

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
2465 Campus Road, Campus Center Room 211A
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

General Senate Meeting #12 of the 105th Senate
Wednesday, October 4, 2017

OPENING

Call to Order

President Dela Cruz called the meeting to order at 7:32PM in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present:	President Dela Cruz, Vice-President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Chun, Finau, Hortizuela, Lieu, Ng, Nishihara, Petersen, Utashiro, Willis [16]
Excused Absent:	[0]
Unexcused Absent:	[0]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	[0]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	Advisor Manini [1]
Guests:	[0]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #11, 105th Senate - September 27th, 2017

<i>SAL Chen</i>	Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for GSMM #11.
<i>SAL Leval</i>	Second.
<i>SAL Chen</i>	Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical marks errors.
<i>SAL Leval</i>	Second. Motion carries.
<i>Senator Nishihara</i>	Move to correct the spelling of the guests.
<i>SAL Chen</i>	Second. Motion carries.
<i>Senator Finau</i>	I believe the policy referred to under my report is the incorrect name of the policy.
<i>Senator Nishihara</i>	Move to correct the name of the UH Policy referenced to under open forum.
<i>SAL Lao</i>	Second. Motion carries.

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE SENATE ON OCTOBER 11, 2017

Motion carries.

Official Correspondence

- a. Matthew Lynch, System Sustainability Coordinator
- President Dela Cruz* Today, we have Matthew Lynch. He is the System Sustainability Coordinator from the Office Sustainability. I invited him here to talk about the Green Revolving Fund. As this is one of our priorities, I think it is important that we learn more about this.
- Treasurer Hinshaw* I think President Dela Cruz mentioned that there is no budget allocated for the green revolving fund. Is there a reason to why this is and what we can do for the funding allocation?
- President Dela Cruz* I'd like to clarify on that. I met with President Lassner, and he mentioned that there is an account for the green revolving fund, but there isn't money in there.
- Matthew Lynch* Before I answer that, what is the group's understanding of what the green revolving fund is?
- Treasurer Hinshaw* From my understanding, it is an investment to use sustainable materials. Whatever money is saved from these materials gets put into the green revolving fund so we can become more sustainable.
- SAL Lao* From my understanding, it is an account we have with the university that we used for capital improvement. Whatever savings we get from efficiency improvements, as Treasurer Hinshaw mentioned, will be recaptured by the green revolving fund.
- Matthew Lynch* Are you aware of what percentage of your tuition goes towards covering utility costs? I don't have that number off hand. I had a student a couple of years ago run some numbers on this, and it is pretty significant. What I might do is flag items that I can provide for follow up on. To answer both of your questions, let me provide some context. The green revolving funds are the best practice for sustainability for higher education. They work fairly simply in concept. Let's say we wanted to change all of the lighting in this building to high efficiency LEDs. Let's assume for ease of calculation that to do all of that would cost a total of \$100,000 and the LEDs are orders of magnitudes more efficient and save us \$20,000 a year. If I spend \$100,000 in year one and save \$20,000 a year, I save the cost of the LEDs in about 5 years. I have a 5 year payback. This now allows me to make another investment in 5 years, additional efficiency measures, so I can replenish this fund. In concept that's how these work. In reality, the sources of funds and different colors of money get really complex. There are different rules and restrictions attached. The idea is that we can self-fund additional projects. Following this logic, it works best if you set metrics. What we've proposed is to establish a green revolving fund so we have a mechanism to track, harness, and reinvest savings from energy efficiency measures. We have not yet had a mechanism to do that. We started work on establishing a green revolving fund a couple of years ago, and for various reasons of complexity I won't go into now, we had to establish that there needs to be a legislative statute to create this. In 2017, the green revolving fund bill was introduced and passed. However, and I was told that this was due to a clerical error, there was a restriction placed that renders it fairly useless. There was a clause that says projects over \$157,000 require legislative approval, which essentially hampers our ability. We can do small projects, we are looking for projects that meet established criteria, which is used to vet what projects qualify. Any project that pays itself back in 5 years is going to qualify. We also established a framework to identify, qualify and implement these projects. We can't just take a guess - we have to do measurements and verification. It is urgent we establish a proof of concept. However, what we have been able to do is capture energy efficiency rebates that the university receives when it implements energy efficiency projects. Anyone in the state who pays an energy bill goes into the public benefits fund. A good portion of this is administered by Hawai'i Energy. One of the things they do to incentivize people to purchase high efficiency equipment is rebates. Prior to establishing this green revolving fund, there has been no mechanism to harness these rebates. For the first time, we have a

couple of small projects that we could fund. What I am looking for is a first project that has a large payback: 2, 3 or 4 year payback. There is now this account with a restriction. There will be requests to amend this legislation. If you are interested to monitor the progress of this, let me know. You guys are welcome to weigh in and provide testimony. About how much do you think this initial project will cost?

