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Aloha University of Hawaii Board of Regents,

My name is Christy Nitta the current chair of the Mānoa Staff Senate. It is with great honor that we have this opportunity to share our thoughts and concerns regarding the Presidential search process. Subsequent to the public announcement of President Lassner's retirement the formulation of the P.I.G., and now the potential separation of the system president and Mānoa Chancellor, we graciously request feedback before any actions are taken. It is with no doubt that the Mānoa Staff Senate who deeply advocate for our staff would like to continuously progress with the shared governance approach for the continued success of our University, which we call 'ohana. With the proposal of the separation of the system president and Mānoa Chancellor, the Mānoa Staff Senate Executive Board strongly requests detailed response on the items written in our written testimony, which include potential changes to reporting lines to the President on any organizational changes on the ORG chart, changes to offices that currently have Mānoa and/or hybrid positions and what this potentially means for hybrid positions currently. The Mānoa Staff Senate would like to take any/all proactive measures if at all possible if in the event that the proposal is approved. As we move forward with the Presidential search process, the Mānoa Staff Senate would like to ensure that we have a voice from inception to completion. Mahalo nui!