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Executive Senate Meeting #01 of the 109<sup>th</sup> Senate  
Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021  
Zoom

**OPENING**  
**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

Present:	[11]	<b>President</b> Kim <b>Vice President</b> Renteria <b>Treasurer</b> Saari <b>Secretary</b> Rollon <b>SAL:</b> Columbres, Kaeo, Sabandal <b>Senator:</b> Baguio, Salameh, Mihailuk, and Hokama-Paris
Excused Absence:	[0]	
Unexcused Absence:	[1]	SAL Anuszezwska
Excused Late:	[0]	
Unexcused Late:	[0]	
Excused Early Departure:	[0]	
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]	
On Leave:	[0]	
Advisor:	[1]	<b>Advisor</b> Manini
Guests:	[0]	

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

**a. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes #22, 108th Senate - April 28, 2021**

*Vice-President Renteria* Motion to accept the reading of Executive Committee Minutes #22 of the 108th Senate.

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*SAL Columbres*

Second.

*Vote was unanimously in favor; Motion carries.*

*SAL Kaeo*

Motion to approve Executive Committee Minutes #22 of the 108th Senate.

*Secretary Rollon*

Second.

*Vote was unanimously in favor; Motion carries.*

*The minutes of Executive Committee Meeting #22 with amendments was approved.*

## **Official Correspondence**

## **REPORTS**

### **Executive President**

#### **Committee Placements**

*President Kim*

I had to spread people around, not everyone got into their first choices. I did place people based on how we could make the senate more efficient in the summer while we wait for the fall special elections. In the fall, we will be looking into the chair and vice-chair positions, if you want to continue it, I will be favoring whoever has the most experience and has plans for the fall and spring instead of reteaching someone. If you do need to step down, that is understandable.

If you know anyone in the senate, who isn't a chair or vice-chair and has time to fill in for IA, please let them know and encourage them to join.

#### **Committee Steering Meeting**

*President Kim*

Advisor Manini, does the committee steering meeting fall under the duties of the President or the Vice-President responsibilities?

*Advisor Manini*

Can you explain what that means?

*President Kim*

The Vice-President running the committee chair meetings. We're getting everyone acquainted with their roles, what chairship entails, and the work to be done. The committee steering meeting is something similar to what we did last summer in which Donovan met with each of the

committee chairs and got them used to the roles in addition to talking to them about chairship to allow them to develop a plan for fall and spring.

*Advisor Manini*

The leadership development of the senate is the responsibility of the Vice-President. The Vice-President has ex-officio on all committees but has two committees where the Vice-President can actually vote. In terms of transitioning the senate, helping the chairs learn their duties and responsibilities, and chair development, that's negotiated between the President and the Vice-President. It's not wrong if the President is involved and takes initiative. It is totally acceptable for both the President and the Vice-President to do these roles. If it's looked at more of the body and leadership development or part of the ex-officio responsibilities of the Vice-President, then it would make sense for the Vice-President to take the initiative. If it's looked at more broadly and just for getting the senate on its way and leading the body, the President can very much be a part of it. I think between the President and Vice-President, you should both talk about how you want to approach this as it is a very important part of the work and helps build the foundation of the senate but it's not right or wrong if either of you are involved or who you bring into that responsibility to help the chairs get prepared to do their work.

*President Kim*

We decided to split which committees we will be guiding in terms of the committee steering.

*Vice-President Renteria*

I had been under the assumption that we'd be talking to those committees separately and have an idea of what we'd talk about. The plan was to have the chairs and vice-chairs see which days work best for them, choose the date, send it out to the advisors and the chairpersons, and do the orientation from there. During that, we'd separate into breakout rooms and go into further detail.

*President Kim*

In addition to that, I'll do one-on-one's with the chairs to see how we can get the senate rolling this summer.

**Vice President**

*Vice President Renteria*

I will send you guys the form if you guys are chairing or vice-chairing a committee. The new senator orientations were also wrapped up during this past week.