SAL Lao
Matthew Lynch

In the parking lot next to Agricultural Science, there are LEDs. Those are part of an infrastructure project. The payback on those doesn't make sense because there was a lot of underground cabling that had to be fixed. There are also a bunch of portables. One of the first projects is to LED retrofit the shop building, which has a 7 year payback. We've built the capacity of our in-house staff to support these projects. We are in the process of measuring the building consumption. The largest component of your energy bill is the HVAC systems, which typically makes up as much as 60%. Every time you change lights out, there is an enormous heat load that is taken off. Libraries are trying to keep the air dry. We scoped a large lighting retrofit in Hamilton Library. We are getting close to finishing the analysis on how it will impact the HVAC. The payback could be offset by the increase in energy needed to have the HVAC system work harder. We have increased the capacity of our in-house staff to look holistically at the building upgrades.

SAL Lao
Matthew Lynch

How much would one of the smaller projects cost?

One of the projects that I am hopeful we can use to prove the concept is about \$80,000-\$120,000. This involves upgrading exterior lighting from low pressure sodium, which use enormous amount of energy, to high performance LEDs, which will yield a strong payback. Our cost-estimates came in. We are hopeful this can be implemented as soon as next year.

President Dela Cruz
Matthew Lynch

How long is it going to take? Also, will a part of our tuition be put into this fund?

I'll answer your second question first. The answer is no. For example, the architecture project comes from our annual appropriations from the legislature, so it is a capital project. These do not touch your tuition. Operational expenses are paid from tuition. I'm not sure what the relationship is between a reduction in the energy bill and the tuition. I don't know if they are directly linked. However, if we bring our operating costs down, one would expect to see a corresponding reduction in tuition. To answer the first question, we are actively looking for a project to implement in the FY 2018 budget to prove the concept. With the restriction, it is a narrow scope. It is not something that you can track as you would track a bill, other than checking with our office.

SAL Lao
Matthew Lynch

Would ASUH be able to provide seed funding for a small project?

Yes, but I would advise to consider that very carefully. I would also heavily suggest that there are other ways you can allocate that money to directly impact the students, especially regarding sustainability. The Green Revolving Fund is a financial mechanism to reframe what was previously considered an expense as an investment. There are student directed green funds that you determine what the projects are. It may be tied to financial feedback or it may not. There are models of successful student green funds that we can adapt. There are cool things that you can do with a student directed green fund. To avoid confusion, I would name it something different, such as a student sustainability fund. If you want to do a project, such as solar powered umbrellas, you can do that. We got funding for 6 umbrellas. If this group is interested in designing a student directed sustainability fund, that is something our office can provide assistance. Mānoa also has a student sustainability fellow position. The position is currently vacant. However, next academic year, we'll look for someone. This position is in charge of putting together Earth Day and sustainability events.

SAL Lao
Matthew Lynch

I found some numbers. FY2017, UH utilities expenditure was \$45 million.

To give you a reference, the base load for the campus is 8 MW, which is equivalent to 8,000 houses. The peak load ranges around 18 MW. The campus is largely energy intensive, mainly because research labs are largely energy intensive. ASUH passed legislation a few years ago supporting the green revolving fund. Former Senator Mark Ryan had some of the numbers. Mark and Doorae Shin attempted to establish a student

SAL Lao
President Dela Cruz
Advisor Manini
Treasurer Hinshaw
SAL Chen
President Dela Cruz

directed green fund. Any other questions? Thank you very much for the opportunity. I am happy to come and answer any questions any time.
I think the student directed green fund sounds like a great idea.
If the senate is interested in this, feel free to look at this, and we could have an ad-hoc committee.
In theory, this could be great, but where do you propose the money come from? If you want some of it to go to the green fund, where would the money be redirected fund?
We should do more research on this to see what we can do.
We should also find out how much of our tuition would be impacted if we were to do a green revolving fund.
I'd like to reiterate that there is still the opportunity to submit testimony to reverse the statute, since that seems to be the binding factor for the green revolving fund.

