

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII' I AT MĀNOA
2465 Campus Road, Campus Center Room 211A
Honolulu, Hawaii' i 96822

General Senate Meeting #3 of the 98th Senate
Wednesday, June 9, 2010

OPENING

Call to Order

Center 220.

President Itsuno called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm in Campus

Roll Call

Present:

President Itsuno, Vice President Koethe, Interim-Treasurer Tabalno,
Senators-at-Large Millett and Phillips, Senators Chik, Fallon, and Linden.
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Excused Absent:

Secretary Pitts. [1]

Unexcused Absent:

Senator-at-Large Tsuneyoshi and Senator Pirsig. [2]

Excused Late:

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Unexcused Late:

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Excused Early Departure:

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Unexcused Early Departure:

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Advisor:

Advisor Manini [1]

On Leave:

Treasurer Beets, Senators Inouye and Wilbur. [3]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Vice President Koethe:

Motion to approve General Senate Meeting Minutes #1.

Interim-Treasurer Tabalno:

Second.

Motion is passed viva voce.

Vice President Koethe:

Motion to fix all typographical errors.

Senator Phillips:

Second.

Motion passes viva voce.

Senator Phillips:

Motion to approve General Senate Meeting Minutes #2.

Vice President Koethe:

Second.

Motion passes viva voce.

REPORTS

Executive

President

President Itsuno:

Today we have guests, Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw, Vice Chancellor Francisco Hernandez, and Athletic Director Jim Donovan they are all here to talk about the athletic fee.

Chancellor Hinshaw:

We here tonight to talk to you all at ASUH to get your input. The topic today is the proposed student athletic fee. ASUH has voted against it. I wanted to tell you why I am moving this forward to the BOR. It will not only benefit the University and campus and the state of Hawaii. It will be an important to connection to the community. A way for people to enter into our world. Attending events can be a good social interaction, and I feel the same way about the arts. I want to see the program being stable for success. I have never viewed student fees as the sole solution, but I want it to be physically stable. I asked for student affairs help and Donovan to work on the plan.

Athletic Director Donovan:

It is really exciting softball and baseball with their runs in NCAA finals have brought a lot more attention to the University of Hawaii, as well as Amber Kauffmann with track. The proposed fee will be \$50 fee a semester and all students will be able to benefit from it. The fee will pay for Scholarships, travel expenses, and other things all for students. None of the money will go for compensating the staff. We need the support right now. We can throw an event like a concert all that would be decided by a committee. The committee will be made up from students from other groups like ASUH, SAPFB, etc. The seats etc. that will be assigned to students will be in worth of the 2 million dollars. There are only eight schools in the U.S. do not have an athletic fee. We are an important connection for the students and the University. From a lot of people I have talked to people remember more about sporting events they remember then the classes they took. We are very visible and will help us become more successful.

- Senator Cheng:* Would there be other ways that these things would be covered?
Would there be other ways that we made sure student athletes got this?
- Athletic Director Donovan:* We are not looking at this to fix out any current problems. And we will make sure that these that are generated will be directly to students.
- Senator Cheng:* Would there be cuts to scholarships?
- Athletic Director Donovan:* No, but we are going in the but we are in a deficit and would go toward increasing scholarships.
- Chancellor Hinshaw:* I make them take a cut as well when we were doing budget cuts.
- Athletic Director Donovan:* Administration positions took a 12% pay cut and we made sure that there was no sports cut.
- Interim-Treasurer Tabalno:* The benefits to the students will be the 100,000 dollars to the student committee, student admissions, and concert. What are the other benefits?