**Treasurer**

*Treasurer Saari*

No report.

**Secretary**

*Secretary Rollon*

No report.

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**Administrative**

*Advisor Manini*

Healani and I are here to help you. My position is paid for by general funds which is the state legislature and Healani's position is paid for by the ASUH budget, so, I do have work that is not tied directly to ASUH. In fact, 90% of my work is non-ASUH related. I do make myself available as much as I can and that in terms of the committees, Healani and I split up the committees. Healani does finance, elections, undergraduate academic affairs because those committees work a lot with the office. When your work comes to the general senate or when you submit legislation that goes through the legislation process, I see all the work of those committees and I make comments but Healani is the first person you reach out to. The committees I tend to meet with are campus life, internal and external affairs, investments and long range planning, and student affairs. If we have a graduate assistant in Student Life and Development, I will bring that person over to help advise some of these committees because it is a lot of work. Normally when we work with the committees, we connect with the chair and if the chair or committee needs assistance, they know to reach out to the appropriate advisor.

You may also ask the other advisor for help, if needed. There are times when committees advised by Healani will need to ask me questions and vice versa and that is acceptable as we are both here to help the senate. It is good practice that when you reach out to the advisor not for your committee, that you do keep the advisor of your committee in the loop so we're all on the same page. If we both do give you guys different answers, you can ask for clarification or we can explain why we are advising in a certain way. We need to be able to explain to you why we are advising in a certain way and for you to assess if you want to use that advice or not. We do not make decisions for ASUH. We advise based on federal and state law and by university law and based on our own judgement. We insert things that we say which are our own based on ASUH rules and policies. We also look at ASUH rules and refer to them, some of them constitutional and some if by operation rules. Never should an advisor tell you what to do without explaining ourselves. If there is ever a time ASUH makes a decision and the advisor does not support the decision, especially when there's money involved, if we think something is wrong with what you've appropriated, our only leverage is not signing off on it because it violates certain rules.

We cannot choose to sign off because we don't agree with what you have decided to fund. If we have a personal conflict of interest, we disclose that, so that we remove ourselves from processing what you guys pass and somebody else without a conflict of interest reviews it.

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## **Judicial Branch**

### **Standing Committees**

*President Kim*

Normally for the standing committees, there will be a form linked to the agenda which will take you to a weekly committee report that you will write. Basically just catching us up on what you have been doing.

### **Campus Life**

*Chairperson Mihailuk*

If anyone has any suggestions for things they would like to see throughout the year, I will gladly listen. I want to be able to represent the entire school and everyone involved.

### **Elections**

*Chairperson Rollon*

Advisor Manini, I asked Advisor Sonoda-Pale whether or not we could hold the Fall special elections sooner compared to how we did in the past and she said she was not too sure and that I should refer to you.

*Advisor Manini*

I would need to look at the election rules and I would advise you to do the same. At this moment, I'm not too sure if there's any language in there that talks about the packets being available the first day of the semester. We would need to look at the rules and I would be happy to do that with you. If the rules don't disallow it, then yes you can and if the rules disallow it, you cannot, unless the senate decides to suspend the rules by  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to allow you to do so to see if it gives you a better turnout. The senate is able to suspend rules for specific reasons so that might be an option if there is something that is preventing you from doing it the way you would like to.

*President Kim*

Adding onto that, the Fall 2018 special elections packet was released early or mid-July because there were not enough senators that were elected. It's definitely been done before.

### **External Affairs**

*Chairperson Hokama-Paris*

I plan to reach out to all the senators and to get their thoughts on issues that ASUH should stand for and have stood for in their path. Other plans are to take a stance on Native issues, LGBTQ issues, racial issues, and other issues that happen on campus that we idly look at. I definitely will take into account that everyone has a voice and that we are a collective body.

