

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I
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Executive Committee Meeting #13 of the 109th Senate
Wednesday, November 17, 2021
Zoom

OPENING

Call to Order

President Kim called the meeting to order at 6:03pm on Zoom.

Roll Call

Present:	[9] President Kim, Vice President Renteria, Secretary Rollon, SALs Columbres, Sabandal, Senators Loos, Salameh, Hokama-Paris, Kasal-Barsky, and Vincioni
Excused Absence:	[4] Treasurer Saari, SALs Anuszezwska, Kaeo, Senator Hermoso
Unexcused Absence:	[0]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	[1] SAL Columbres
Unexcused Early Departure:	[1] Senator Morimoto
On Leave:	[0]
Advisors:	[0]
Guests:	[0]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. Executive Committee Meeting #11 109th Senate - October 20, 2021

Vice President Renteria Motion to accept the reading of minutes for ECMM #11.

SAL Columbres Second.

Vote is unanimous. Motion carries.

Vice President Renteria Motion to approve the reading of minutes for ECMM #11

Chairperson Hokama-Paris Second.

Vote is unanimous. Motion carries. The Executive Committee Meeting Minutes #11 was approved

Official Correspondence

Testimony

REPORTS

Executive

President

President Kim

No report.

Vice-President

Vice-President Renteria

I just sent another reminder email about the Fall Retreat. I think everything is going well so far in setting that up. So, if you haven't filled it out, please fill it out. I did a Senator takeover for Manoa Admissions, so if you guys are also interested, they might be looking for another person.

Treasurer

President Kim

The treasurer is currently absent, but the memo regarding our budget has been routed up to the fiscal office. Other than that, there is nothing else that I have been informed of.

Secretary

Secretary Rollon

No report.

Administrative

Judicial Branch

a. Student Court

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Salameh

Our Progress

- Campus Life held Meeting #3 on Tuesday, November 16, at 5 pm
- Decisions and coordinating who can volunteer for our Thanksgiving Bento Event on Wednesday, November 24

Our Plans

- Go over Bill
-  DRAFT Senate Bill 24-22 To Appropriate Fundin...

Issues

- Vice President Renteria* I think I am a little confused on the timeline of this. So, they need to know by tomorrow?
- Chairperson Salameh* They need to know by tomorrow. We sent out the survey and so far 500 students answered the survey so we're hoping to get an estimate of 500 bentos. I did ask her, for the worst-case scenario, "when is the latest that we could get the orders?" She told me that we need to give her at least 3 days in advance, but do not include Saturday and Sunday because they are off. So, if I gave her the order, the worst-case scenario would be by Thursday afternoon. I know that we are kind of running a bit short and cramming everything. I wish that we did this weeks ago but it is what it is.
- President Kim* Vice President Renteria, can you take the chair for a moment? I would like to ask a few questions. Have you been discussing this bill with Advisor Sonoda-Pale regarding the amount and also the timeline of it? Did she give any opinions regarding the bill itself?
- Chairperson Salameh* I think she did. I think we are going to have to get back to you on that.
- President Kim* The issue with the timeline is that basically that this bill has not been referred to the committee yet. We are supposed to get the order in by tomorrow and that would mean we would have to spend student monies before a bill is passed.
- Vice President Renteria* What President Kim is trying to say is that this bill needed to be approved by the general senate before you can place the order and so that is the issue with the timeline.
- President Kim* We have put on Thanksgiving events regularly in the past, and so because of that there is already a precedent for it. Just so that everyone knows, we should not advertise, even through a survey before the bill is passed. Let's work on []. Are we paying for the order as soon as we put it in or are we paying for it later through an invoice?
- Chairperson Salameh* She asked me how we are planning on paying for this. I told her that I represent one of the committees and I didn't go into details with it but I think it was likely that she wants the confirmation by tomorrow.
- President Kim* I'm good with going back to chairing if Vice-President Renteria, you would yield the chair back to me.
- Vice President Renteria* I yield the chair back to you.
- Chairperson Salameh* Are we done with the Campus Life committee?
- President Kim* Yes, there is no more discussion. Would you like to add anything?

