

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

General Senate Meeting #09 of the 109th Senate
Wednesday, September 15, 2021
Zoom

OPENING

Call to Order

Vice-President Renteria called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM on Zoom.

Roll Call

Present:	[15] Vice-President Renteria, Treasurer Saari, Secretary Rollon, SAL Columbres, Kaeo, and Sabandal, Senators Almogela, Loos, Okamura, Salameh, Stephens, Rabang, Kirwan, Crowell, and Hokama-Paris
Excused Absence:	[2] President Kim, SAL Anusewska
Unexcused Absence:	[1] Senator Takanishi
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	[1] Senator Rabang
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisors:	[1] Advisor Manini
Guests:	[1] Krista Rados

Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #08, 109th Senate - September 1, 2021
SAL Kaeo Motion to accept the reading of minutes for GSMM #08.
SAL Columbres Second.

Vote is unanimous. Motion carries

Treasurer Saari Move to approve the minutes for GSMM #08.
Senator Kirwan Second.

Vote is unanimous. Motion carries. GSMM#8 is approved.

Official Correspondence

Testimony

REPORTS

Executive

President

Absent.

Vice-President

1. Student Caucus

Vice-President Renteria

I went to the Student Caucus meeting this past weekend and met other ASUH delegates from other campuses. The Student Caucus includes other ASUH's from other campuses, Kauai, Kapiolani, Maui. Each campus has two representatives and we speak out on issues on the system, versus just campus-wise. The biggest things that we could see being improved system-wise is sustainability and interconnectedness between different ASUH's. Is there anything you guys think we could work on? Please feel free to bring it up at the next meeting, which is on the second Saturday of October.

2. Campus Delegates

Vice-President Renteria

We still have two positions open. If you are interested but unsure, I recommend talking to IA Chairperson Loos or Vice-Chair Baguio. If you're not a chairperson, being a campus delegate gives you a little step into seeing the inner workings behind the university. I served in the Academic Policies committee and it gave me insight to how administration worked. If you're interested, please sign up or let any other students know who might be interested.

3. Mānoa Budget Office

Vice-President Renteria

I attached two links and if you could open them up, that would be great. We'll talk about it more in the advisor's report.

Treasurer

Treasurer Saari

No report.

Secretary

Secretary Rollon

No report

Administrative

a. Advisor

Advisor Manini

The Office of Student Life and Development received a request that we need to complete paperwork and forms. We received information on Monday that the State legislature passed Act 87. Section 3 of Act 87

requires that all non-general fund programs have to submit new reports. Basically, all the reports used to send reports. But the budget office said that the campus would run all of the financials and all the financials would be submitted. Every year, the legislature asks about position vacancies and basically about money. This year, they decided they want more information on the non-general fund programs. Non-general funds means that the money comes from a source other than the taxpayers of the State. General funds come from the taxpayers and non-general funds used in state agencies come from other sources. Tuition and fees are considered other sources so are considered non-general funds so the legislature does not allocate or appropriate these funds, they stay with the university. Many years ago, the legislature would make all the state agencies give every dime they collect to the Capital. They would reallocate it back to the state agencies. Because the University of Hawai'i has some levels of autonomy in the State Constitution; autonomy was given. The University of Hawai'i retains its tuition and fees and doesn't go back to the legislature for reallocation for it to be sent back to the University.

We got this form, with numerous tabs. Our department works with the student organizations. We have the bulk of the tabs and we have to fill out 10-12 of the tabs to get it in by the Monday deadline. The way its written out, with the language used, is not typical of what we usually work with. We have to meet this week, we hope to meet this Friday. I hope to meet with your Senate leaders, and any of you who are interested. We will have to use the instructions to see what we need to put into the spreadsheet. We have a UPASS tab, which was your initiative. With ASUH's tab, we're gonna have to fill in information and submit it. As your advisor, I feel strongly that we need to be sure that the leadership of the Senate knows what is going on. As you can see, the legislature is asking for initiatives for 6 years. Whatever measures we put in, it's going to have to be tracked for 6 years. It will lock the items that the Senate will have to continue doing. We should put in something like scholarships, which is something ASUH has been doing for 15 years now and I am certain you guys will not stop it. RIO funding is another item, over 25-30 years. If we use RIO funding as one of the items, it'll be a great item to use. Also, you only collect \$5 a semester. I feel that the pressure isn't as bad as the other organizations for us to make sure that we have a lot of items. For \$5 a semester, if we only put in 2-3 things, we should be fine.

Nothing will go in here that is not language that appears in the documents. We're going to look in the ASUH documents. We can pull language from the constitution, legislation, and budget. We are not creating anything for this document that ASUH does not already have as generally understood as to why you exist and/or what this organization has been committed to doing.

b. Operations Manager

Judicial Branch

a. Student Court

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Vice-Chairperson Stephens

Our Progress

- Held a meeting on Saturday
 - Decided on two events ideas
 - Self-care webinar
 - Giving out bentos for thanksgiving

Our Plans

Issues

Elections

Chairperson Rollon

Our Progress

- [Fall 2021 Special Elections Candidates](#)
- Held a meeting on Monday
 - Discussed plans for elections
 - SAL Columbres to lead Monday Candidate Orientation Meeting and President Kim for Tuesday

Our Plans

- List of candidates → need to floor nominate
- Friday, September 17: candidate list posted and withdrawal deadline at 4Pm
- Monday and Tuesday, September 20-21: COM
 - Campaign period begins following conclusion of Tuesday COM

Issues

*Chairperson Rollon
SAL Kaeo*

Motion to approve the Fall 2021 Special Elections Candidates.
Second

Chairperson Rollon

There are currently 12 candidates. There were 14 candidates that turned in an application but 2 were not eligible because they were pre-nursing majors and were not classified under the College of Health Sciences.