### **Finance**

*Chairperson Anuszewska*

### **Internal Affairs**

*Chairperson Loos*

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### **Investments and Long Range Planning**

*Chairperson Saari*

I will set up a meeting with Peter Backus to get a better understanding of the work. It seems like we changed up our investments but I am not too sure.

*Advisor Manini*

We need to get you on the quarter calendar so that you can request reports. We just received the report for the quarter ending in March. We received that in April, Lauren coordinated it. The quarter ending in June, which is the fourth quarter of fiscal year 21, we need to request that which happens in July and we do that in three month periods. The first period of fiscal year 22 starts on July 1st and in October we'll need another report. We usually need to request a report the month after each quarter ends and this is required of ASUH by Board of Regents policies. We need to get you on that calendar so that you can make reports in an appropriate time period is extremely important to fulfill senate responsibilities. Other than that, there's not too much you need to worry about unless you see problems with the portfolio. Connect with me individually so we can think about that. The ILRP committee was the committee that wrote the resolution on your audits and will need a revision on that this year based on what we are doing currently to fulfill the audits.

### **Student Affairs**

*Chairperson Kim*

I am currently filling in for the Student Affairs chair, hopefully we can get someone else to fulfill this position in early Fall or when we conclude the elections. I will be working on the routine things. I believe we need to start preparing for UPASS, if we want to go through with how the contract was done since we were not able to cancel our contract during the pandemic and not really use it. I believe one of the options was to extend the contract based on how long we couldn't use it. I'll also be laying down the groundwork before the next chairperson comes in.

### **Undergraduate Academic Affairs**

*Chairperson Renteria*

UAA has two things to think about this semester, the graduate fair and the Fall 2021 scholarships. Hopefully, we can have a mixture of in person and online graduate fairs but we will see what that semester will look like. For the scholarships, we are looking to see if we can add another one and start the process of in-person advertisements since we didn't do that last year.

### **Ad-Hoc Committee**

*President Kim*

I believe we don't have enough senators to pursue creating an ad-hoc committee at this time. If anyone is interested in putting in that extra work, please let me know and we can pursue that.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**OPEN FORUM**

*Senator Hokama-Paris*

In terms of the 'Ōlelo Hawai'i initiative that was passed in the 108th, where do we go from there in terms of making it official and can we as ASUH put out an official statement yet so that we can get better prepared for the upcoming year.

*Advisor Manini*

I'm not too sure if it was codified yet at the end of the 108th senate terms. Between the secretaries, you need to see if it was codified first of all, before you release that publicly. I believe you were part of email communications where there needs to be followed up. We need to communicate with Raiyan with regards to that meeting I recommended for late May or the month of June to iron out the details and see where we're going with this in the fall semester since the summer is a break period. I don't know if the class is continuing, it is my understanding that it's not. We need to have a meeting before involving any Kumu who were involved. Raiyan is still involved and if we invite Donovan, it'd be good in terms of transition on this item. The only thing your committee should release at this point is information on the legislation but in terms of actual classes, that hasn't been decided yet or who the Kumu is gonna be because all that needs to be worked out. I don't know if the current Kumu are staying or leaving, I haven't heard anything about that. I hope we can use the email thread that we have to get the information that we need and to get the meeting going and then your committee would be able to move forward in further promotion other than that the funds were appropriated.

*Secretary Rollon*

Senate Bill 09-21 was not codified yet. When I looked in the drive, there's only a PDF version of the bill. Since you were the introducer of the bill, do you have the word version of it so that I can edit it directly and codify it and upload it to Kaulike?

*Chairperson Hokama-Paris*

I can get it to you.

**CLOSING**

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**Adjournment**

*Treasurer Saari*

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Senator Hokama-Paris*

Second.

*Vote is unanimously in favor; Motion carries.*

Executive Meeting #1 was adjourned at 6:48PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Marc Joseph Rollon  
Secretary, 109<sup>th</sup> Senate