

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I
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General Senate Meeting #14 of the 108th Senate
Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020

OPENING

Call to Order

President Albano called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM on Zoom.

Roll Call

Present:	[22] President Albano, Vice President Kim, Secretary Gogue, Senators-At-Large Anuszcwska, Bowersmith, Kaeo, Senators Baguio, Chua, Columbres, Crowell, Garrett, Keim, Pierce, Rabang, Renteria, Saari, Sabandal, Seals, Shimizu, Smith, Taira, Tong
Excused Absent:	[3] Treasurer Oshiro, Senator Basim, Senator Kirwan
Unexcused Absent:	[5] Hokama-Paris, Senator Kanemoto, Senator Hesla, Senator Lee, Senator Regaspi
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	[0]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisors:	[1] Advisor Manini
Guests:	[0]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #13, 108th Senate -November 18th, 2020
SAL Anuszcwska Move to accept the reading of minutes for GSMM #13.
SAL Kaeo Second.

Vote is unanimous. Motion carries.

SAL Anuszcwska Move to approve the minutes for GSMM #13.
Senator Renteria Second.

Vote is unanimous. Motion passes. GSMM#13 is approved.

Official Correspondence

Testimony

REPORTS

Executive

President

President Albano

I just want to first of all say, I can't believe the semester is practically over in two weeks. This has definitely been an interesting semester, and in two weeks this will be over and we will have finals. This will most likely be our last general senate meeting for this semester, so I just wanted to say thank you so much to everyone for all your hardwork in the semester. I wish we could've been in person to celebrate our accomplishments and everything we have done so far. Please know that I'm so thankful for each and everyone of you and your contributions to ASUH so far.

Phase 2 Administrative Reorganization

President Albano

If you click on the link in the agenda it will send you to the document that was sent out in an email released by Provost Bruno, talking a little bit about the phase two reorganization.. I'll give a little bit of context really quickly because this has been in the works for three years now. Basically this reorganization deals with restructuring the university to incorporate more of its values with the ways that administratively and organizationally, the structure of the university.

I wanted to bring attention to a document that lists a bunch of different summaries of different organizational charts and the ways that things are being structured. In essence this has been an ongoing conversation for the past few years and now the administration has proposed not its final draft necessarily but they are trying to get feedback from students from faculty from other different kinds of stakeholder groups. I'm in the process of putting together a document, and I reached out to the reorganization ad-hoc committee mentioning that this is something we need to discuss because I believe they are looking to have some student's feedback on this. I'm currently working on a document that summarizes some of the majority of changes, and I wanted to share some things that I had highlighted. Basically this reorganization creates different kinds of offices and positions, and moves things around in terms of reorganization structure. Things like we currently have a Provost which is part of the phase one reorganization. Phase two entails more detailed organization, so things like the vice chancellor for students were proposed. Reorganization would now be called vice provost for student success. Things like academic affairs would be called enrollment management and things like that. I copied some of the information from the document that is in that over two hundred page document. Basically there are also changes in, because we are in a hiring crazen. positions that are vacant and positions that are full they have been outlined in the reorganization. It looks like there will be a fewer number of positions, and that is a combination between the phase one and phase two. Basically the goal of this reorganization is to structure the organization to be more friendly for students. I believe in the reorganization there is the creation of two new offices, there is the Manoa Cares Office and something that relates to Title IX equity and things like that. This slide here focuses on things I wanted to share with you folks. I will be gradually working on compiling things I think are important for us to put comment on, so I will be reaching out to you guys..This is one thing that I read and I think is important is that things will be proposed to be transferred, so

programs that are existing like the honors program, academic advising, and students services are being put under different offices, and some positions may be created to help foster this experience.. It is a lot of pages, but what I will do is once finals are over and everything kind of dies down.. I will work with the reorganization ad-hoc committee to put together a compilation of things. I think it would be good if we were able to provide feedback. Provost Bruno and President Lassner were hoping to get some feedback from each of the student consultative groups by the middle of January. Which is obviously not a lot of time, but I will be kind of working on that..If you have some time, I would highly highly recommend visiting the link in there because overall this reorganization does affect students, and I alongside the help of others help to condense the information so it's easy for everyone to understand, and also we can provide feedback for students. I think also operations manager Sonada Pale emailed yesterday regarding that even her position is listed as a position part of the reorganization. I think this is also, in terms of positions, something that affects us directly and it would be good to gather that information. If anyone would like to help to put together the organization and a working group in collaboration with the ad-hoc committee please reach out to me.

