

Gift of Knowledge by the Faculty

Chancellor Hinshaw, Governor Lingle, Board of Regents Chair Landon, President McClain, Honored Guests,

As the chair of the Mānoa Faculty Senate, I represent the faculty of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. The greatest opportunity that we, as faculty, have to serve this institution is to inspire new discovery and knowledge alongside our students in our research, instruction, and service to our community. The faculty's mission is symbolized in the UH Mānoa seal that contains a torch illuminating a book titled Malamalama, the light of knowledge. ." So we would like to present incoming Chancellor Hinshaw our own light of knowledge -- a modern, high-tech, eco-friendly version of malamalama. In this box is a water bottle with a solar-powered LED light. Like most water bottles, this one is also made of plastic, so I'll ask the Chancellor to unwrap it later; like much knowledge, it may not be pretty, but it is quite functional. We hope that the symbolic light will guide your way and inspire you to leave a lasting legacy at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

The Faculty would also like to present the Chancellor with this lei of cooperation. It has been woven with different colors of thread, representing the coming together of many groups. We, like the threads that make this lei, are intertwined symbolizing shared governance. The Faculty give this lei to you in the spirit of cooperation and aloha. We hope it will serve as a reminder to you of our willingness to work together to reach our common goals. We have enjoyed working with you in the short time that you've been here and look forward to forging new partnerships in the days to follow. From all of the faculty, welcome to your new home.