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To: Don Straney, UHH Chancellor

From: Michael Shintaku, Faculty Congress Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MS", written over the name "Michael Shintaku".

Subject: Frequent flyer miles and hotel points

At its May 10, 2013 meeting, the UH-Hilo Faculty Congress passed a motion requiring administrative action: Frequent flyer miles and hotel points.

In summary, Faculty Congress is recommending that the Chancellor appoint a committee to look into pooling airline miles, hotel points and other such incentives from all funded travel, towards promoting academic travel for students. This motion passed unanimously, 12-0, and is attached.

We appreciate your attention to this matter, and look forward to a response at one of our upcoming faculty congress meetings.

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Attachments (1): Frequent flyer miles and hotel points.

Frequent flyer miles and hotel points motion

Whereas there do not exist sufficient resources for UH students to conduct academic travel to conferences or as part of coursework, and

Whereas the university provides direct funding for faculty, staff, and administrative travel for a number of purposes, and

Whereas the university directly funds student travel for athletics and lobbying the State Legislature, and

Whereas the benefits of these funds ought to accrue to the academic mission of the university rather than to the parochial interests of the individual traveler,

It is so moved that the Faculty Congress recommends that the Chancellor appoint a committee tasked with establishing policies and procedures for collecting, pooling, and redistributing Airline miles and Hotel points from all university-funded travel in such a way as to promote academic travel for students, and with pursuing partnerships and other sponsorships to promote such travel. Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 12-0.