- Athletic Director Donovan:* This is not any different from other ones we have heard of.
- Interim-Treasurer Tabalno:* The committee will have full recommendations for the use of the money?
- Athletic Director Donovan:* Yes, but there will be someone on the committee to make sure that they are spending within the rules.
- Senator Fallon:* What is the difference? Will this be added to the budget or on the side?
- Athletic Director Donovan:* It will be separate. It will not go into the main budget that pays for coaches, etc.
- President Itsuno:* How has the current deficit been paid?
- Athletic Director Donovan:* We have borrowed from the UH treasuries plus interest.
- President Itsuno:* Will there be more access to athletic facilities?
- Athletic Director Donovan:* We are open to talking about this, but we just have to look into the wear and tear of the facilities towards the cost of keeping them open.
- Senator Linden:* I would just like to make a note that this is the exact same proposal as last year except the specific numbers of \$100,000 being used towards activities.
- Asst Athletic Director Clapp:* The concert was added from other meetings.
- Senator Linden:* I was a part of the Campus Fee Advisory committee and they made comments that were not incorporated whatsoever in this proposal. Why was any of that not incorporated yet this is still being pushed through?
- Chancellor Hinshaw:* I thought that it was mostly done in the value.
- Senator Phillips:* In the e-mail you sent out you said that no other options when there were other options presented.
- Chancellor Hinshaw:* Those were not a workable solution. They have to do their business.
- Davin from the Ka Leo:* Athletics have been running a deficit since fiscal year 2002 and paying benefits.
- Athletic Director Donovan:* That is a misrepresentation. None of the expenses are out line especially when we are compared to our peers. We also have many more athletic programs then other schools.
- Chancellor Hinshaw:* A lot of programs do not have to deal with the travel expenses or the stadium not being our stadium.

- Interim-Treasurer Tabalno:* I think that most of the opposition is coming from CSOs because they feel like that none of what they said was taken in to consideration. What other things have you put in that are tangible?
- Chancellor Hinshaw:* We were most concerned about student involvement.
- Vice President Koethe:* For the UPASS initiative there had to be student support. Has athletics done that?
- Athletic Director Donovan:* We can't recall that it was done.
- Senator Fallon:* Like a survey that demonstrates student support?
- Athletic Director Donovan:* No we haven't done a survey.
- Vice President Koethe:* Well just wondering too of the \$10,000 bonuses going to the baseball and softball. There is more money going out but we are in a deficit?
- Athletic Director Donovan:* Actually, I think this is a good thing. We want them to do well so the programs get more exposure and it actually is better too, because then their pay level is not rising.
- Chancellor Hinshaw:* When we worked on UPASS student approval was necessary.
- UH Regent Dahilig:* There is no board policy to look at student response.
- Senator Cheng:* Classes are being cut and students are having a hard time paying tuition. Why in 2011? Why athletics over other departments?
- Chancellor Hinshaw:* I work on the dire need to raise money and that is my focus. I think UH put in a gradual increase in tuition so that it is not so drastic. This was a reasonable fee in place. I do not view it as separate from the University. We are starting to recover. We have to address the hole.

Interim-Treasurer Tabalno: We appreciate you all coming in to talk to us. It was stated that the BOR does not have to listen to students. Why mentioned?

UH Regent Dahilig: The Vice President was at the time talking about student surveys. To clarify that student approval is not directly needed to pass anything at the board, it is taken in to consideration though.

Senator Linden: Proceeds from football and basketball go down. If we pass this it will continue for the deficit to go down?

Athletic Director Donovan: This is not to take care of the deficit.

Interim-Treasurer Tabalno: The seats are not so good on all of the ones that you are offering?

Athletic Director Donovan: We are open to negotiation on that.

Vice President Koethe: Why is this not going to happen in the fall that way so it can incorporate the football season as well?

Athletic Director Donovan: I would be willing to approve that. Except the USC football game.

Vice President Koethe: Do you see the fee rising in the future?

Athletic Director Donovan: No, I would not say that. Not in the near future.

Davin from Ka Leo: Why is the fee being pushed through now, why can't it wait?

Chancellor Hinshaw: We have to get it ready to go through financial aid etc.

Senator Linden: Would you be willing to do a two step process seen through by the BOR where both sides met an agreement and compromised?

Chancellor Hinshaw: I am not willing to postpone indefinitely the fee, because we will be addressing more then just the fiscal problem.

Senator Linden: It is just that all student groups are against it except one and that is a big deal. But it would be an agreement for all that would be coherent for all groups.

Vice Chancellor Hernandez: We are open to more subsequent talks about the plan to deal with issues.

Senator Phillips: Will this before?

Vice Chancellor Hernandez: Yes, we will make something that is more applicable.

