

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

General Senate Meeting #20 of the 105<sup>th</sup> Senate  
Wednesday, February 14th, 2018

**OPENING**

**Call to Order**

President Dela Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM in CC 310.

**Roll Call**

Present:	President Dela Cruz, Vice President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Dunham, Hortizuela, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Simeona [17]
Excused Absent:	Senator Bonilla, Ikehara, Manabe, Sakamoto, Utashiro, Vargas [6]
Unexcused Absent:	Senators Khlopin, Pasoquen-Castillo, Willis [3]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	Senator Yamada [1]
Excused Early Departure:	Senator Deinla [1]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	Advisor Manini [1]
Guests:	Dr. Joannie Dobbs, Isak Kim [2]

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #19, 105th Senate - January 31st, 2018  
*Senator Willis* Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for GSMM #19.  
*Senator Lee* Second.

*SAL Lao* Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.  
*Senator Ng* Second.  
Motion carries.  
Motion carries.

**Official Correspondence**

a. Dr. Joannie Dobbs, Assistant Specialist For Food Composition and Health Education  
Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences  
*Dr. Joannie Dobbs* We are addressing student hunger here and creating a soup kitchen with a grab and go breakfast, and we have received funding from SAPFB. USDA has a questionnaire for the

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past year about food insecurity. Question 12A is very important which was marked by many students, did not eat for whole day for 3+ months. In the spring right before exams, 558 adequately completed the survey and were not dieting or were just too busy to eat. 50% of the undergrads were food secure but 13% didn't have hunger but the quality was with things like saimin. Severe hunger were 27% of those that submitted. They could write comments and the stories are heartbreaking, not having cooking utilities, 5 students in one bedroom living in cars, things that are not helpful in education. All ethnicities are included, and it affects health. 5 years ago before there was a charge to see me I was seeing a lot of food insecurity. We have an outstanding amount of individuals who are depressed and that does occur with malnutrition. Some people say that they can't hang out with friends because they have no money, and instead say they need to study and it does contribute to anxiety. The average food insecure with hunger was less than \$3 and or less than \$3 for food. Average cost of lunch on campus is over \$7. There are some solutions such as volunteering, food pantries that were brought up that were acceptable for students. Our hardest logistics was places that we could put this. We have a website finding food on campus so that students can find where they can look for food. Our goal right now is to have carts with grab and go food in CTAR, QLC, and am talking with athletics to have it there. Sometimes the athletes might be required having a certain amount of calories but only able to get a certain amount, that is starvation and they are nauseous. In about a few months we are planning about 100-150 carts in 4+ locations. You guys will help a lot in helping to find locations of these carts, and I don't know how important you guys are.

*Senator Simeona*

In the community college we started a food pantry before, so I really like the idea of the mini carts. Is there any plan in place for the mini food pantries?

*Dr. Joannie Dobbs*

I got 4 places that have said yes, I would like to see one in every building on campus. I'm trying to write grants hopefully to get one or two. The idea is to try to build partnerships with everybody.

*SAL Lao*

How much does the food cart cost, and you needed someone to help with finding locations for the carts?

*Dr. Joannie Dobbs*

We have a group that really need it too so we don't want it to make it so that everyone doesn't just go just for free food. The lounge areas would be the perfect place, and since this is for undergraduates I understand it should undergraduates. The next push is to send a box of food and it was things that aren't selling. Part of the reason for obesity for poorer communities were peanut butter, flour, things like that. It was a lot of food, but not the food that was needed. Get a conversation going with people, and I never told one person that I was food insecure because I was so embarrassed.

### **Testimony**

*Isak Kim*

I represent the perception and retention research lab as a lab manager in the department of psychology. The mission and purpose of a lab is to provide undergraduates and graduate students with knowledge and research experience in the field of cognitive science. This year what the lab is planning to host is a cognitive psychology seminar with the title of the art of change blindness and misdirection. People tend to miss the things you see on the side but the things that are right in front of you are the most difficult to see. For example do any of you remember what your bottom right icon on your phone is? Close your eyes. What am I wearing? What does all of this have to do with cognitive psychology, what do magic shows have anything to do with it? We deal with how people make inferences in the world, finding patterns, how individuals can be left astray. The seminar will mess with people's minds and exploit your cognitive blindness with misdirection.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Executive**

#### **President**

- a. UH Student Caucus

- i. Update from January [Link to Update](#)
- ii. UHSC Lobbying Effort *February 16, 2018*
- iii. Next UHSC Meeting: *February 17, 2018*

*President Dela Cruz* The UH student caucus is meeting this Saturday and the lobbying effort will be on Friday at the state capital. Caucus is inviting all the delegates and the alternates, if you are available you are welcome to meet the different legislators. A packet will be sent to those who RSVP-ed on the link to help prepare you about the platform, how to prepare for lobbying and what bills the caucus is following. Please fill out the RSVP form as soon as possible. If you have any questions feel free to text or email me.

