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Executive Senate Meeting #8 of the 108th Senate
Wednesday, September 9th, 2020
Zoom

OPENING
Call to Order

President Albano called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM on Zoom.

Roll Call

Present:	[9]	President Albano Vice President Kim Treasurer Oshiro Secretary Gogue SAL: Anuszezwska, Bowersmith, Kaeo, Senator: Chua, Columbres,
Excused Absent:	[2]	Senator Seals, Senator Keim
Unexcused Absent:	[1]	Senator Regaspi
Excused Late:	[0]	
Unexcused Late:	[0]	
Excused Early Departure:	[0]	
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]	
On Leave:	[0]	
Advisor:	[1]	Advisor Manini
Guests:	[1]	Senator Hokama-Paris

Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes #07, 108th Senate - August 26th, 2020

Vice President Kim Motion to accept the reading and approval of minutes for Executive Committee Minutes #07 of the 108th Senate.

Senator Columbres Second.
Vote was unanimously in favor; Motion carries.

SAL Anuszezwska Motion to approve Executive Committee Minutes #07 of the 108th Senate.

APPROVED BY THE 108TH SENATE THE 23RD OF SEPTEMBER 2020

Vice President Kim

Second.

Vote was unanimously in favor; Motion carries.

The minutes of Executive Committee Meeting #07 with amendments was approved.

Official Correspondence

REPORTS

Executive

President

Executive Officers Email Accounts

President Albano

The first thing on my report is so we have created, well the office staff and Healani have created email accounts for the four officers. This is particularly so that on the website and on social media, when students want to communicate with us, rather than providing everyone's personal hawaii.edu email address there's an email to contact and also this can help alleviate and compartmentalize ASUH matters for the four Executive officers. As I know I'm sure there's a lot of emails coming in through for them and myself included. From here on we will be trying to use this as much as possible for communication with the Senate. I wanted to ask for the other three, did you get the login information and were you able to login in to it?

Vice President Kim

I have logged in.

Secretary Gogue

I was able to login to it.

Treasurer Oshiro

I haven't tried yet! But I received the login info.

President Albano

So yeah I just wanted to clarify that we will be trying to use this as our way of communicating. When you're CCing people if you could CC these email addresses also depending on the nature of the email. I will also be sending out agendas and things from this email starting next week. If anything you can also CC our personal ones just in case if that makes the transition a little bit easier. I just wanted to let everyone know that these emails were created, and we're going to start using these from here on out.

Email Blast Announcements

President Albano

I wanted to talk more about email blast announcements since I think I'm sure we're going to be having more and utilizing this a lot more with the virtual capacity. Included in the agenda, I made a doc that's also in the shared drive. With some ways to make an email blast, and so for the committee chairpersons when you want to, just draft your email announcement. Please include a subject line. I talked to Dan Meisenzahl who is the director of the UH Communications and they are also willing to help if you need help with the subject line if you

need help with that too. Please once you draft it and finalize your email, if you can go ahead and send it to my email. I'm going to highlight this part here, please be sure to CC Advisor Manini and external affairs chairperson Chua, so we're in the loop and we know that an announcement is kind of coming through. I'll give them some time to provide feedback so we're all in the loop. Since I have the list of people to send the announcement to then I will go ahead and send it to them. If you have any questions let me know. I want to make this clear just so we have procedures for putting in email announcements and requests.

Leadership Kickoff Debrief

President Albano

As I kind of talked about in my email. I wanted to take some time to talk about the leadership kickoff and debrief a little bit. I want to say mahalo to those who were able to attend. I thought that we had some really fantastic conversation, so I wanted to take some time to have a little conversation to debrief a little if anyone wants to share some feedback or anything. Then we can talk about the potential ad-hoc committees and discussions that we had. I will kind of open up the floor if anyone has anything that they want to share.

Senator Chua

I really enjoyed it, I left feeling kind of re-energized especially with starting and possibly doing the whole semester and maybe year online. I definitely felt moments of feeling discouraged or just like how are we going to handle this. I really enjoyed the discussions that we had and I am really grateful for the planning team for coming up with it, and I think that it was a good way to build community. I look forward to more senate leadership kind of things throughout the year.

