

## **Renewing Mānoa**

### **Mānoa's supplemental Capital Improvement Budget request as approved by the Board of Regents**

The deteriorating state of facilities on the Mānoa campus belies our moments of greatness and the excellent academic experience we offer our scholars. This is not something that happened overnight. A decade of declining resources and deferred maintenance, flood and fire emergencies, and the simple fact that many of our buildings are reaching the end of their useful life without major upgrades and continuing care, lend a sense of urgency to our need for campus renewal.

In identifying Mānoa's capital needs in this supplemental year – a modest list by any measure – the Board of Regents has carefully considered the needs of the total UH system and the likewise conservative economic context in which the legislature must make its funding decisions.

We recognize the need for creative solutions for our facilities issues – public/private partnerships, restoration of our state procurement exemption, assuming appropriate debt, and the list goes on. It will take a tremendous commitment and effort by all of our supporters to remake facilities that can support our mission. We are prepared to make that commitment, and seek the legislature's investment in this effort as well.

#### **Academic enhancement**

Student enrollment has increased 33 percent in the past decade while no new facilities have been added to accommodate this growing population. Research expenditures have nearly doubled in that same time frame, without significant investment in new or upgraded laboratory facilities. A fire destroyed a vital building used by faculty and students in our College of Education, and a fire and subsequent flooding in Edmondson Hall – which occurred after our budget was drawn up – have increased pressure on already scarce lab and classroom space.

We are requesting \$10.2 million for construction work at Gartley Hall – the fourth of five of the UH Mānoa legacy buildings in our “old quad” to be scheduled for extensive and long-overdue upgrades and renewal.

We seek \$7.5 million to begin planning and design for a classroom building to be constructed on the site of Henke Hall at the top of McCarthy Mall. The building will not only provide much needed state-of-the-art classroom space, but it will offer flexibility in scheduling to allow renovation of older buildings.

Planning and design funds in the amount of \$4.1 million are required to start work on a new building for the College of Education. The need for expanded, modern facilities to enhance was identified 15 years ago, and a fire in 2006 destroyed an existing building and forced the relocation of its occupants to other parts of the campus. It is critical that

we move forward with this project to enhance the training of teachers for the state's schools.

Likewise, the William S. Richardson School of Law has not undergone significant renovation or expansion for the three decades of its existence. The School's needs have been identified, and we are asking for \$7.24 million in design funds to move forward. Additional library, classroom and research space are critical if we are to maintain the excellent reputation of this core program.

Performing arts classes in theater and dance are scattered throughout the campus. Dance students do their work in a portable unit in the middle of the lower campus athletics complex. Drama students must meet under Kennedy Theatre's mainstage or in the theatre's lobby for lack of classrooms. Significant planning and design work has begun for a studio, classroom and performing arts annex to Kennedy, and we seek an additional \$3.6 million to complete this first step. The performing arts space is planned to sit atop three stories of an additional three story, on-campus parking facility to allow better access for students, faculty and staff during the day and theatre patron visitors to campus at night.

### **Student Life and Campus Support**

We need to create more opportunities for students to experience campus life – to more fully engage them in the true college experience. We seek \$21.5 million dollars for comprehensive renovation and substantial expansion of Campus Center and the adjacent Hemenway Hall. An addition to the complex will include a fitness center, gyms, and other support infrastructure to improve student life. This request is in response to needs articulated by students through their elected student government representative members of ASUH.

Klum Gymnasium has been a lower campus mainstay for athletics teams for years, but all agree that it has served its useful life and a new practice gym is needed to replace it. We ask for \$238,000 in planning funds to begin this work. Replacing Klum will allow us to proceed with construction of the fourth and final increment of the "quarry" parking structure – adding an additional 900 critically needed parking spaces to the campus inventory. The parking facility is a major component of the Manoa Long Range Development Plan and is on the priority list for development in the next five to ten year period.

### **Title IX compliance**

The university is committed to provide comparable facilities for men's and women's athletic programs and to correct inequities where they now exist to comply with Title IX of the federal Higher Education Act. We are requesting \$3.2 million to renovate women's locker facilities at the Kahanamoku Aquatic Complex to better accommodate the needs of the women's water polo team and the women's swimming and diving teams.

### **Energy Conservation**

The university faces major challenges in addressing escalating utility costs caused almost solely by rising oil costs – circumstances beyond our control. Energy efficiency retrofits are essential if we are to control such costs, and measures to date have saved us \$1.3 million – a 6.45 percent decrease in electricity usage. We are requesting \$2.5 million to replace the existing major air conditioning system in Bilger Hall Addition with more efficient technology.

### **Summary and Commitment**

Scarce resources have forced us to focus on patching rather than planning, to struggle to take a step forward while trying not to fall two steps back. It's clear we do have the capacity to achieve greatness – but our infrastructure simply does not provide for sustaining it. Campus renewal requires not only recognition of the challenge but also the will to commit resources to fix what's broken and allow us to grow to meet new needs. These needs must be addressed if the university is to continue to be the asset to the state that it can and should be.