b. Mānoa Reorganization - ASUH & GSO Meeting

- i. *Thursday, February 15, 2018 11 am - 12 pm*

*President Dela Cruz* This is mostly for exec members, the Mānoa Reorganization meeting is tomorrow at 11am-12pm with Interim Chancellor Lassner. If you can please attend!

c. Town Halls: Mission, Vision and Values

- i. *Thursday, February 15, from 1:00-3:30 pm*
- ii. *Thursday, March 1, from 1:00-3:30 pm*
- iii. *Tuesday, March 6, from 5:00-7:30 pm*
- iv. RSVP here <http://go.hawaii.edu/1Vf>, email Qs [agoodwin@hawaii.edu](mailto:agoodwin@hawaii.edu)

*President Dela Cruz* There are town halls regarding the mission, vision and values of UH Mānoa led by the school's administrators. This is a good opportunity for us as student government to put ourselves out there. These are the dates in italics there already was one that happened on Monday, I'm planning to attend the one tomorrow. The RSVP link and contact email is provided on the agenda.

d. Update from the Undergraduate Legislative Fellow

*Senator Petersen* HB 2255 relating to college corps hasn't had anything happen since January 26th, but has passed first reading. SB 2328 regarding OER on February 6th the higher ed recommended that it pass with amendment and has not been referred to WAM. HB 1830 is the green special fund and on February 6th it was recommended that it be passed with amendments. SB 2317 and 2318 are the two BOR bills and on January 22nd both passed first reading and was referred to higher ed and judiciary but hasn't made any progress since. SB 2329 is the one relating to tuition cap based on median household income, HB 2089 is the one relating to tuition assistance for the National Guard and both had hearings on February 13th by the higher ed committee. The tuition assistance one was passed without amendments. The tuition cap was passed with amendments. 2316 and 2319 had a hearing this morning, 2316 was passed unamended, 2319 passed amended.

e. PM #23: Relating to UH Mānoa Better Tomorrow Speakers Series Committee

[Link to President's Message #23](#)

*SAL Chen* Move to accept PM #23.

*Senator Simeona* Second.

*President Dela Cruz* This is to appoint Landon Li to the UH Mānoa Better Tomorrow Speaker Series. This committee helps identify speakers for this series as well as for commencement.

Motion carries.

f. General Reminders

- 1. Legislation & Agenda Item Request Deadline: Fridays, 5 pm
- 2. Executive Committee Meeting: February 21, 2018

**Vice President**

*VP Urasaki* If any of you are interested to go to the ASUH caucusing event just let me know, I'll be here until around 9 pm.

**Treasurer**

*Treasurer Hinshaw* Besides the bills that were just passed in the minutes, 39% of our funds are spent-\$71,446.03 left in the general funds accounts.

**Secretary**

*Secretary Ruan* No report.

**Administrative**

a. Advisor

*Advisor Manini* No report.

b. Operations Manager

**Judicial Branch**

a. Student Court

**Standing Committees**

**Campus Life**

*Vice Chair Deinla* No report.

**Elections**

a. Spring General Elections [Calendar](#)

*Senator Ng* Move to accept the spring general elections calendar for 2018.

*SAL Chen* Second.

*SAL Chen* Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.

*Senator Kim* Second.

Motion carries.

*SAL Lao* Internals have taken a look at this, I'm taking a look at it to see if the changes were made. Motion carries.

**External Affairs**

*Chairperson Leval* No report.

**Finance**

*Chairperson Honda* Final reminder that next weekend will be the RIO interviews. Another thing is that there is now information about RIO funding and scholarship applications on facebook, spread the word so that people are aware.

**Internal Affairs**

*Chairperson Lao* Had a meeting yesterday where we approved the nomination for Senator Li to be the delegate for the committee. We have a graphic in the office table, if you could help pass that out during the office hours. We have a rule revision that will be going through the next meeting.

**Investments and Long Range Planning**

*Chairperson Ng* To my committee we have a meeting soon be on the lookout.

**Student Affairs**

*Chairperson Petersen* We had a meeting two weeks ago in which we finished the UPass survey. I attended the Mānoa faculty senate meeting for student affairs and they talked about STAR and how it could improve and how the reorganization by President Lassner is doing.

**Undergraduate Academic Affairs**

*Chairperson Chen* Share the scholarship ads on the official ASUH facebook post if you can, a little bit of money for undergraduates go a long way. UAA will tentatively have a meeting next tuesday at 6 PM.