What I will do is, once things have kind of dialed down. I will reach out to folks, I want to make sure everyone has a chance to finish the semester strong. If anyone is available during winter break, please feel free to contact me.

Vice President Kim

I notice there's an absence of a position close to what an aunsletman is supposed to be like. We haven't had one for a very long time, but I was wondering if there was any information on how the office of vice provost for student success would function? Would it work similarly to that?

President Albano

That's a really good question. Let me check to make sure. There's a little bit of detail for the provost.

Here is some information on student success. It is located on page 274. There is information on things being housed like SEED and things being renamed. It includes provost proposed actions on here so I think there should be some sort of information regarding that in this area. If not, I can look for that information and get back to you.

Vice President Kim

I also noticed that the LGBTQ center was going to be listed by itself instead of under the women's center so kudos to them.

President Albano

Yeah that is something I also was going to mention. The LGBTQ center will be its own office outside of the women's center.

Spring 2021 Meeting Schedule

President Albano

I did prepare our meeting schedule for next semester. If Wednesdays at six p.m. do not work as in time conflicts for classes or other commitments please let me know and we will see if we can put together a poll to determine what days will work better for you folks. if you are continuing with ASUH. As of right now here is the spring schedule for next semester.

PM108#16: Undergraduate Legislative Fellow Appointment

Issues

- How to make next semester more interactive
- Leaving notes on my discussion with school officials on what next semester will look like

Miscellaneous

- Special order

President Albano

Thank you so much for being an amazing member in ASUH and being an overall amazing person. I am really thankful for getting to work with you.

Vice President Kim

One thing I wanted to add was maybe working with the UH Manoa memes discord, because I noticed they are very active on there. For at least campus life stuff because they have a lot of access to students and have a lot of reach.

Senator Chua

The person who is in charge of the instagram reached out to us to see if we wanted to join. One of our EA members, Senator Saari joined to see if that could be an avenue for us to use for announcements and things like that. If anyone does want to share things, reach out to EA and we can definitely do that.

Elections

Chairperson Columbres

Our Progress

- Finished packet
- Got approved by Internal Affairs

Our Plans

- Spring 2021 Special Elections Calendar

Issues

- Graduating senate members

Advisor Manini

Just my standard question when the elections calendar gets introduced. I definitely always ask if the chair of internal affairs was consulted and is that person able to say that the calendar is in line with the rules of the senate.

Senator Keim

Yes I did review the packet, it was sent to me on Sunday.

Advisor Manini

Okay great thank you very much.

President Albano

Just to get back to your question earlier, yes we will have a General Senate Meeting on March 3rd.

Senator Columbres
Senator Rabang

Motion to approve the Spring 2021 Special Elections Calendar.
Second.

Vote is unanimous. Spring 2021 Special Elections Calendar is approved.

External Affairs

Chairperson Chua

Our Progress

- Last meeting of the semester held to discuss plans for Spring 2021

Our Plans

- Spring 2021: legislative session planning and research
 - Work with legislative fellow, committees and ad hoc committees

Issues

Finance

Chairperson Anuszevska

Our Progress

-No report

Our Plans

-No report

Issues

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Keim

Our Progress

-Working with various committees (Special Elections Calendar)

