

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 TUCK SUN TEICHMAN before the committee
March 17, 2009

By Carl H. Furutani, Coordinator of Student Life, Student Life and Development,
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Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee:

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

During the past few years I have had the pleasure of working with Grant in a variety of
situations. From the initial date of our acquaintance Grant has shown outstanding
organizational skills, a commitment and devotion to his constituents, and the ability to
relate to a diverse group of people. His display of patience when working with fellow
students, senators, co-workers and administrators has been outstanding. Through out the
years, under constant pressure, Grant has proven that his values will not be compromised.
He's served his University of Hawaii and it's constituents with distinction.

Grant Teichman is a worthy applicant for the University Of Hawaii Board Of Regents. I
strongly support his nomination for the University Of Hawaii Board Of Regents.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (808) 956-4815
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Chair Tokuda and Honorable Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Mr. Grant Teichman's nomination to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. I have known Grant for the past four years through my work as the director for the student union, Campus Center and as a staff member with the Office of Student Life and Development. Prior to my employment at the University of Hawaii, I was a social worker with Catholic Charities Hawai'i's therapeutic foster care program for 10 years. My experience with educating youth and young adults with life skills to prepare them for their communities has made up most of my professional career.

My interactions with Grant are through his involvement on campus as a prominent student leader and advocate for student interests. Grant has held student leadership positions including President of the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii (ASUH) from 2005 to 2007 and news editor for the Ka Leo O Hawai'i. He was also selected to sit on numerous campus-wide committees and advocated as the "voice of students". I have had the opportunity to observe Grant in his interactions with fellow students, administrators and individuals from the community. He is always pleasant and shows genuine interest in others.

I have been most impressed with Grant's ability to articulate a vision and garner support for it. He was one of the original collaborators who brought the need of a recreation center for the Manoa campus to the forefront. It was through this vision that collaboration with the Campus Center Board (CCB) and the UH Administration was made possible. He worked in unison with the CCB and fostered partnership between CCB and ASUH.

It has been a privilege to see Grant develop as a student. He has the self-reflection and maturity to learn and to thrive. He has strong values and uses these as he faces challenges. He has learned to see the "bigger picture" and has come to understand and appreciate different perspectives. He is an eager learner and a tireless advocate for what he believes in. Grant is definitely a role model for other students and emerging leaders in his community. His willingness to give back to others is evident in his experiences, of which many have benefited. As he continues to pursue a profession, the experience as a Regent for the University will only enhance and prepare him for his continued involvement and service to the Hawai'i community.

It is without hesitation that I support Grant's nomination to the Board of Regents for the University of Hawai'i. Please feel free to contact me at 956-4832 if you have questions.

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Testimony Offering Comments Regarding the BOR Confirmation Hearing of-Grant Teichman

TO: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair and Committee Members
Hawaii State Senate Committee on Higher Education

TESTIFIER: Joseph Lewis, President
ASUH Student Senate
Honolulu Community College

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2009

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

Madame Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am testifying as an elected student representative of over 3,000 Students of Honolulu Community College (HCC).

We are opposed to the confirmation of Grant Teichman as Student Regent of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

The purpose of placing a Student Regent on the Board of Regents is to ensure that concerns of the Students of the University of Hawaii are addressed at the highest level of University governance. Generally speaking, the record points to a less than sincere effort. How can Mr. Teichman effectively represent our viewpoints when:

- 1) He has denied student leaders at student caucus the opportunity to meet with him so that he could be made aware of student concerns and affairs.
- 2) He has attended only 1 out of 3 scheduled Board of Regent Meetings (an attendance rate of 33%)

Students, Faculty, and the People of our State deserve a 100 percent effort from all of our student leaders. Our community faces a number of hard challenges ahead, and we the Students of Honolulu Community College are prepared to do our part. We strongly feel that our regent should also reflect that level of communication and commitment.

We respectfully ask this committee to withhold the confirmation of Grant Teichman and ask that a refreshed list of candidates be summoned.

Respectfully Submitted