Senator Linden: If all these parties reject it is the Chancellor still taking it to the BOR?

Vice Chancellor Hernandez: The Chancellor is going to move forward with this agenda. We will discuss what we will do while you continue with your agenda.

Senator Phillips: **Motion to accept the Standing Committee report.**
Senator Chik: **Second.**
Motion Passes viva voce.

Senator Phillips: **Motion to add the names Anna Koethe and Steve Phillips to
Presidential
Message#5 and accept.**
Vice President Koethe: **Second.**
Motion passes viva voce.

President Itsuno: Senator Chik and I were at the black card meeting. It was interesting presentation. Vice President Koethe and I met with Henry Cheng about the UPASS. I will delegate that to the Student Affairs Committee to keep up to date with it.

Vice President

Vice President Koethe: I am working with NSO and Manoa Move-in to get us involved and get our face out there. It seems like everyone wants to work in the morning because it is cooler. That is it for now and I am working on getting the binders set up by the next general meeting. And we will do in depth training sessions.

Advisor Manini: Make sure that the rules are the correct ones that have been revised.

Treasurer

Interim-Treasurer Tabalno: All the stipends are in now. It will take 4-6 weeks and hope it is done quickly. The 98th stipends will be posted and when the memo has been reviewed, I will finish it. Logs were not filled in for all the meetings. Be sure that your committees are filling the attendance. We can't get our work done if they are not updated.

Vice President Koethe: I forgot to mention I would also like the chairs to meet with their committees and have goals decided upon and e-mail them to me.

Secretary

Senator Millett: I am not the secretary so if she is not here e-mail the office or the Vice President or the President if you are not going to be here.

Advisor's Report

Advisor Manini: An e-mail was sent out to all of you about the UPASS survey from Kiara. Who will take charge of all the things that need to be worked on here for the UPASS? So we also know who we should contact.

President Itsuno: The Student Affairs Committee will take that task on.

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Phillips: We are going to have a meeting with Activities Council to work on the Homecoming events.

Elections

Chairperson Fallon: No report.

External Affairs

Chairperson Chik: Let me know ideas to work on for the bulletin board or anything.

Finance and Investments

Chairperson Linden: We will see about the budget and the business cards so everyone can get those.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Tsuneyoshi: No report, not present.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Millett: We will have a meeting next week.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Vice Chairperson Philips: We are working on the cost of books and working to get books and other things on STAR.

New Business

Interim-Treasurer Tabalno: **Motion to amend SCR 01-11 to say on the date everywhere June 9, 2010.**

Senator Phillips: **Second.**
Motion passes viva voce.

Vice President Koethe: **Motion to change submitted 8/07/09 to 6/09/10.**

Senator Phillips: **Second.**
Motion passes viva voce.

Senator Phillips: **Motion to accept SCR 01-11.**

Vice President Koethe: **Second.**
Motion passes viva voce.

President Itsuno: Finance and Investments was going over this and made sure that scholarships and things like that were not cut.

Senator Chik: Chairperson Linden told us to be vigilant this year as to what account number is used and that they should end in one.

Senator Phillips: **Motion to accept Senate Bill 01-11.**

Senator Linden: **Second.**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Vice President Koethe, Interim-Treasurer Tabalno, Senators-at-Large Millett and Phillips, Senators Chik, Fallon, and Linden.[7]
Nays:[0]
Abstentions:[0]
Motion passes by roll call vote.

OPEN FORUM

Vice Chancellor Hernandez: We want to have a meeting on the 14th to talk about everything discussed tonight and work on a plan. Does that day work?

Senator Linden: I feel like ASUH can remain opposed to it and still be working on it.

Vice Chancellor Hernandez: The Chancellor knows that you oppose the fee but there should be discussion and structured dialogue.

Advisor Manini: It would say the specifics would be at a later time?

Vice Chancellor Hernandez: Yes.

President Itsuno: So meeting Monday at 6 pm.

Senator Chik: Let's meet before hand to think about what we will discuss at the meeting.

CLOSING

Adjournment

Vice President Koethe:
Senator Phillips:

Motion to adjourn.
Second.
Motion passed viva voce with no objections.
Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.