Our Plans

-Meeting after break

-Going to organize plans for next semester

Issues

Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Regaspi

Our Progress

-No report

Our Plans

-No report

Issues

Student Affairs

Chairperson Crowell

Our Progress

-Chair/Vice-Chair meeting yesterday

Our Plans

-Committee meeting next Tuesday at 3:00 pm HST

Issues

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Bowersmith

Our Progress

-Finished sending congratulations/apology emails

Our Plans

-One last meeting before end of semester

-Planning for next semester

-Thank faculty reviewers and send them all thank you letters

Issues

Other Committees

SPECIAL ORDERS

President Albano

Last order of business, and Senator Seals mentioned earlier there is a special order. Just to clarify what a special order is, it is an expedited process that allows, if the special order is approved it can skip the first and second approvals by the executive committee and standing committees. If it is approved, it needs

to be approved by a 2/3rds roll call vote. If it is accepted it allows us to review the legislation. We'll start off with the motion to accept the special order then we'll allow the introducer to explain for up to two minutes to explain and then we'll go to a 2/3rds vote.

Senate Bill 06-21: Halloween Contest Cash Prizes

SAL Anuszezwska
Senator Rabang

Motion to accept the reading of Senate Bill 06-21: Halloween Contest Cash Prizes
Second.

Vote is unanimous. Motion carries.

Senator Seals

This is from our Halloween event. It took a little bit longer to get this bill set up than I expected. There were a lot of changes and we didn't do too many bills in campus life this semester. This was kind of our first ideas to interact more with the student body by trying to add cash prizes to get, well, not a cash prize. Advisor Manini said that these are gift cards not cash, so I made the changes in the bill already, but we wanted to give gift cards to increase the amount of students to interact in the contest and it worked. We got a few contestants. Thank you Senator Chua, she really helped through the competition on instagram and that made it easier for us. We found our three winners and we would like to give them each a gift card for \$100 for participating and for the winners of having the best costumes.

2/3 ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SPECIAL ORDER: SENATE BILL 06-21: HALLOWEEN CONTEST CASH PRIZES AS A SPECIAL ORDER

Aye(s): [19] Vice President Kim, Secretary Gogue, Senator-At-Large Anuszezwska, Senator-At-Large Bowersmith, Senator-At-Large Kaeo, Senator Baguio, Senator Chua, Senator Columbres, Senator Crowell, Senator Garrett, Senator Keim, Senator Pierce, Senator Rabang, Senator Renteria, Senator Saari, Senator Seals, Senator Smith, Senator Taira, Senator Tong

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [2] Senator Sabandal, Senator Shimizu

Senator Seals

Advisor Manini sent an email and explained it's not a cash prize. I sent you an updated version to your email, but I did change it. The reason why I wanted to do it next semester, I wanted to at least let the participants get their award that is kind of for the rush. If you guys have any questions please let me know.

Advisor Manini

Because the Senate Bill was already put on the agenda and it became property of the Senate and public information, the changes need to be made as amendment motions on the floor of the senate. They will need to come to the floor. Another thing, you guys are going to want to change "for the first reading" should read "for special order" if this is a special order because first readings are for when it goes the regular way through executive then committee meeting and then the senate. Because it is coming directly to the senate, the "for first reading" should read "for special order." Finally I know that you all have voted by 2/3rd to approve this bill, before any amendments to be made there needs to be another motion to approve, so in the discussion the amendments can be made.

Senator Baguio
Vice President Kim

Motion to accept Senate Bill 06-21: Halloween Contest Cash Prizes.
Second.

Vote is unanimous. Motion passes.

Senator Garrett

Were the winners told it was going to be changed to an Amazon gift card? I know that might be something small, but I was just wondering that.

Senator Seals

When we put up the post on instagram, we said cash prizes, we didn't identify if it was going to be cash, we kind of said there was going to be money involved.

Senator Garrett

I was just wondering just in case they were thinking of spending the cash on something other than Amazon.

Advisor Manini

I'm not sure if I heard correctly what was just shared, but it is raising a question for me. What was put in the advertisements to encourage students to get involved, should be what ASUH follows through with. Usually you wouldn't promise prizes before the bill has been passed because what would happen now if the senate decided not to pass this, then you wouldn't have prizes for the participations. Putting an event together and saying you are going to give them prizes and doing a senate bill after the fact is really not an ideal way to operate. Since it is already done, you have to follow through with what you put out. If you put out that you were going to give out cash prizes, you made a commitment to the student body and therefore it should stay as cash prizes not amazon gift cards. If you gave yourself flexibility and it just said prizes, in the amount then you have flexibility, please be sure you are aware what was in those ads and try to stay true to it because if not, you hurt your own reputation.

