

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822

General Senate Meeting #18 of the 105th Senate
Wednesday, January 17th, 2018

OPENING
Call to Order

President Dela Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present:	President Dela Cruz, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Bonilla, Hortizuela, Kim, Lee, Li, Manabe, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Simeona, Vargas [17]
Excused Absent:	Vice President Urasaki, Senators Dunham, Ikehara, Pasoquen-Castillo, Sakamoto, Utashiro, Yamada [7]
Unexcused Absent:	Senator Chong [1]
Excused Late:	Senators Deinla, Khlopin, Willis [3]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	Senator-at-Large Chen [1]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	Advisor Manini [1]
Guests:	Dr. Lori Ideta, Stacy Roberts, Brian Powell [3]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #17, 105th Senate - December 6th, 2017	
<i>SAL Leval</i>	Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for GSMM #17.
<i>SAL Chen</i>	Second.
<i>Senator Manabe</i>	Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.
<i>Treasurer Hinshaw</i>	Second. Motion carries.
<i>SAL Leval</i>	Move to correct "motion carries" to "motion does not pass" under the motion to add promotional items.
<i>Senator Kim</i>	Second. Motion carries. Motion carries.

Official Correspondence

a. Dr. Lori Ideta, Vice Chancellor for Students	
<i>Dr. Lori Ideta</i>	Thank you for having me today and you should all be proud for being elected to represent your constituents. It is important to note that today is the 125th anniversary of when the

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Queen was removed from the throne the Hawaiian Kingdom was overthrown. This is relevant to the University especially because it was built on crown lands and to know where we came from. My name is Lori Ideta and I have the pleasure of serving as your Interim Vice Chancellor for Students. My connection to you is beyond just a job and it really is about being connected to you, and I have to admit that when I was 18 it wasn't way cool for your mom to be a janitor on campus. Now I couldn't be prouder for the sacrifices that my parents made for me and my brother. Here I learned that I could actually have a better life than my parents and grandparents and give back to the community. I am personally committed to making sure that all students have access to higher education in Hawai'i. My doors are always open to you. The president has asked me to talk about some of the hot topics that are being talked about in student affairs, so accessibility, college affordability, mental health, free speech debates. I believe that we will always remember this Saturday for the rest of our lives, about the resiliency we had this Saturday and how we were all in shock, disability and then relief that it was a false alarm. Some people were also angry and I am trying to back up those that went to anger. For those of you who need it we have the counseling center here on campus that is free and confidential, spread the word. It is staffed with amazing therapists with free counseling. From social media we learned of all the things that went wrong and all the things that went incredibly right. We saw students and community members fleeing across campus and everytime I see that viral video it like ripping my heart out and stomping on it, because if anyone felt panic and didn't know what to do that day I'm sorry. We can and will do better, as a state. Some updates on that- the president has put together some teams that will get together this weekend to talk about what happened and debrief on the good and bad. We are looking to put some shelter in place for every building. Those signs that said fallout shelter are gone by this past Sunday, and everyone knows now to stay sheltered inside. We welcome the ASUH in getting better and want to hear from you on how we could get better. I am particularly interested in hearing what happened in student housing so I will be meeting with my housing staff there. They've had 4 meetings already and there were some amazing hero stories of people taking care of each other. Then there were some that didn't know what to do so we need to fix that and work on communicating. The presidents would like to have maps of shelters on campus. The other thing I'd like to talk about is that the university is going through some reorganization right now and we welcome your feedback on everything.

Senator Ramirez

In the future in case that the evacuation does happen, are students going to be sure that if they broke into a building there won't be charges on them?

Dr. Lori Ideta

I've heard about that from a dad that a son was trying to get into a building under the false pretense that it was the safest place to be and was worried that they would get charged for trying to break a window or something. I can't imagine that the university would charge the students for something like that. I don't want you to break stuff but you've got to do what you've got to do and don't worry about getting in trouble.

b. Stacy Roberts, Secretary and Brian Powell, Member of the SEC

Brian Powell

My name is Brian Powell and I am from the department of Oceanography. I wanted to give you a quick overview about what's going on with the Mānoa Faculty Senate. Some of the issues that we are dealing with right now are the reorganization with President Lassner to discuss some of the ideas. From the faculty perspective through all the disagreements, it's all about how we can make the student experience much better here at Mānoa. One of the ways we can do that is to integrate academics and research. In order to do that you would have to get more involved with faculty, as we are a research University. You can go to any college and get a degree but to get to a R1 research university you are working with people who are advanced in that field and generating new knowledge, we want all students to be involved in this. It is a dynamic discussion, the President even has not put forth an actual proposal. The committee on academic review and planning is trying to get rid of ecafe. I'd like for you to give some feedback about how you feel about that. One of the things we are pushing for is that rather to give you 2 weeks to finish this, the instructor would have the choice to open up the survey

Senator Simeona
Brian Powell

during class. One of the things that as an instructor I am most concerned about is about having questions about the course, to move away from the rogue questions about whether they like the professor or not it's either a 1 or 5, people like it or don't. The evaluations are for the instructor and is up to the individual instructor about what feedback they want. Faculty get evaluated on the feedback that they get. Another issue is that when we do paper evaluations we get 80% response rather than on ecafe we might get 20%.

