UNIVERSITIES SHOULD SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND COMMON GOOD

Universities should be places of learning and inquiry, the open exchange of ideas, and research that serves the community and the common good. Universities should NOT be used by the military to further their war aims or to perfect ways of killing or controlling people. In the 1960s and 1970s, students at this and many other universities defended our educational institutions from becoming military research facilities.

WILL UH BECOME A SECRET MILITARY RESEARCH CENTER?

Today, the University of Hawaii is again threatened by military encroachment. The U.S. Navy wants to set up a University Affiliated Research Center. This would mean that the military would gain control over key scientific research programs to conduct secret military research, with no accountability or responsibility to students, faculty or the community. UH President McClain and the Board of Regents have continued to push for a UARC despite the overwhelming opposition of students, faculty, Native Hawaiians and community members. They would sacrifice UH’s academic freedom to the military in order to get up to $50 million in research contracts. In 2005 the Save UH / Stop UARC coalition occupied UH President McClain’s office for a week to protest the UARC and thus far have derailed fast track plans for the UARC. But the proposal has resurfaced.

WHAT IS A UARC?

A University Affiliated Research Center is a military-funded program where universities are expected to provide products and services at the order of the Department of Defense. These products and services include both unclassified and classified research activities that lead to the creation of new weapon systems. Since 2002, the University of Hawai‘i administration has been in secret negotiations with the Navy to establish a UARC here. These administrators have promoted the benefits of a UARC, while refusing to disclose any of its negative impacts.

UARC = MILITARY EXPANSION AT UH AND IN HAWAI‘I

We will not allow our University to be an accomplice to illegal and immoral military policies. We reject secret military research and demand transparency, openness and accountability.

• Stryker Brigade expansion in Hawai‘i, an Army land grab of 25,000 acres, the destruction of Native Hawaiian cultural sites and endangered species and the release of tons of toxic contaminants into the environment.
• Expansion of Navy training and ‘Star Wars’ Missile Defense programs on our lands, seas and skies.
• The expansion of military space research on sacred mountains – Haleakala and Mauna Kea
• The militarized Superferry that is trying to sail right over Hawaii’s laws and the rights of the people.
• Military recruiters taking our youth to fight their wars.

THE BOARD OF REGENTS MAY VOTE ON THE UARC 9/27/07

Urge the UH Board of Regents to Reject the UARC

UH Board of Regents Meeting, September 27 and 28, 2007, 9:30 am
UH Hilo, UCB 127

WE DEMAND:

1. That the Board of Regents and President David McClain cancel the UARC proposal once and for all.
2. Full disclosure and accounting of all past and present military related programs in the UH system, including a list of secret programs conducted under the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai‘i.

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