

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
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General Senate Meeting #20 of the 102nd Senate
Wednesday, January 14, 2014

OPENING

Call to Order

President Nishihara called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present:	President Nishihara, Vice-President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Senators Borge, Callihan, Coria, Dela Cruz, Garma, Kamakea, Kamoshida, Kwon, Lawi-An, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Schulz, Shon, Uyeda, Wainwright [25]
Excused Absent:	Senator-at-Large Onishi [1]
Unexcused Absent:	[0]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	Senator Sanchez [1]
Excused Early Departure:	Senator-at-Large Omokawa, Bui Pham, Candelario, Zhang [4]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	Bonnyjean Manini [1]
Guests:	[0]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Senator-at-Large Lee Motion to accept GSMM #19.
Senator Kamoshida Second.
Motion Carries.

Vice President Zakimi Motion to change all grammatical and typographical errors.
Senator Shon Second.
Motion Carries.
Motion Carries.

Official Correspondence

REPORTS

Executive

President

- a. PM #21 Regarding Standing Committee Appointments

Senator Kamoshida Motion accept PM #21.

Senator Oshiro Second.

Senator Oshiro Motion to move Senator Mandado from Campus Life to Investments.

Senator Mandado Second.

Motion Carries.

- b. Future Caucus

President Nishihara They will be having their next meeting this Friday. Also, I sent out an email a couple days ago in regards to those senators who are graduating or not returning to ASUH. Please let me know.

Vice President

Vice President Zakimi

Welcome back! We have a workshop next week Tuesday from 5 pm – 8 pm followed by an optional movie night.

Treasurer

Treasurer Takara

Happy New Year everyone! December stipends are being processed.

Secretary

Secretary Belisario

No report.

Advisor

Advisor Manini

No report.

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Oshiro

Happy New Year everybody! We will be meeting on Thursday, January 22. I've also set meetings for the rest of the semester.

Senator Borge

We will be having a blood drive on January 23rd and we will be tabling tomorrow and Friday. Please sign up to table. Our sub-committee meeting will be this Friday.

Senator Callihan

Tabling will be in 30 minute increments. Please help if you are available.

Elections

- a. School of

Chairperson Kwon

I will be sending out an email. We will be going over the special elections packet again.

External Affairs

Chairperson Nguyen

Welcome back everyone! Thank you for coming out to the NSO resource fair. If you can make it out to this Friday to the Future Caucus, please do. On January 21, it's Opening Day. I would like a group of us to go down and meet with the new elected representatives and senators. For Chairs and Vice-Chairs, we are looking into using Ka Leo ads to promote your committees. We will be reaching out to you in regards to that.

Finance

Chairperson Kawagishi The Finance Committee has officially put up the RIO Funding applications and the RIO Funding calendar. On Friday at 5:00 pm, we will be hosting an RIO Funding workshop. I will be sending out a Doodle to my committee to meet.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Schulz If my committee can email me their schedule by this Friday, that would be awesome. I'd like to host a meeting soon. Welcome back!

Investments and Long-Range Planning

Chairperson Lee We are currently working on getting new advisors. I will be scheduling a meeting in the next two weeks so please answer the Doodle I will be sending out tonight and Happy New Year!

Student Affairs

Chairperson Mandado Happy New Year everyone! I will be scheduling a meeting in the next couple weeks. We will be sending out two resolutions on divesting fossil fuels and gender-neutral bathrooms. Some of the state legislatures are in support of divesting in fossil fuels. I also think the special order for the UPASS resolution should go to my committee first.

Advisor Manini For the UPASS, the committee had UPASS for over a semester and it's a very time sensitive issue and that's why it's a special order. There's no time for it to be routed back to the committee.

Undergraduate and Academic Affairs

Vice-Chairperson Tagaban We have a meeting next week Monday. Look out for an email.

Senator Schulz Motion to accept Fall 2014 Scholarship Awardee List
Senator Kamoshida Second.
Motion Carries.

SPECIAL ORDERS

a. SR 12-15: To In Support of a U-PASS Student Fee for Fall 2015-Spring 2017

Vice-President Zakimi Motion to accept SR 12-15.
Senator Mitsui Second.

Senator Mitsui It's being special ordered because it's a time sensitive issue. This fee is a mandatory fee and we have to pass this resolution as soon as possible.