Can the instructors choose which questions the students can see in the survey?

Yes, instructors and departments can have certain questions that they can add onto the common questions that are asked. Everyone will have the same and 5 questions, but departments will have different questions added on.

Another issue that had blown up was that I was working with a student that was ready to graduate and on August 27th she had 3 credits removed. I'll pick on chemistry because they are the ones who do this but if you take chemistry 131 and chem 161 they will take the credits from 131 and zero them out. In her case that was 3 years ago, and there were some 1,500 students that were affected. Vice Chancellor Michael Bruno stepped in and put a halt to this and put in all these credits. We will also be looking into the process that some credits are taken away from the remedial classes once you take the actual class for it. I understand that there are reasons for why some departments do that, but we will definitely look into it. I think these are the main issues as of right now, the other is the revamping of the general education credits in which Stacy Roberts will talk about.

Stacy Roberts

My Stacy Roberts and I am with the department of educational administration. I've worked with students from elementary school all the way to graduate school. Our department is primarily graduate, we don't really offer an undergraduate degree in admin. Committee on educational excellence and the other is the general education committee are the committees that are permanent. Last year we started looking at the programs and how they are servicing the students because it wasn't really changed since the early 2000's. Last semester to this semester, the gen ed office and committee started an internal review about general education. An external group is coming in to do another evaluation about the gen eds that will be put together with the internal review we already did about what is working and what is not. The committee has made some changes governance-wise and we would get some proposals to review. This year the gen ed committee delegated the review and approval to the board and looking to work more about broader policy reviews. What does getting a degree from UH Mānoa mean to you that would make it different and special from going to UCLA, Chaminade or any other schools? It's really about looking at the big picture. You also have a representative on the committee, Micah.

SAL Lao
Stacy Roberts

What did the preliminary internal review results look like?

The gen ed committee will be meeting this friday for the first time this semester, to look over the review. Today we had a Mānoa Faculty Senate meeting and we asked the gen ed if they would like to share and they said they would rather have it be shared with the committee first. They want to see what the external reviewers say first. The reviews have been very controversial because different units have different opinions and they affect the entire undergraduate population. What are the students benefiting the most from, what they need, and are trying to prepare the students for the future. As soon as it comes out I'm sure you will hear about it. One of the reasons one of the people transfer here is to learn about the culture here. We are trying to look more about the bigger picture not about how many credits, but about what each student no matter what major needs and making them into a whole person. More majors offer more focused general education courses that is related to the majors. It is controversial saying nobody needs a science course.

Brian Powell
Stacy Roberts

The point of gen eds is to make you enlightened individual in a data rich information. We are trying to prepare people to understand and make a real grounded judgement in a data rich information, and be able to support it with information regardless of what majors you are in. Gen eds are an opportunity to challenge yourself and it's about the learning. This is why you also need variety in your courses to feel like you are getting the

Senator Simeona
SAL Lao

most out of this. How many of you have taken a course that you really dreaded but ended up really liking?
Move to recess.
Second.
Motion carries.

Senate goes into recess at 7:11 PM in CC 310.

Call to Order

President Dela Cruz called the meeting back to order at 7:17 PM in CC 310.

Present: President Dela Cruz, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Bonilla, Hortizuela, Kim, Lee, Li, Manabe, Petersen, Simeona [18]

Not present: Senators Deinla, Ng, Ramirez, Vargas, Willis [5]

Advisors: Advisor Manini [1]

Testimony

REPORTS

Executive

President

a. Welcome Back: Remembering our Mission & Vision

President Dela Cruz I hope you are ready to work hard this semester. We have less than 4 months to work on senate initiatives, in your committees, goals and personal goals. How are you working on our goals? We should know our mission and vision by heart. Write down how you are working on ASUH image, outreach, passion, presence, and involvement.

b. PM #20: Relating to Standing Committee Appointments (Spring)

President Dela Cruz This is to reinstate different people into standing committees reflecting new leadership. Please make sure that all your names on it. I will be putting another PM later on, once the special elections are over in February.

SAL Lao Move to accept President's Message #20.

SAL Leval Second.

Senator Li Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.