Treasurer Oshiro

I also greatly enjoyed the kick off and I wanted to say thank you to President Albano for being such an excellent leader and facilitator and thank you for helping organize the whole shebang. Also thank you to all the presenters. I felt like this was a leadership kickoff and I've been to quite a few, but I feel like I learned the most on this one. We had a lot of engaging discussion, and I felt like the material we focused on especially regarding interpersonal communication and activism versus advocacy was very applicable. Special shout out to Anna for facilitating that.

President Albano

I couldn't agree more. Thank you so much to the planning team for helping out with that. I think we had some really engaging and good material.

SAL Kaeo

I just wanted to say that even though I only attended the first day, I think the best part that I enjoyed about the leadership kickoff was getting to know everyone. Everytime I become a new member of a club or organization, I enjoy getting to know people and who I am working with, so I think that was my favorite part. Props to whoever came up with those icebreaker questions. I'm happy that I got to know some of you guys more because we're just interacting through a screen. I'm glad I got to know some of you guys. I hope to learn more

about everyone else in the meantime.

President Albano

I wanted to bring up that I think we had some really great conversations. The first day was talking about getting to know each other and kind of learning about what we each bring to the table. I wanted to thank Vice President Kim for facilitating a really great conversation about the importance of our identities and the ways in which we go about the world and how we can bring that into this space. I hope for everyone if you weren't able to attend, that we take time to reflect also on your experiences, your passions, your interests and how you hope to bring that to the Senate. You can even share this with your committee members about how their passions and interests tie into the work that we can potentially do. We had some great conversations about initiatives which we can integrate with different committees. I just wanted to say thank you so much to all the presenters and those who helped out with planning. I think it was a really successful event.

What I think was really special about the second day was that we had a special guest. BOR Regent Acoba attended our meeting along with Advisor Manini to talk a little bit about the history of ASUH. I know Advisor Manini talked to me about having more of these discussions throughout the year, so don't worry if you weren't able to check that part out because I know Advisor Manini will be working to plan more bringing in guests to have discussions about the history of ASUH and how that connects to us forging our way this year. I think it was a great event and again thank you to everyone who was able to be a part of that

Potential Ad-Hoc Committees

President Albano

The next thing I wanted to talk about is potential ad-hoc committees. I had the opportunity to kind of write down some things about different initiatives that we want to work on. I also wanted to give a little bit of time based on the conversations that we had, if anyone felt compelled to or if you want to bring up any initiatives that you feel we could potentially create into ad-hoc committees. Also if anyone wants to bring or share their mana'o on this. I'll open it up first before I talk about some ideas.

I'll go ahead and share first. I wrote down a lot of initiatives that we talked about on Sunday and I know they are not representative of the entire Senate, so next week I will try to gauge the entire Senate to kind of see where we want to create potential ad-hoc committees.

Here are some things that are common things that I kind of got from the discussion on Sunday about identifying initiatives. Definitely I would say mental health funding and access is something that was pretty common that Senate members expressed interest in. I'm kind of thinking about creating a COVID-19 task force committee of some sort because I know there were conversations about sanitation access. Sanitary products access on campus, tuition and things

related to online classes. Educational and other resources for our constituents on COVID-19 like navigating this situation and uplifting them and helping them. Those two were the main things also sustainability was something that a lot of Senators were interested in. Particularly questions of policy, I know we had a ad-hoc committee last year on sustainability so possibly continuing that work. Another conversation that was interesting and brought up was the whole conversation about, and I think other people other than myself were interested in this like amplifying questions around racial justice, amplifying people from Native Hawaiian and people from Oceania Pacifica communities. Those were what I wanted to share about ideas we had based on initiatives given. If anyone wants to add anything else about initiatives please feel free to.