Roll Call:

Senator Shon Motion to accept SB 28-15.
Senator Mitsui Second.

Senator Mitsui We've had a lot of discussion with the City. They want to increase the rate to \$50 then \$75. We got another \$30 extension and we came up with a compromise with the City to increase the fee to \$40 then \$50. Motion to add in the 5th WHEREAS, "in the Spring Semester," strike "have," strike "pilot" in the 7th WHEREAS, add "new 2-year contract" on the first WHEREAS on the second page, add "about" on the third WHEREAS on the second page, and strike "pilot" and change to "UPASS" in the BE IT RESOLVED.

Senator Nguyen Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Mitsui Motion to fix all grammatical and typographical errors.

- Senator Nguyen* Second.
Motion Carries.
- Senator Mandado* Did the City request a resolution?
- Advisor Manini* You can't get a change of a fee without a resolution to the Board of Regents.
- Senator Mandado* My committee wants to do another survey asking students what they want to pay for the UPASS.
- Advisor Manini* This has been delayed far too long. It is the Student Affairs Committee's responsibility which Chairperson Mandado leads. I'm at the point where if you delay this any longer, you will lose it. There was a survey that was done a year ago when Cassandra was chair and that is the only survey we have that is valid. If the Student Affairs Committee wanted to do a survey this year, you should've done a survey in the Fall Semester. We need to get this through the BOR meeting in March if you want to push for it because the financial aid packaging gets done in February/March. This request has to be approved from the fee committee, and the president. We had a difficult time keeping the fee at \$30 for last semester and if there's going to be angry students, there will be angry students at ASUH.
- Senator Mitsui* I also thought that the survey we took a year ago is optimal. There has been discussion that the City has criticized our survey. Our survey is sufficient information to use because as you go on the graph with the chart, students are not willing to pay more than \$50 and thought the UPASS is useful.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye(s): Vice-President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Garma, Kamakea, Kamoshida, Kwon, Lawi-An, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Schulz, Shon, Uyeda, Wainwright Zhang [27]

Nay(s): Senator Mandado [1]

Abstain: [0]

- b. SR 13-15
- Senator Nguyen* Motion to bring SR 13-15 to the floor.
Senator Schulz Second.
- Senator Schulz* This is a resolution to add a voting student member on the BOR. In the resolution, we outline terms. We would not be adding a student to the BOR, we would be taking away a senator-at-large position. The total number of regents would remain 15. We believe that more perspective should be represented in the BOR.
- Senator Nguyen* The selection process stays with the RCAC committee. This specific new regent replaces an at-large regent.

ROLL CALL:

- Senator Schulz* Motion to accept SR 13-15.
Senator Nguyen Second.
- Senator Schulz* The reason why this is being special ordered is because next week is Opening Day and we would like to use this resolution to talk to senators and representatives about.
- President Nishihara* This has been brought up to the legislatures.

- Senator Nguyen* Could you clarify the three points Ron, Sarah, and Michelle discussed at the meeting?
- President Nishihara* I spoke to the GSO president and West-Oahu president and they brought up those points. I don't fully agree with what has been discussed. What is the first point you would like me to clarify?
- Senator Nguyen* What was the overall discussion?
- President Nishihara* The main point is that they just wanted to get their representation in. I didn't agree to have an undergraduate, graduate, and faculty member. Another process discussed is how the student regent is chosen. RCAC is a committee that appoints the regents. That's how it is right now. How they want to do it is Future Caucus makes a list and sends it to RCAC. Future Caucus decides who meets the criteria and sends it onto RCAC to choose. I don't like this process.
- Senator Schulz* Motion to fix all grammatical and typographical errors.
Senator Nguyen Second.
Motion Carries.
- President Nishihara* If you're wondering about why the faculty is lobbying for two faculty positions, they argued that the university faculty and community college faculty have different perspectives. They are hoping for one research professor and the other be an undergraduate instructor.
- Senator Mandado* Have you talked to any legislatures that support this specific idea?
- Senator Schulz* We are giving our own perspective on what we think is best. It doesn't align with any of the bills and resolutions. Our job is to see what we think fits for our student body. There is nothing like this in the legislature right now.
- Senator Shon* Based off of our last meeting and now, there's a rush for this resolution. Why are we not standing on the position for four counties?
- Senator Schulz* We thought it was complicated to structure the BOR. The main thing we were worried about is that if we go up to them and ask for four student members, they would ask us where would they come from and who would pay for their airfare. We don't have to agree with what the GSO president says. She has her own agenda.
- President Nishihara* Having the time to talk to the legislatures, they really are looking out for our best interest. They are not being affected by it. They want to know our concerns.
- Senator Mandado* I would rather have more than two student members.
- Senator Schulz* Asking for four is not a good idea. If we're going to add more people means more money.
- Senator Nguyen* The main points we are discussing here are 1) the number and type of regents we want on the board 2) the selection process of these regents 3) do we want to keep the BOR members at 15 or increase that. My main issue with requesting 4 student members is that it will impede on the 2 requested members from faculty. The next position is in regards to RCAC. The third point was brought up by Senator Schulz. It's to keep the budget low. A few concerns is that if we come up with something drastically different from what GSO