Senator Kim Second.

Motion carries.

Senator Simeona Move to add my Hawaiian name, and drop "Rodolfo" from Senator Ramirez's name.

Treasurer Hinshaw Second.

Motion carries.

Motion carries.

President's Message #20 is approved.

c. Opening Day at the State Legislature - January 17, 2018

President Dela Cruz Today several senators and I went to the state legislature and met the higher ed committee members. We will plan out another visit to the legislature for all of us.

d. Interim Chancellor Lassner's UHM Reorganization Proposal

President Dela Cruz Interim Chancellor Lassner threw out his ideas for the reorganization of the campus. Attached are his ideas are for it, if you have any concerns or ideas about this let me know. I emailed the Interim Chancellor about having a meeting with just students about this and will let you know once he gets back to me, so that students can give some feedback.

Advisor Manini You should also jot down the feedback that you like about this too so that he can be aware of it, not only about concerns.

e. Student Media Board Fee Increase Proposal - Questions, Feedback

President Dela Cruz Before thanksgiving break we had the student media board come to talk about the proposal. I have invited the chair Emily to speak at one of our executive meetings and she will get back to me about that. You are welcome to send an email to me about the concerns you may still have.

f. UH Student Caucus

President Dela Cruz Our last meeting for the caucus was in December. The senior student affair officers are working on updating the system wide student conduct code. They are trying to incorporate things that are digital. The UH Student Caucus this Saturday, January 20th, will be talking about the thoughts on the changes to the student policy. The list are some of the things that they would like to bring up to the legislative level. They will be planning to lobby physically at the capital in February sometime.

g. Office Hours

President Dela Cruz Office hours are a good way for senators to get connected and do work related to ASUH. Please sign up to the attached link in the agenda, and you could also check the required hours you need to put in. For those who did this last semester please make sure that you update the list with your new schedule, and we will work on getting this publicized so that students will know when we are available.

h. General Reminders

- a. Legislation & Agenda Item Request Deadline: Fridays, 5 pm
- b. Executive Committee Meeting: January 24th, 2018

Vice President

Treasurer

Treasurer Hinshaw I did not switch the campus life Chair and Vice Chair for the rate sheet. Members of the Campus Life committee could fill this sheet out that, it is just like the rate sheet from online but on paper.

Secretary

Secretary Ruan No report.

Administrative

- a. Advisor
Advisor Manini No report.
- b. Operations Manager

Judicial Branch

- a. Student Court

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Vargas I will be sending out a doodle poll for the first meeting soon.

Elections

- a. Spring 2018 Special Elections Schedule
Vice Chairperson Li If you know anyone who wants to run for the special elections this semester please encourage them to!

External Affairs

Chairperson Leval Two RIOs are requesting presentations later in January, the pre-med association and I triple E. The pre-med is on the 24th at 5:30 pm and the I triple E is on the 31st at 5:30 pm. Just a note of caution these are both Wednesdays so one is an exec meeting and the

other general senate, so I would encourage you to please sign up because we can't change their meeting dates. Would the senators be excused from the meeting if they do the presentations?

a. AS(you)H Week
Chairperson Leval

This year is under the big top which is circus/carnival theme, at the campus center courtyard. It will be monday the 29th and tuesday the 30th, the event will be 11-1. As a broad outline on what is happening during the event: undergrads can go to 3 information tables about ASUH, we also have several prizes which are going to be drawn specifically based on the amount of information tables that they visited, and will be drawn from the raffles combined from both days. There will be food and beverages and they can talk with the senators. For the prizes if you get 1 stamp you be entered to get a UH bookstore giftcard, 2 stamps you can get either a herschel backpack or a \$25 gift card, and if you get 3 you can be entered for a Amazon gift card and the other 2 prizes as well. Make sure that that you sign up for shifts to help out, and we will send out an action plan about all of this so that you'll know what you need to do. We need about 8 people at any time during this event to help out. In the digital and graphics folder there is the graphic that is made for the event so please share that to your social media. Please be ready to answer questions, and wear your ASUH polo and name tag. To my knowledge Vice President Urasaki is working with Healani on name tags. To my committee members please go to the ASUH week folder and sign up for tasks.

President Dela Cruz

For newer senators, girls your shirts are in your mailboxes. For guys I haven't sorted it out yet so it's in a box so just look for your sizes inside.

Finance

Chairperson Honda

Upcoming is the RIO funding cycle is coming up, which is one of the ways that ASUH gives back to the school through clubs. Starting next week monday January 22nd the applications will be available, and it will be due on February 22nd. From February 23rd-25th we will be having RIO interviews and will be meeting with RIOs one on one to talk to them. This is not only for the finance committee so if you can come please do. For friday the 23rd it will be from 4-7 pm, saturday the 24th will be 8am-7pm, and sunday the 25th will be 8am-1pm. The information will be on the website very soon.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Lao

Sorry for the confusion about the meeting that was supposed to happen today. I will send out a follow up email with you guys tonight.

Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Ng

Our next meeting is next wednesday, at 3:45 PM in CC 310.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Petersen

No report.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Vice Chair Hortizuela

The scholarships and awards are open. Research applications are open so please encourage people to apply, we encourage people even from non-stem majors to do so. Research and grad test prep awards will be due February 23rd, the general and study abroad applications are due March 2nd.

Other Committees

1. "Save Sinclair" Ad-Hoc

a. 24/5 Study Space Identified!

President Dela Cruz

Sinclair library will be the 24/5 study space for this semester.

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

SCR 20-18, regarding SB 22-18

Senator Ng Move to accept SCR 20-18.
Senator Simeona Second.
SAL Lao Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.
Treasurer Hinshaw Second.
Motion carries.

Motion carries.
SCR 20-18 approved.

a. Senate Bill 22-18 To Purchase A Laptop For Meeting And Event Services

SAL Leval Move to accept SB 22-18.
Senator Simeona Second.
Treasurer Hinshaw We rented a laptop during one of the general senate meetings and our meeting ended before 10 pm. MES was unaware that the meeting was ended so a laptop went missing during that time, falling under our responsibility. This bill is to reimburse MES for that missing laptop, a confirmed total by email of \$1,098.98.

Treasurer Hinshaw Move to change PO to “purchase order”.
Senator Ng Second.
Motion carries.

SAL Leval Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.
Senator Willis Second.
Motion carries.

Treasurer Hinshaw Move to strike under section 3 provisions and replace it with “ASUH will pay for the actual amount that can be verified”.
Senator Simeona Second.
Motion carries.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 22-18 WITH AMMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Bonilla, Hortizuela, Khlopin, Kim, Lee, Li, Manabe, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Simeona, Vargas, Willis [18]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Measure passes.

b. Discussion on Hawai'i's EMA False Alert

Senator Manabe If you are interested the capital is having a hearing with Governor Ige and Director Miyagi about the missile on friday, in the auditorium at 10 am. They are going to look into how and why some people didn't receive the notification.
Senator Simeona Will ASUH be taking a stance and writing a resolution on this, and will RAs be trained on how to respond? Was a university email sent out about this?
SAL Leval What kind of stance would you be taking? What I had in mind was urging the University to create shelters and plans in case this really does happen. The RAs that I knew really admitted to not knowing what to do. They were instructed to go to the basement of Frear hall without any resources.
Advisor Manini Anything you guys can give as student input will be helpful from a student perspective so that we know what we need to communicate. You could communicate what you felt and what your constituents felt. There is information from the CDC about where to go in the case there is fallout. As a staff we have not been formally trained but it is assumed that just through education we would know what getting shelter would mean.
SAL Leval The RA's that I talked to admitted to not what to do. The instructions that were given were to get to the basement of Frear hall, which is small with no resources and a big glass

door. I am not sure that was the best instruction to be given. Housing may need to be educated about what to do and not to do during things like this, we have all seen the video of students running through campus. They did send an email afterwards about not pulling the fire alarm when things like this happens. I know that President Lassner sent out an email that alluded to the missile alert, and probably got the email about 4 hours after the initial alert.

Senator Willis

I think our resolution should also focus on our own government with that issue. It affects our committee and students.

SAL Honda

Some people didn't even get a notification and only saw it on facebook. I'd like to hear more discussion on this issue.

Senator Ng

It seems like we are talking about 2 different issues, so will be writing 1 resolution or 2? There seems to be one that is focused on the school's reaction the other is regarding the state's reaction.

Advisor Manini

I heard that the governor has appointed someone to see what went wrong in this situation. I don't know if there was anyone from UH that is there to understand what went wrong that there was 200+ students that were just running across. This will help us figure out what would prevent this in the future.

Senator Li

It's kind of bizarre that the signs were up for 30 years.

OPEN FORUM

Senator Simeona

As a report on today's event with the march, I am happy to say that my goal was 200 and we got a little over 300. It went pretty well, but on the committee side we missed our target by 3,000 but we got 7,000 people to show up. We ran out of shirts, and I will be working on thank you letters soon.

CLOSING

Announcements

- a. AS(You)H Event *Monday January 29- Tuesday January 30*
- b. Scholarships & Awards: Apply now! Awards due 2/23, Scholarships due 3/2

Adjournment

SAL Leval

Move to Adjourn.

Senator Ng

Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Peiqi "Kelly" Ruan
Secretary, 105th Senate