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General Senate Meeting #02 of the 109th Senate
Wednesday, June 09th, 2021
Zoom

OPENING

Call to Order

President Kim called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM on Zoom.

Roll Call

Present:	[15] President Kim, Vice-President Renteria, SAL Kaeo and Sabandal; Senators Almogela, Loos, Okaumura, Salameh, Stephens, Takanishi, Mihailuk, Rabang, Baguio, Crowell, and Hokama-Paris
Excused Absence:	[3] Treasurer Saari, Secretary Rollon, and SAL Columbres
Unexcused Absence:	[1] SAL Anuszezwska
Excused Late:	[1] Senator Kirwan
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	[0]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisors:	[1] Advisor Sonoda-Pale
Guests:	[1] Punia Pale

Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #01, 109th Senate - May 26, 2021

Senator Rabang Move to accept the reading of minutes for GSMM #01.
Senator Hokama-Paris Second.

Vote is unanimous. Motion carries.

Senator Hokama-Paris Move to approve the minutes for GSMM #01.
Senator Rabang Second.

Vote is unanimous. Motion passes. GSMM#01 is approved.

Official Correspondence

APPROVED BY THE 109TH SENATE ON THE 23RD OF JUNE 2021

Testimony

Link to Testimony Sign-In *Advisor Sonoda-Pale*

For testimony, it is about three minutes per person. They should have received a Google link. I told Bobby to put the link up on the website for the future, if students want to testify but it is good to get their name and information first.

President Kim

Are we allowed to show their submission?

Advisor Sonoda-Pale

Yes, it is public record.

President Kim

The testimony deals with UH Mānoa claiming to be an Aloha ‘Āina university in their last accreditation and in general advertisements. These are the points that were brought up: UH cannot be an Aloha ‘Āina university while supporting the TMT, UH only exists because it sits on 100% stolen Hawaiian land but doesn’t give free tuition for all Hawaiian students, the need for a public forum trying to co-opt Aloha ‘Āina for the call for the liberation of Kanaka Maoli, want for Kaleikoa Kaeo, a UH Mānoa PhD education student, to speak on Aloha ‘Āina’s behalf.

President Kim

Do we have a discussion or move forward?

Advisor Sonoda-Pale

You can discuss it in open forum or new business because it’s not an agenda item.

REPORTS

Executive

President

PM #2 Standing Committee Appointments (Summer)

Vice-President Renteria

Motion to accept PM #2: Standing Committee Appointments (Summer)

Senator Rabang

Second

Vote is unanimous. Motion carries.

President Kim

This is the updated standing committee appointments. It is not too different from the email I sent in PM #1 except the only change is that Senator Baguio has volunteered to be Internal Affairs vice-chair. This is starting as of June 1, 2021. The reason for that is because it is easier for the awards for the service process.

Senator Baguio

It says we don’t have access to the PM.

President Kim

I will share it. Anyone with an UH email will be able to view it.

President Kim

To further elaborate, many of the chairs and vice-chairs are temporary so we will be relying on the new influx of senators to fill up those positions. Just a reminder to all the chairs and vice-chairs who are basically volunteering, thank you for putting your time into ASUH. If you don’t plan to continue your chairship or vice-chairship position, your duties are to keep the committee floating and to keep the functions of that committee ongoing while we transition into Fall with the new senators. It’s not going to be too much of a workload on

you. All we have to do is work on the things we work on every year that are routine. Summer is general for planning for the Fall and Spring semester. The chairs will basically be doing and planning things we do on a routine basis and also handing off the leadership position to the new senators.

Vice-President Renteria

Motion to approve PM #2: Standing Committee Appointments (Summer)

Senator Hokama-Paris

Second.

Vote is unanimous. Motion passes. PM #2: Standing Committee Appointments (Summer) is approved.

Vice President

Chair and Vice-Chair Orientation

Vice President Renteria

I have been working on the Chair and Vice-Chair orientation which is set for tomorrow.

Treasurer

Treasurer Saari

Absent.

109th Senate Rate Sheet (May 2021)

President Kim

Complete the May 2021 rate sheet. I believe it is from May 6 to the end of May. It will be a partial award for service.

Secretary

Secretary Rollon

Absent.

Administrative

- a. Advisor
- b. Operations Manager

Judicial Branch

- a. Student Court

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Mihailuk

Our Progress

Our Plans

Issues

Elections

Chairperson Rollon

Our Progress

Our Plans

Issues

External Affairs

Chairperson Hokama-Paris

Our Progress

Our Plans

Issues

Finance

Chairperson Anuszevska

Our Progress

Our Plans

Issues

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Loos

Our Progress

Our Plans

Issues

Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Saari

Our Progress

Our Plans

Issues

Student Affairs

Chairperson Kim

Our Progress

Our Plans

Issues

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Renteria

Our Progress

Our Plans

Issues

Other Committees

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

President Kim

Regarding the testimony, would anyone like to share their thoughts or opinions?