and faculty has, then it will not look good for unity when we go down to the state legislature.

Senator Uyeda What is the problem with having two voting members and two non-voting members to sit on the board for student representation.

Advisor Manini Cost when you have to shuttle them around. For the introducers, have you looked at our peer institutions and see how big their boards are? Asking for a lot may seem strategic but it may seem naïve. I'm curious to that extent.

Senator Schulz Martin and I looked at how big these boards can get. The UC BOR has a huge BOR.

Senator Nguyen The UC BOR has two student members, one voting and one non-voting. Their BOR consists of 26 members and they do have faculty that sit on the board as well. Personally, two student members is a safe number to ask.

Senator Uyeda Wouldn't it be smart and say that we want 4 members? That 2 members be voting members and 2 non-voting members? It's not naïve for us to say that because we understand how this will work.

Senator Schulz Legislatures look at budget and it comes off as a bit naïve because we are spending more money.

Senator Shon Our BOR is the voice for every student at UH. You are looking at students who are not here and are stretched abroad. 2 members is not enough to represent 59,000 students. It was stated that the student regent is overwhelmed. I don't think it's that expensive to send our representatives to meetings because they don't meet often. I just hope that ASUH can be more courageous in what we ask for and make huge impacts and change and not be scared of faculty or legislatures.

Senator Schulz Personally, I don't agree with adding two voting members. If you would like to change the language and stagger it, then I'm all for that. I just want more student representation.

Senator Nguyen In system size, the UC BOR has only one voting student member and they represent about 230,000 students. If we're asking for two voting student regents is relatively courageous for us to do so. I am open to adding non-voting student members but it will take a more complex language to weave them in.

Senator Uyeda Motion to call the question.
Senator Kwon Second.

Senator Nguyen So we are not editing at all?

Senator Uyeda I withdraw my motion.

Senator Shon Motion to call for a 5-minute recess.
Senator Schulz Second.
Motion Carries

ROLL CALL:

Aye(s): President Nishihara, Vice-President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Garma, Kamakea, Kamoshida, Kwon, Lawi-An, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Schulz, Shon, Uyeda, Wainwright Zhang [28]

Nay(s): Senator Mandado [1]

Abstain: [0]

Motion carries.

Senator Nguyen

Motion to strike “represents” and replace it with “provides the perspective of” in the 5th WHEREAS, strike “the 15 total members” and replace it with “a mutual number in regards to operations and expenses” in the 4th WHEREAS, strike “recommend that the additional one student regent... of which” and replaces it with “recognizes that the addition of one voice student member and will allow the increase of student representation on the board” in the 5th BE IT RESOLVED.

Senator Schulz

Second.

Senator Uyeda

Motion to call the question.

Senator Garma

Second.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye(s): Vice-President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Senators Borge, Callihan, Coria, Dela Cruz, Garma, Kamakea, Kamoshida, Lawi-An, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Schulz, Shon, Uyeda, Wainwright [22]

Nay(s): Senators Kwon. Mandado [2]

Abstain: [0]

Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

President Nishihara

Opening Day is on January 21st. Please let me know if you are interested in going.

Senator Kawagishi

Kelly has been working on putting an actual resolution and bill tracker in the ASUH office. If you're working on something and just want people to know what you're working on, please write it on the white board wall.

CLOSING

Adjournment

Senator Schulz

Motion to Adjourn.

Senator Kwon

Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassandra Belisario
Secretary, 102nd Senate