- Chairperson Salameh* What message should I relay back to my committee? Do I order tomorrow?
- SAL Columbres* Are we in the process of approving the bill? What are we doing right now, because we are not the general senate right?
- President Kim* I was not aware of it until today during the meeting. But, as Secretary Rollon said, please turn off your microphone if you are not speaking as it messes up the recording. We are currently not discussing the bill itself, but Campus Life's Committee report indicates that they haven't pushed the bill through yet but are expected to make the order by tomorrow. Chairperson Salameh was asking what they relay back to their committee? My recommendation would be that you email Advisor Sonoda-Pale.
- Chairperson Renteria* I was going to say maybe the recommendation of what she says to her committee comes after we actually discuss the bill?
- Secretary Rollon* So, for my understanding, what does she tell the people who have to prep the orders for tomorrow? Is this something that we're going to pursue, might have to hold off or might have to cancel? There is a deadline that she has to reach out to the vendor, so what is she going to be telling them?
- Vice President Renteria* I think that's a question more of actually discussing the bill because the bill hasn't been added to the agenda I believe.
- President Kim* I believe we could discuss it here. There is nothing stopping us from discussing it here, but we can't discuss the specifics of the bill itself. But, we can discuss the actions of Campus Life during the report.
- SAL Columbres* I think just adding on to Secretary Rollon's question, would Senator Salameh order tomorrow given that the bill is not approved yet?
- President Kim* So, in the past, we have been in this specific situation before. I would like to call on Vice President Renteria who would like to add something.
- Vice President Renteria* I see two options happening here. The first option is we call an emergency general senate meeting for tomorrow and then she calls the vendor and gives her an answer. Or the second option, we do not continue with this event. It wouldn't be conflicting with the survey just because it was a possibility. It wasn't a promise that it would happen. If the emergency general senate meeting doesn't happen anyway, this bill will not have been approved, and we would be spending money that we haven't approved yet. That would be a "catch 22" situation all over again.
- President Kim* I would like to note that we have done this in the past, where we didn't pay for it, but we brought in the invoice and they dealt with it later. But, that happened because we already advertised it. I would recommend that

you email the advisors and figure this out ASAP. I will include this as part of the agenda and we will get to that when we get to it.

Elections

Chairperson Hermoso

Our Progress

- Election Committee held our Meeting #5
 - Updated the committee and delegated members (Jahna and Ella) to update the vacancies available
- Sent Packets to Bonnie, Healani
- Sent Packet to IA
 - Waiting on an update/response

Our Plans

- Get the Spring 22 Special Elections Packet approved next week GSM
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/16ZoeqUNymn2G1fpro8i10WpnQ6-t_YbALes0kISXcKE/edit#

Issues

Miscellaneous

- Thank you to Healani and Secretary Rollon for helping me with the Spring 22 Special Elections for looking over the packet

External Affairs

Chairperson Hokama-Paris

Our Progress

- Polo/Shirt Embroidering - Plan to meet and order after thanksgiving/ lā kū'oko'a.
 - Missing Senator Flores, Tran, Dai, Tilitile's shirt sizes.
- We plan to meet for our 6th committee between November 21th-24th.

Finance

Chairperson Anuszezwska

Our Progress

Our Plans

Issues

Miscellaneous

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Loos

Our Progress

- Sending [When2Meet](#) for our next meeting

Our Plans

- Will email new IA members and those who ran for election but were not elected if they want to join any Campus-Wide Committees; will have a final [document](#) of interested students by the end of the week
- Will respond to GEC email relaying the emails of the 2 interested students

Issues

Investments and Long Range Planning

Vice Chairperson Vincioni *Our Progress*
Our Plans
Issues

Student Affairs

Chairperson Kasal-Barsky *Our Progress*
- New chairperson, chair and vice-chair met to review the committee's work
- Mental health and UPASS survey complete, awaiting approval
Our Plans
- Resolution review and working group meeting to be scheduled
Issues

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Renteria *Our Progress*
- Meeting/Workshop
- Date: Saturday at 1 pm in the ASUH Office (May be rescheduled)
- Discussing: Scholarships only, other unfinished and new business will be discussed at the next UAA meeting.
Our Plans
Issues
Miscellaneous

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

President Kim For Draft Senate Bill 24-22 To Appropriate Funding for Thanksgiving Bento Event, I will refer that to Campus Life and Finance.

