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MEMORANDUM

Aloha mai

Mahalo nui for your inquiry! Please know that I have shared it with UHWO Faculty Senate Chair and the Parliamentarian Dr. William Puette. Should you have further inquiry please do contact them directly.

Dr. William Puette: puette@hawaii.edu

In brief:

UHWO Faculty Senate consulted an AAUP Paper, 2003, when revising their Senate Charter & Bylaws (see attached). Per Parliamentarian, the UH faculty senates are not covered by the Sunshine Statute.

Regarding our State Sunshine statute (HRS 92).

HRS §92-2 Definitions. As used in this part:

"Board" means any agency, board, commission, authority, or committee of the State or its political subdivisions which is created by constitution, statute, rule, or executive order, to have supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power over specific matters and which is required to conduct meetings and to take official actions.

Note that Faculty Senates are not "created by constitution, statute, rule, or executive order, to have supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power over specific matters and which is required to conduct meetings and to take official actions."

Again, the Faculty Senate Chair will be taking your concern to the faculty senate.

E mālama pono!

Chancellor

University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu

2 attachments

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