**Other Committees**

1. "Save Sinclair" Ad-Hoc  
*President Dela Cruz* No report.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

**a. Senate Bill 25-18: Funding for the College of Natural Sciences Residential Learning Program (RLP) Coconut Island Trip**

[Link to SCR 23-18](#)

[Link to Senate Bill 25-18](#)

*SAL Chen* Move to re-accept SB 25-18.

*Senator Ng* Second.

*President Dela Cruz* All applications from the approved SCR are reflected on the bill already.

*SAL Chen* I was working with Advisor Manini and the department to figure out some sort of document so that ASUH would not be liable if anything were to happen. The only thing that was cut off was the food from the bill. They are looking for supplies to attend this trip where they can learn about the organisms on the island. There are roughly 40 students, 15 faculty. The line items are for transportation, and the fees to enter Coconut Island, snorkels would be for educational activities to show them around.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 25-18 WITH AMENDMENTS**

**Aye(s):** Vice President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Deinla, Dunham, Hortizuela, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Simeona [17]

**Naye(s):** [0]

**Abstention(s):** [0]

Measure passes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Senate Bill 27-18: Funding for the Spring Honors Mentorship Workshop**

[Link to SCR 26-18](#)

[Link to Senate Bill 27-18](#)

*SAL Chen* Move to accept SCR 26-18.

*Senator Ng* Second.

*Treasurer Hinshaw* As clarification for the amendment, it was supposed to be the second in the first sentence, since it said to strike "to" but there are two "to"s.

Motion carries.

*Senator Simeona* Move to accept SB 27-18.

*Senator Ng* Second.

*SAL Chen* This is the spring honors mentorship workshop. Last semester we funded the pilot for the workshop where they pair a upper division undergraduate with a lower division undergraduate. They hold a series and a panel open for all students at UH Mānoa to listen to what the speaker has to say. This year's theme is bend and break, like when you are faced with a challenge. We are funding leis for the speakers, parking, and food. They haven't had time for funding and support yet since they are so new. It will be on campus parking, and it is on 12th of March at QLC from 5-7 pm. They can offer tools and advice for students to develop. This will be sent out to all undergraduates to participate.

*SAL Lao* Could you elaborate more on resilience tools?  
*SAL Chen* Part of the last series, they allowed interactions between mentors and mentees as well as members of the committee with the guest speakers where they could offer advice and tools for students to develop. That is what was meant by resilience tools.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 27-18 WITH AMENDMENTS**

**Aye(s):** Vice President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Deinla, Dunham, Hortizuela, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Simeona [16]

**Naye(s):** [0]

**Abstention(s):** SAL Chen [1]

Measure passes.

**b. Senate Bill 28-18: Funding for the 43rd Albert Tester Symposium**

Link to SCR 27-18

*Senator Simeona* Move to accept SCR 27-18.

*SAL Chen* Second.

Motion carries.

[Link to Senate Bill 28-18](#)

*SAL Chen* Move to accept SB 28-18.

*SAL Leval* Second.

*Senator Lee* This bill is to fund for the annual albert tester symposium, hosted by the biology department every year. This gives undergraduates and graduate students the opportunity to present the research they have conducted, and mingle together to talk to people that might not necessarily work in their lab such as professionals or professors.

*SAL Honda* We weren't how the food would be guaranteed to go to just undergraduates.

*SAL Chen* It would be more like light snacks and coffee, and a light bento at the end of the day.

*SAL Chen* Move to add food and food supplies for \$1,000.

*SAL Leval* Second.

*Senator Ng* The main concern is only about how you can make sure this benefits to undergraduates.  
*SAL Chen* The food and food supplies are more so a tool to engage with each other. Most of the attendees are undergraduates and we are looking at 200 attendees per day for 3 days, not including the speakers.

Motion carries.

*SAL Leval* Could SAL Chen clarify promotional items?

*SAL Chen* Promotional items would be t-shirts in support of the tester symposium.

*Treasurer Hinshaw* Move to add to provisions that ID scanners will be added to ensure that the food and food supplies will go to undergraduates.

*VP Urasaki* Second.

*SAL Leval* When we have us funding the food and other people too, it gets a little dicey when we have other people funding it too if we are going to be using the ID scanners.

*SAL Chen* We didn't name who is planning this because we didn't want to make it seem like it is only open to the department of biology, when it is open to all departments.

*SAL Honda* Generally we try not to double dip in funds.

Motion does not pass.

*SAL Chen* Move to add that this event is sponsored by the department of biology, and that it is open to all undergraduate and graduate students to present their research, in the purpose statement after the first line.

*Senator Lee* Second.

Motion carries.

**MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 27-18 WITH AMENDMENTS**

**Aye(s):** Vice President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Dunham, Hortizuela, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Simeona [16]

**Naye(s):** Senator Yamada [1]

**Abstention(s):** [0]

Measure passes.