Vice-President Renteria

For the 2 students who were pre-nursing majors, are they eligible to run for any other positions?

Chairperson Rollon

To be a chairperson for a specific school, you have to be a student enrolled in that school. If they're pre-nursing, they're not technically under the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene until they're offered a spot and accept it.

Advisor Manini

What might be helpful is to show the number of open positions for the schools and colleges so that the Senate can see the number of people running compared to the number of vacant positions.

I think a pre-nursing student is under the College of Arts and Sciences until they get into the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene.

Chairperson Rollon

I double checked this with Advisor Sonoda-Pale and when she checks Banner, it shows that they're under the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene but when she spoke to an advisor, they say they're not technically enrolled and Banner doesn't mention anything about Arts and Sciences.

Advisor Sonoda-Pale

We need to go by what Banner says, not what an advisor says. Technically, if Banner says they are in that school, then that's what we have to go by, not an advisor's opinion.

Chairperson Rollon

Even if they're not in the program, they're still classified under that school?

Advisor Manini

Is Banner giving their major or just the school that they're enrolled in? They may say their major is something else, but Banner shows the school they're in.

Chairperson Rollon

In Banner, the "program" says "pre-nursing," "college" says "School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene," and "major" says "pre-nursing."

Advisor Manini

We've always used Banner and it concerns me that we had to call an advisor to ask if they're in that school or not. However, if they're not in that school, they wouldn't be able to vote for themselves. When the technology gets set up, only the students who are in a school can vote for those seats. I would advise adding the 2 students to the list official to both schools, Arts and Sciences and Nursing and Dental Hygiene, and the correct school will be the school we use once it is verified and that further checks will be made within the next 48 hours and that they are to only appear in the ballot they will be able to vote in; they have to have a school or college.

Chairperson Rollon

I will add both candidates under the College of Arts and Science and School of Health Sciences. I will email Advisor Sonoda-Pale tonight to let her know that she will need to do further checks to verify which school they're both under. In terms of the ballots, they don't have to be done any time this week, we're just approving the candidate list by the end of the week. We will have them verified before putting them on the ballot.

Advisor Manini

At this point, can members floor nominate?

- Chairperson Rollon* Yeah, the floor is open.
- Vice-President Renteria* Do you have the name of the two students to floor nominate?
- Chairperson Rollon* All the names on the list will be floor nominated because we removed the 25 signature petition. I think now we're floor nominating those who aren't on the list, that's what we did the last general election.
- SAL Columbres* Are we gonna floor nominate the 2 pre-nursing students?
- Chairperson Rollon* I'll be adding their names to the document right now before we approve it.
- Advisor Maini* Based on the calendar I'm looking at, those who wanted to be floor nominated had to submit an application by 4PM today. Technically, no more names can be added. Before another election, I have to review the calendar. It shouldn't be the same.

**MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE FALL 2021 SPECIAL ELECTIONS
CANDIDATE LIST:**

Aye(s): Vice-President Renteria, Treasurer Saari, Secretary Rollon, SAL Columbres, Kaeo, and Sabandal, Senators Almogela, Loos, Okamura, Salameh, Stephens, Rabang, Kirwan, Crowell, and Hokama-Paris
[15]
Naye(s): [0]
Abstention(s): [0]

Fall 2021 Special Election Candidate List, with amendments, was approved unanimously.

External Affairs

Chairperson Hokama-Paris

Our Progress

- Held EA Committee Meeting #2 on Sep. 9th
 - External Affairs Task Delegations
 - Social Media Post
 - AS(You)H Week
 - [For Haunani-Kay Trask](#)

Our Plans

- We plan to meet between September 19th and the 24th.
- We plan to create a Social Media Post Form (google form) to minimize the amount of senate members utilizing the ASUH social media platforms at any given time.
- The Chairperson and VC is scheduled to meet with the president and vice president on Friday, September 17th at 4pm (furthering the discussion about Haunani-Kay Trask and the resolution)

Issues

Finance

Chairperson Anuszezwska

Our Progress

- RIO application sent out Friday, September 3.
- Orientations were conducted Thursday, September 9 and Friday, September 10.

Our Plans

- Interviews scheduled for Thursday, September 16, Friday, September 17, and Saturday, September 18
- Plan to meet Tuesday, September 21 at 5 pm to decide funds.

Issues

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Loos

Our Progress

Our Plans

Issues

- ASUH Rep for GEC
- Alternates for Standing Committees

Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Saari

Our Progress

Our Plans

- Reaching out to Mr. Peter Backus to schedule a meeting to discuss the fiscal quarter ending 9/31/21

Issues

Student Affairs

Chairperson Kim

Our Progress

Our Plans

Issues

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Renteria

Our Progress

- Textbook Giveaway
 - Finished today, winners will be picked tonight.
 - 800 submissions total, does not take into account any duplicates or students who may be ineligible

Our Plans

Issues

Other Committees

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

OPEN FORUM

Vice-President Renteria

If you cannot make it to the leadership development workshop, let me know.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in passing these bills.

CLOSING

Announcements

Adjournment

SAL Kaeo

Treasurer Saari

Move to adjourn.

Second.

Vote was unanimously in favor; motion carries. General Senate Meeting #08 was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marc Joseph Rollon
Secretary, 109th Senate