking post graduate classes @ UH Manoa and he will start at the Richardson School of Law in August of 2009. He grew up here on the island of Kauai and graduated from Kauai High School. He has always had exceptional communication skills and he has an ability to bring together people from diverse backgrounds. He has a deep love and affection for the University of Hawaii at Manoa which has provided him not only an outstanding education but also the opportunity to serve his fellow students, his school and his community. My husband and I have watched him grow into a thoughtful young man who we are so proud to call our son.

I respectfully ask that Mr. Teichman's nomination receive the consent of the committee, and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

SUBMITTED BY: GERTI Q. YOUNG

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**In Opposition to the Confirmation of Mr. Grant Tuck Sun Teichman as the next Student Regent in the University of Hawaii Board of Regents**

Good afternoon honorable members of this committee,

My name is John Glenn Viernes Cando, a Liberal Arts – Pre-Political Science major student from Kapi`olani Community College (KCC), I also serve as Vice Chairman of the Associated Students of Kapi`olani Community College (ASKCC) and Second Delegate from Kapi`olani Community College to the University of Hawai`i Student Caucus (UHSC).

I come before to this chamber to give my testimony against the confirmation and appointment of Mr. Grant Teichman as the next Student Regent in the University of Hawai`i Board of Regents (UHBOR).

From my participation in student governance in my campus, I have always put the best interests of my constituents – the students, first, as a student leader representing over 8,000 students, I have made the commitment to serve my constituents by making myself available, not only to my constituents but also the time commitment required to attend campus-wide meetings and also as a student delegate in representing my campus in the UHSC in discussing critical issues that are affecting the lives of over 50,000 UH students. In my term, I have never missed any meeting, whether it is in my campus or other campuses.

I find it extremely disappointing that Mr. Teichman could not make himself available for the last three months through three formal invitations by the UH Student Caucus. Furthermore, I find it very insulting to the whole student body that he was not present again at the February 20, 2009 UHBOR meeting hosted at my campus. If Mr. Teichman cannot afford a minimal time commitment to address the UH Student Caucus delegates – that only meets once a month and or the UHBOR meetings which he had only attended one meeting since his default appointment, then the students are being denied proper representation in the decision making process and deliberations in the UHBOR. I believe it will be a grievous mistake to the students if Mr. Teichman is confirmed today.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify to this respected committee, and I ask this honorable body to **RECONSIDER** and **DENY** Mr. Teichman's confirmation as the next Student Regent of the University of Hawai`i Board of Regents.

**The Senate Committee on Higher Education**

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair

**Testimony in Support of  
Governor's Message 313**

submitted by Danielle M. M. Bass, private citizen

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 1:15 pm Agenda, Room 225

Mahalo Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of GM 313: Submitting for the Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, **GRANT TUCK SUN TEICHMAN**, for a term to expire 6/30/2010.

As a recent graduate of the University of Hawaii-Manoa, I had the pleasure to know Mr. Teichman for over four years as a classmate and as a fellow Senator in the University of Hawaii-Manoa's ASUH student senate.

In the four years I worked with Mr. Teichman, I can assure your committee that Grant Teichman is the most qualified individual for this position to serve on the Board of Regents as the Student Regent. Over his tenure as an undergraduate student Mr. Teichman tirelessly represented the needs of the students of the University of Hawaii at Manoa and all those in the entire University System.

His passion to pursue this position is of great benefit to all of the students who undoubtedly need the utmost representation in the Board of Regents. Mr. Teichman's community involvement alone validates his enthusiasm to serve the students as he was twice elected as the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii-Manoa's student body president, served as an associate news editor of UH-Manoa's *Ka Leo O Hawaii* student newspaper, served as the president for the UH Student Union Campus Center Board, appointed to the Honolulu Mayor's High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project Advisory Committee, the Atherton YMCA Board of Directors, including many more student advocacy groups, clubs, and committees.

Mr. Teichman's leadership, vision of the University of Hawaii, and passion for the students are commendable. It is unquestionable that he remains true to his passion of representing the views and positions of the students of this University. I appreciate the committee's consideration over Mr. Grant Teichman's appointment to serve as the Student Regent to the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.