**c. Senate Bill 30-18: To Appropriate Funding for a UPASS Survey**

*Senator Simeona* Move to accept SCR 28-18.

*Senator Kim* Second.

*SAL Leval* Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.

*Senator Simeona* Second.

Motion carries.

Motion carries.

[Link to Senate Bill 30-18](#)

*SAL Chen* Move to accept SB 30-18.

*SAL Lao* Second.

*Senator Petersen* This bill is to appropriate funding to get the UPass survey out to students, for the people running the survey platform. We are planning to give out prizes to people who fill out the survey.

*SAL Chen* How are the prizes going to be distributed? My concern is that if any of the senate members complete this survey just so that you are aware, we shouldn't be receiving our own prizes.

*SAL Leval* Last year the survey was held through UH's system. We were asked to pick 8 numbers between the amount of people who filled the survey. We picked additional names just in case we picked a senator.

*SAL Chen* Move to add the survey platform and survey administration, and include in provisions the appropriate language to not include previous, current members, administration, members of staff, that are connected to ASUH that they are not qualified for prizes.

*SAL Leval* Second.

Motion carries.

*Treasurer Hinshaw* Could the introducers explain the prizes and what the results of the UPass are to be used for?

*Advisor Manini* We have to survey every year so that we get the new batches of students coming out and paying this fee.

*Senator Petersen* We haven't talked about prizes but it will probably be things that were done in the past, such as gift cards. The survey is done but as soon as the survey is ready we will get it out, this semester sometime for sure. After we get the funding we will finalize the details next week sometime.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 30-18 WITH AMENDMENTS**

**Aye(s):** Vice President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Dunham, Hortizuela, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Simeona, Yamada [17]

**Naye(s):** [0]

**Abstention(s):** [0]

Measure passes.

**d. Senate Bill 31-18: Funding For The Department Of Psychology Cognitive Psychology Seminar**

[Link to Senate Bill 31-18](#)

*Senator Simeona* Move to accept SCR 29-18.

*Senator Ng* Second.

Motion carries.

Senator Kim  
Senator Simeona  
Senator Kim

Move to accept SB 30-18.

Second.

The seminar will have professors leading the introduction lecture. The one thing that I do like about these seminars is that undergraduates are most dependent on getting a 499 at the end, and it's hard to communicate with professors because it is hard to approach them. The pros for this is that at the end there is a panel that could promote dialogue between professors and students.

VP Urasaki  
SAL Honda

For those of you who don't know, 499 is a research projector that they have to do.

To clarify why we stuck the line item for food and food supplies, we are just not sure that it could only go to undergraduates although it is a great idea.

SAL Leval  
SAL Chen

What type of advertisements would the \$50 go to?

They already have their flyers ready to be printed out and if we fund them they will put our logo on it. Most of it would be the cost of printing.

SAL Leval

I feel like if we funded food and food supplies for the other bill, we should give some to this event.

Advisor Manini

I think it is important to think about the experiences you create for undergraduates. Do the benefits outweigh the expense is what you would have to get down to, even in RIO funding you can't really control that. Sometimes others that aren't undergraduates may directly or indirectly benefit from this.

SAL Leval  
Senator Kim  
Senator Ramirez

Move to add \$300 of food and food supplies and have the total reflect the changes.

Second.

We are constantly striking down the price of food but I know Maggie mentioned that we still have about \$71,000 leftover in our funds.

Senator Li

There is a lot of discussing about food but it is important to think about the event as a whole, it is about a mixer so the food is just an addition to that. It's important to be efficient but we have to take a look at the bigger picture, getting students together with professors.

Motion carries.

## ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 31-18

**Aye(s):** Vice President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Dunham, Hortizuela, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Simeona, Yamada [17]

**Naye(s):** [0]

**Abstention(s):** [0]

Measure passes.

## OPEN FORUM

Senator Li

We are still working on the crisis resolution, if you have any questions or concerns let me or Senator Simeona know.

SAL Chen

For those of you interested in joining our efforts in food insecurities please let me, Maggie, Clinton, or Nicole know. Please share the scholarship and finance post on facebook!

## CLOSING

### Announcements

- Scholarships & Awards: Apply now! Awards due 2/23, Scholarships due 3/2 [Link to UAA Advertisement](#)
- RIO Funding Applications due 2/22 [Link to RIO Funding Advertisement](#)
- Help promote ASUH on Social Media!

[ASUH Video](#)

[Link to Meeting advertisement](#)

## Adjournment

Senator Willis

Move to Adjourn.



*Senator Chun*

Second.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Peiqi "Kelly" Ruan  
Secretary, 105<sup>th</sup> Senate