

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA
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Senate Resolution 11-16

**ASSERTING OPPOSITION TO A STUDENT ATHLETIC FEE INCREASE BASED ON THE
FALL 2015 ASUH SURVEY RESULTS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

- WHEREAS*, the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (ASUH) Senate is the elected body representing approximately 14,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,
- WHEREAS*, the ASUH 96th Senate adopted Senate Resolution 13-09 on May 7, 2009; and,
- WHEREAS*, Senate Resolution 13-09 stated that the ASUH "is in firm opposition to the implementation of an athletic fee at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa"; and,
- WHEREAS*, contrary to the student opinion voiced in Senate Resolution 13-09, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) Chancellor supported and the Board of Regents (BOR) approved a mandatory \$50-per semester Athletic Fee for all UHM undergraduate and graduate students starting in the Spring of 2011; and,
- WHEREAS*, the ASUH 99th Senate surveyed the student body in April 2012 after one year of the Athletic Fee's implementation to solicit student feedback about the Fee; and,
- WHEREAS*, after analyzing the survey data, the ASUH 100th Senate adopted Senate Resolution 02-13 on August 1, 2012, which stated that "the ASUH remains in opposition and scrutiny of the Athletic Fee per the results of the survey administered in the Spring 2012 semester"; and,
- WHEREAS*, during the Fall 2015 semester, the ASUH 103rd Senate administered a survey to all UHM fee-paying students to collect data about the current perspective of Athletics' role in campus life and specifically regarding the Athletic Fee; and,
- WHEREAS*, the survey was available online via the MyUH system from October 22, 2015 to November 25, 2015 and was advertised through the UH announce email system, social media, and tabling in Campus Center; and,
- WHEREAS*, during the 4-week period, 905 students participated in the survey, with 73% being undergraduates; and,
- WHEREAS*, 62% of the students surveyed indicated that they attended at least one sporting event in the 2014-2015 academic year; and,

WHEREAS, 92% of the students surveyed attended at least one men’s sports game and 88% attended at least one women’s sports game during their time at UHM; and,

WHEREAS, when asked to provide feedback about the statement “UH athletics improves my experience at UH Mānoa,” only 33% of the students surveyed showed agreement with the statement, signifying that Athletics is not a strong contributor to enhancing student experience for the majority of UHM students; and,

WHEREAS, 78% of the students surveyed voiced disagreement or strong disagreement with the statement, “I would pay a higher amount to support UH athletics,” while only 7% showed agreement or strong agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the data collected through the survey regarding student attendance numbers and feedback on the Athletic Fee demonstrate that although the majority of students have participated in the UHM athletic game experience, they still oppose an increase in the Athletic Fee; and,

WHEREAS, the official position of the ASUH spanning over the past six years displays strong and consistent student resistance to the imposition of the Athletic Fee; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, the ASUH 103rd Senate stands in opposition to an increase in the Athletic Fee based on the results of the survey administered to all fee-paying students in Fall 2015; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to:
the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents Chair Randy Moore and Members; University of Hawai‘i President David Lassner; UHM Interim Chancellor Robert Bley-Vroman; Athletic Director David Matlin; UHM Interim Vice Chancellor for Students Lori Ideta; UHM Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance & Operations Kathy Cutshaw; UHM Interim Dean of Students and Student Housing Services Director Michael Kaptik; UHM Graduate Student Organization President Jonathan Dial; Mānoa Faculty Senate Chair Bob Cooney; University of Hawai‘i Student Caucus; the Honolulu Star Advertiser; and Ka Leo O Hawai‘i.

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR SENATE RESOLUTION 11-16

Aye(s): Treasurer Takara, Secretary Tagaban, Senator-at-Larges Dela Cruz, Mitsui, Nishihara, Senators Aki, Barrow, Baxa, Bui, Chen, Garma, Hinshaw, Jimenez, Lao, Lawi-an, Lopez, McLaury, Omokawa, Rafael, Ryan, Sevilla, Tacey Willis **[23]**

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Introducers: Jerrin Lawi-an, Senator of the Colleges of Arts & Sciences; Maggie Hinshaw, Senator of the Colleges of Arts & Science; Sean Mitsui, Senator-at-Large; Roxie-Anne Kamoshida, Vice-President; Grant Takara, Treasurer; Lauren Tagaban, Secretary; Sierra Callihan, Senator-at-Large; Todd Simeroth, Senator of the Colleges of Arts & Science

