

***4-J. Are there any issues in interacting with the University that require attention?***

UH is in a transition of organizational structure. Prior to 2001, the President of the University was also Chancellor of the Manoa campus. The new model has a system-wide President with a Research Vice-President and a Manoa Chancellor with a Manoa Vice-Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education. There is need for a discussion of primacy over JIMAR matters. Currently, transactions such as Senior Fellows renewals go through the Chancellor to the President. The existing Memorandum of Understanding specifies the President as Chair of the Administrative Board. This has been the arrangement since the elimination of the stand-alone Chancellor position in the mid-1980's. This could be resolved fairly quickly by the Administrative Board, hopefully, at this review.

There is continual tension between the RCUH and UH personnel systems. Associated with this tension are pressures from public worker unions. Because of this, there have been periodic efforts to restrict RCUH employment. Such an issue is before the UH Board of Regents as this document is being prepared. There are a number of JIMAR projects which would be greatly hampered if not rendered simply impossible without the availability of RCUH. This matter was discussed at the last Administrative Board meeting and should be addressed at every opportunity.

The creation of a JIMAR line in the SOEST budget in 2003 may have been the first time that the wording of the original (September 29, 1977) language of the Memorandum of Understanding has been satisfied. The wording is that JIMAR would have an "identifiable administrative budget" within the Hawaii Institute of Geophysics (predecessor to SOEST).