SAL Bowersmith

I love all of those and it just reminded me that we talked about all these possible initiatives during the kickoff on Sunday. I remember something in the slideshow said something about condensing these ideas into broader categories. I kind of wrote down four main broad categories. I don't know if we got into discussion about it. I wrote down four main broad categories that encompassed what we talked about. I wrote down; affordability, diversity and representation, sustainability, student care and resources which would include mental health. That's all.

President Albano

Thank you for sharing that I really appreciate that. I think that that really sums up very well in terms of the broader categories. Those are great ways to articulate that.

Senator Chua

I just wanted to echo what Donovan said. I love those categories. They are not too broad where it becomes too big but they are specific enough that we can work towards concrete goals, so I love those. Great job Hannah.

President Albano

I think what's good about making and creating these four sort of broad ad-hoc committees is that they are broad enough that different tasks and initiatives that are more small can go under that. I think with different conversations that we had that we can kind of bring those different initiatives into those conversations. Thank you so much I think those are great ideas and very fitting.

Vice President Kim

One thing that I discussed with President Albano earlier was the utilization of Student Affairs and Undergraduate Academic Affairs to have office hours during which students especially freshman that are new to UH and not familiar with how the UH system works. So they can ask questions and we can provide them with the resources they need.

President Albano

Thank you Vice President Kim, we briefly touched upon that.

Advisor Manini

I think with an idea like that it is important, but I don't know if assigning it to committees is necessarily how to approach it because the committee wouldn't necessarily be made up of the most experienced senators who would have the knowledge perhaps to answer or help students who are seeking more information. If a lot of the people in the committee are freshman senators, they may not feel like they really can take the inquiries. So they would need to follow

up with more experienced senators. Do keep that in mind if we do sort of like promote something along those lines, and it ends up being that freshman or transfer students are being asked a lot of questions that newer senate members would not know how to navigate UH as easily as those who have been in ASUH for a while.

Vice President Kim

I meant more so to have those committees lead it and charge the discussion on it. Also to help out with the scheduling than them being the ones in the office hours.

Vice President

Vice President Kim

I have recently just gotten my bearings with all of my classes. I will be sure to contact advisor Manini to set up a meeting and discuss my role and see how we can take it from this point forward during these special times.

Treasurer

Awards for Service Memo - July 2020

Treasurer Oshiro

So today we have the awards for service memo for July. I think according to the rules the only thing we can do as the Executive Committee looking at this is deny somebody their award for service if they received it. If some reason you see someone got an award for service and you have some kind of objection please let it be known now.

Secretary

Secretary Gogue

No report.

Administrative

Advisor Manini

No report

Judicial Branch

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Vice-Chair Hokana-Paris

Our Progress

-Waiting for Art from Bobby

Idea of what were gonna say in the post:

“Hi Rainbow Warrior, Campus Life is doing a design contest. This contest will allow you guys to show your school spirit and your creative mind. Submit your art for a chance to have your artwork put on the shirts that will represent this school year. Campus life will judge all artwork and decide which artwork best displays our theme. Please submit all art before the submission due date(see down below”

-Theme: Unity/Ocean, Moananuiākea,

-Submission Date:

Our Plans

-Meet addressing

- i.Plans to post contest and rules
- i.Google Form

Issues

-Just a question: How do We send our google form to the student body?

Advisor Manini

If anyone in ASUH ever feels like you're doing something that needs to go to the whole student body, you can work with Donovan to create an email. Then it can be sent to Dan Meisenzahl who oversees communications, and he can send it from the UH announce system. The only thing about the announce system is that you cannot add attachments, but if you are just putting the link in the text it should not be a problem. If you need anybody to review the email just to be sure it makes sense, I'll be happy to help you all do that for whatever reasons you might have for sending it through the UH announce system. With the UH announce system you will need to specify an audience because what they do is send it to a specific audience. What you would be able to do is in terms of putting Manoa undergrads for your target audience

President Albano

Thank you advisor Manini. I appreciate that. Also to go back to my report, I did talk a little bit about you know blast announcements, there are some procedures in there. Advisor Manini if it's okay with you I included if they could CC you also, so you're kept in the loop with that. But yeah there's some information on there. Let me know if you have any questions.