Senator Hokama-Paris

On behalf of myself and Hawai‘inuiākea as I am the senator, many of us at the university and Native Hawaiians feel the same way as Punia as written here. In light of this testimony, I would like to entertain this conversation in terms of what ASUH stands behind. Do we support this Aloha ‘Āina? For Hawaiians, Aloha ‘Āina is a lifestyle and not something that is just a 9-5 or the university can just take and make money off of people. Aloha ‘Āina is something that we live by, it is something that we as Kānaka Maoli body, in terms of us welcoming the various students on campus. I support this testimony 100% but I’m curious about you all. Do you folks, as senators for your particular college and school, do you feel the need to support this testimony

and from there we can gauge what ASUH stands for because we are a collective body of voices.

Vice-President Renteria

Usually when we get testimony, it's something that we're already working on. My question is what was this testimony specifically in response to and is there anything that we hope to request from ASUH?

President Kim

According to Robert's Rules, they would not be able to respond casually. They're allowed 300 seconds of testimony unless we directly call them. Is that right, Advisor Sonoda-Pale? Can we ask the person who provided the testimony questions in an open forum or not?

Advisor Sonoda-Pale

I believe so but you are right in terms of Robert's Rules where we don't interact but it is an open forum.

President Kim

Puni, would you like to answer Vice-President Renterias questions regarding what specific actions you are requesting from ASUH?

Punia Pale

I just want you guys to push the administration to respond to Kaleikoa who has been asking for an open forum to speak on this topic.

President Kim

For context, this has been a conversation that has been going on for a while. From what I have seen, it has been more widely discussed, especially because of the last accreditation. I believe [past officers] President Li, Vice-President Simeona, and President Albano have also commented on the use of Aloha 'Āina in UH Mānoa's accreditation during their terms so it isn't something that we haven't seen before. It is definitely feasible for us to pursue this

Senator Mihailuk

I personally have not talked to the students within the school I represent but I feel that Aloha 'Āina is poorly misused within this context. I also believe that you cannot be an Aloha 'Āina university while supporting TMT, it is paradoxing and a gross one at that. I would be open to supporting a forum with administration, students, kumu's, and Kanaka on the use of the term.

President Kim

What will be the goal of the public forum and this question goes to all the senators, how can we bring this vision to life.

Punia Pale

The best goal of the public forum is UH acknowledging that they are built on stolen Hawaiian land and a discussion of justice, not only Aloha 'Āina in that sense regarding the stolen lands. I feel like a lot of things can play out. I feel like that is the first step on a long road of this public discussion.

Senator Hokama-Paris

I personally would like to see ASUH come out with an official statement regarding Punia's statement, he is a student and he has voiced concern, the first student in months, if I might add. That in itself is a testimony to his willingness to stay firm and true to his Kanaka and for his efforts to bring this to light for administration and our day to day lives. I know that Advisor Sonoda-Pale shared with both President Kim and I a chain between Kaleikoa, Kaeo, Dean of Hawai'inuiākea, Dean John, as well as President Lassner. If any of you folks want to get up to date with this chain and do the readings and research necessary to back this, feel free to reach out to me or President Kim. Going back and reading the words of President Lassner and Dean

John, there is a lack of Aloha ‘Āina in their replies, and their replies to Kaleikoa say enough, in my opinion. How would ASUH come out with an official statement backing and supporting this testimony and its beliefs of what it means to have Aloha ‘Āina.

President Kim

Typically, a resolution would be needed. I don't think we have a resolution that is specifically toward this topic and if we don't, we should definitely do the research and go into the past resolutions and write a resolution that calls on those needed to achieve this goal. Unfortunately, we can't come to a consensus and pass a senate wide agreement on a stance that we hold, as a resolution is the only official way of doing that. I will send an email to everybody including Punia so that we can discuss this and pursue your goals.

Vice-President Renteria

I think the easiest way to move this situation forward is to make an ad-hoc committee to make a resolution and work on creating a public forum for this to happen. I know we've held forums in the past. I think the last one was for the textbooks, how we wanted to be more accessible. The last time we passed legislation besides the Aloha ‘Āina bill was a resolution about how ASUH is opposed to TMT.

President Kim

I will send an email out to get everything rolling and establish an ad-hoc committee for this specific topic, if that is what the Senate is pursuing or if enough senators are invested and want to pursue this.

CLOSING

Announcements

Adjournment

Senator Baguio

Senator Rabang

Move to Adjourn.

Second.

General Senate Meeting #2 was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marc Joseph Rollon
Secretary, 109th Senate