Senator Seals

Yes I can see why I made the mistake on that, when I typed out everything for the post. Would it be possible to just give a student cash? You're absolutely right, Advisor Manini, we did say cash prizes. I didn't think along those lines, I thought if they got the money aspect.

Advisor Manini

What I would do is make the bill so it is cash, on the amazon parts, on the original feedback I gave about calling it cash when you're giving it gift cards and switching it to gift cards, what you should be doing is taking out the gift card language. If it is three one hundred dollar cash awards then every instance of whatever is contradictory to that should say three hundred dollar cash awards. When it gets processed, it will be processed similarly to how cash awards are processed. There will have to be a memo will have to go to the Vice Chancellor. Healani folks should be handling that at the office. After it is signed off on, the office will be able to do a fiscal document to pay them one hundred dollars each via check and the check will be sent to whatever address they have on file. It will be actual cash that they then can cash, so they are not bound to a gift card from a particular vendor.

Senator Garrett

Going off of what advisor Maninia just mentioned, I was wondering, I know we have to do a gift card, if it would be more suffice if we could do a visa gift card. They are very similar to cash because you can spend it on anything like cash.

Advisor Manini

We could try to buy those types of gift cards with a purchase order. We would need to see if we could get approval to see if we can buy those types of gift cards. I would say if you want to use whatever means necessary, the legislation could read \$100, well if it is a VISA versus Master cash card or cash award, then we would be able to process it by whatever means possible. You could give the office both options by the line items section where it is broken down you could split it. In the title and in the purpose, the title could say gift card/cash award and

do the same in the purpose and line item, so the office has flexibility to do both. The thing about the mastercard, visa, gift card there is usually some kind of fee attached to it. If it is for \$100 they will eat up a couple of dollars or parts of what the cash is. If you leave it for too long, it will eat up your balance. You can give both options if that is what you want to do.

Senator Seals Motion to change the language in the document where it says cash prize and gift card to where it says cash prize/gift card instead.

Senator Baguio Second

Motion passes unanimously.

Senator Baguio Motion to change the language in the heading from “For First Reading” to “For Special Order”

Senator Renteria Second

Motion passes unanimously.

Secretary Gogue I have a question for advisor Manini for my role in a special order because I know usually when I codify resolutions or acts, I can’t fully process them until the minutes for that meeting are approved. Is it the same or different than that process?

Advisor Manini The minutes for this meeting will come up longer because the first general senate meeting in January. The first general senate meeting is when the minutes will be there and the Senate will review them then codify. At that point Healani in the office will be able to purchase or process these payments. That just needs to be worked out. Jalen, before you leave, you need to make sure that the office knows who the winners are and that the office is ready to work with these folks and get their tax forms because you’ll have left the university before this happens. I hope I answered your question.

Senator Seals I’ll make sure I’ll get that information and put it in my notes for whoever takes my position after me.

President Albano Thank you. Please be sure to work with Advisor Manini and operations manager Sonoda-Pale to follow up and make sure those things get out to students.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE BILL 06-21: HALLOWEEN CONTEST CASH PRIZES

Aye(s): [20] Vice President Kim, Secretary Gogue, Senator-At-Large Anuszevska, Senator-At-Large Bowersmith, Senator-At-Large Kaeo, Senator Baguio, Senator Chua, Senator Columbres, Senator Crowell, Senator Garrett, Senator Keim, Senator Pierce, Senator Rabang, Senator Renteria, Senator Saari, Senator Seals, Senator Shimizu, Senator Smith, Senator Taira, Senator Tong

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [1] Senator Sabandal

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

CLOSING
Announcements

Adjournment

VP Kim
Senator Rabang

Move to Adjourn.
Second.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mikaelyn Marie Gogue
Secretary, 108th Senate