Elections

Chairperson Columbres

Our Progress

- Meeting this Friday
 - I. Finalize presentation slides
- Debating whether or not to continue the Senator takeover
 - I. only one senator showed interest

Our Plans

- Voter Turnouts

Issues

SAL Bowersmith

I know last year and I think in past years, if we ever did instagram takeovers, the person who wants to do the takeover just assigns it or asks people what questions they would like to do. I know forcing participation isn't the best idea, but a lot of people participated in the past. I think we should just tell people to do it if that's something you want to do.

Chairperson Columbres

Okay yeah, I'll go and ask my committee about that tonight. I think that's better, so we have more people involved in the takeovers. We will try to have that sometime this week because elections are coming up. Thank you!

SAL Bowersmith

Yeah sure! I think when you ask someone directly, it's easier for them to be like oh sure I'll help you out! I'm sure some of us on the committee would be happy to help.

President Albano I just want to reiterate that the application is due Wednesday. They can send it to the ASUH hawaii.edu email. I think some people have shared on their story about it, so please do so. Also ask questions if you have any questions.

SAL Anuszevska For the graphic that we post on our story, should we use what's on Facebook? Or is there a specific one that the committee put out.

Chairperson Columbres I'll double check the one on Facebook. I sent one to Senator Anna today for what we can use to post, but we don't have an official graphic from Bobby it's just a graphic that was made by Senator Kate. I'll double check if that was the graphic that was made by Senator Kate. If it is then you can go ahead and repost that.

External Affairs

Chairperson Chua

Our Progress

-AS(You)H week planning – we have the breakdown!

Our Plans

-AS(You)H Week moved to September 14th to 18th for logistical reasons and to ensure everything is solidified before execution

i. Committee introductions

i. Senator takeovers / Q&As

Issues

-Prize distribution procedure is more complicated than before so we expect delays but will be transparent with students

Miscellaneous

-Take AS(You)H Week as an opportunity to engage students!

-We hope to uplift local/student-run businesses so if you know of any please let us know

Finance

Chairperson Anuszevska

Our Progress

N/A

Our Plans

-Meet with Advisor Healani

-Make and plan RIO funding important dates

Issues

Internal Affairs

President Albano

Our Progress

-Campus Delegate Search Needs:

i. one official member and one alternate for the Academic Grievance Committee

i. three official members of the Search Advisory Committee (preferably majors in Social Work/Public Health)

i. one official member of the General Education Committee

-We Need Six Members in Total (five official one alternate)

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i. this is a great way to get involved with our campus
community, and help with specific issues

Our Plans

SAL Bowersmith

I wanted to emphasize that most of these committees and serving as a delegate on these committees is not a huge time commitment at all, and they are really great ways to get involved.

President Albano

Thank you, I second that.

Investments and Long Range Planning

President Albano

Our Progress

No report

Our Plans

No report

Issues

No report

Student Affairs

Chairperson Kim

Our Progress

No report

Our Plans

No report

Issues

No report

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Bowersmith

Our Progress

-Had an unofficial meeting to plan for Grad Fair Week
I. tentatively October 12th-16th

Our Plans

-Contact Grad Programs
-Continue planning virtual grad fair
-Send email blast for scholarship ads

Issues

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill 02-21 Funding for ASUH Ad in Visitor Guide

President Albano

I would like to refer this to the finance committee

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Senate Bill 04-21 To Appropriate Funding for a Fall 2020 AS(You)H Week

President Albano

I would also like to refer this to the committee on finance

OPEN FORUM

President Albano

With more information that we discussed today, I will send out an email about the ad-hoc committees. I'll just put a reminder about the email blast announcement in a couple of days. If you have any questions let me know.

CLOSING

Adjournment

SAL Anuszevska

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

SAL Kaeo

Second.

Voting unanimously in favor.

Executive Meeting #08 was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mikaelyn Marie Gogue
Secretary, 108th Senate