Vice President Renteria I first want to say, I appreciate the whole work and effort that Campus Life has put into this bill. But, I do not see this bill going any further because of the time constraints it is facing.

Secretary Rollon I think for this bill, or just this event, I think we need to discuss what exactly is going to happen because Vice President Renteria did make a point whether we hold an emergency general senate meeting to get it approved or whether this event gets canceled. But, you also said that in the past, there was some sort of thing that ASUH did where they paid it off without having a bill. So, I don't understand why this bill is being referred to the committees until we discuss whether or not this event that ASUH is going to hold.

President Kim I would like to note that we refer all bills regardless of quality, content or timeline. If it doesn't meet our expectations, it will be killed in committee or at the general senate meeting. It's just a process that we go through, we don't have to have already a plan in action to push it. So,

literally any of our senators could introduce a bill to ECM and I would still refer it to the respective committee. Specifically, because this bill does go over \$2,500, that is why I am referring it to finance. And because this bill is for a Campus Life event, I am referring it to Campus Life.

Vice President Renteria

I want to go back to a point that Secretary Rollon mentioned in the fact that you have mentioned earlier that events were held and essentially it was more of a retroactive thing. I would strongly recommend against that because it is against our rules and it does put senators in a position of having to pass something whether or not they actually approve of it just because the event did happen and we can't take our actions back.

President Kim

I wasn't recommending it, per se, but entertaining it as a possibility because it is something that we have done in the past.

SAL Columbres

I think President Kim was referring to a senator who was planning this event and promised students that they would get something before the bill was even passed. So, the senate was forced to approve the bill because they already said that they were going to give something to the students, and for us to not approve the bill, then that would be unfair to the students who we promised that we would give them something. But, the difference with this bill now is that the survey did not promise anything. It was just asking like "would you guys want this bento?" or "were you guys be willing to get one?" But we haven't promised them that we were going to give them a bento so I think that's where the difference is. Hopefully, that clarifies the question.

Chairperson Salameh

I did do my best to try to push it into the budget because I did know that if it goes over a certain amount, I would have to be on it. So, the only reason why this is this amount is that each plate is \$7.50 and I tried to go a little bit lower, but my committee was set on 500 since we only got 500 responses. We wanted to try our best to do that. 400 is going to be for the meat which was chicken katsu and 100 was going to be veggie. Each of those is \$7.50 so when we did the math, with the taxes included, it came out to be that number.

President Kim

I will work with Chairperson Salameh, the advisors, and the treasurer to figure out if there is a different avenue we can go through because there are other sources of funding for ASUH. For example, we could write a memo. I would like to note that we haven't explicitly promised the students anything but we've done this event yearly since I've gone here at least. The fact that we did send a survey that reached 500 students, the majority of whom I assume are living on campus, does set an expectation whether we did or did not explicitly promise it. So, I would like to ask you all to keep that in mind.

SPECIAL ORDERS

OPEN FORUM

Vice President Renteria

So, I guess my question now is for you. Are you guys pursuing this through a different means like a memo if you propose? Or are you going to send out a question to the general senate asking for an emergency general senate meeting?

President Kim

We will look at our options and figure that out later. Chairperson and I will discuss this afterward and we will do the logistics by the rules. But until that point, I would not say that I am going to guarantee any specific outcome because I am working within the rules obviously.

Vice President Renteria

I would just like to recommend that Chairperson Loos is a part of that conversation as well as the chairperson of Internal Affairs.

President Kim

Could you all stay after the meeting? First, I am going to talk with Chairperson Kasal-Barsky so she can go.

CLOSING

Announcements

Adjournment

Vice President Renteria

Motion to adjourn

Chairperson Hokama-Paris

Second

Vote was unanimously in favor; motion carries. Executive Committee Meeting #13 was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marc Joseph Rollon
Secretary, 109th Senate