REPORTS

Executive

President

a. General Updates

President Dela Cruz
SAL Lao
President Dela Cruz
Senator Finau

Chase and I will be going to the UH Student Caucus meeting this Saturday. The executive officers were invited to attend a breakfast with the Board of Regents on October 19. If you have questions, feel free to let us know so we can bring them up. I met with Dr. Ideta recently to update her on where we were on the Sinclair Library issue. I got in contact with the leaders of the CSOs, and we agreed we want to do a CSO mixer so we can learn more about them and get to know them. I represent ASUH on the Campus Fee Advisory Committee. There have been fee proposals for the Mānoa International Exchange, Department of Geology and Geophysics, Art and Art History, and Department of Theatre and Dance. This committee oversees fee proposals.
Would these fees be campus wide or specific to the department?
The proposals are to propose a fee increase in general.
For the Student Media Board, they mentioned that they are reaching out the ASUH officers. I'll update you on the status.

b. General Reminders

- i. Legislation & Agenda Item Request Deadline: Fridays, 5pm
- ii. Executive Committee Meeting: October 18, 2017 (6:00 pm, CC309)

Vice President

VP Urasaki
Thank you to all of you guys for your hard work. With the new senate coming on, I would like to ask you guys to keep working hard.

Treasurer

Treasurer Hinshaw
No report.

Secretary

Senator Nishihara
No report.

Administrative

a. Advisor

Advisor Manini
No report.

b. Operations Manager

Judicial Branch

a. Student Court

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Finau

If you haven't signed up to volunteer for Homecoming, please do so. It is happening next week. If you volunteer, you do get a t-shirt. The shirts are green with white printing. The tank-tops are a vibrant green with a dark green print. If you know any RIOs who are interested in tabling, let me know so I can put them down. We still have 5 or 6 open slots. Do you have a list of RIOs that are tabling?

SAL Chen

Chairperson Finau

President Dela Cruz

Chairperson Finau

Yes, I can email them.

Will there be an action plan?

Yes, I'll have an action plan to go over at the next general senate meeting.

Elections

Chairperson Utashiro

Treasurer Hinshaw

Chairperson Utashiro

Chairperson Utashiro

President Dela Cruz

Move to ratify the Fall 2017 Special Elections Result.

Second.

The only seat contested was Secretary. As of now, we are missing a senator for SOEST. Motion carries.

If you nominated someone, please remind them that they have two forms due on Friday. I'll also be emailing these new senators regarding pictures and committee placements. Be on the lookout.

External Affairs

Chairperson Leval

Committee, we'll have a meeting next Monday. Please keep in mind the tasks that were assigned. We discussed the bill that'll be seen today. We also made it a point to update our social media. Starshine is in charge of updating our Instagram. We'll do more fun posts on Instagram, and Facebook will contain more informational posts, such as deadlines, testimony, etc. In addition, we wanted to start presenting to RIOs, since this is one of the things we talked about in our leadership kickoff. We are working on a presentation to use to present to RIOs. We would love everyone's help with this.

Finance

Chairperson Honda

No report.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Lao

There are a bunch of committees that need delegates. If you want to take a look at this, you can. We should have ASUH representation on the General Education Committee, Student Affairs Committee, among several others. I would like to most emphasize the Academic Grievance Committee, Student Conduct Appellate Board, and Campus Center Board Membership Committee, and SAPFB screening committee. If you are interested in any of these, please let me know because these are pretty urgent.

Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Ng

Today, we'll be talking about a resolution on hiring managers for our portfolio. I'd like to express my gratitude to Treasurer Hinshaw and Advisor Manini for helping me with the resolution.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Petersen

We had a committee where we discussed such things as OERs. This is just a reminder to the committee members to please follow up on your tasks.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Chen

We are starting our scholarship process where we are going over applicants. The Grad Fair will be on 10/26-10/27. There are approximately 30-40 programs that will be tabling. We are working on getting the food. We are waiting for food permit. I will send an email for tabling, so if members from the senate can help, any help is appreciated.

OTHER COMMITTEES

- a. "Save Sinclair" Ad-hoc
President Dela Cruz Committee, please fill out the poll. I was also contacted that a meeting was scheduled to discuss a 24/5 study space. It'll take place on Monday at 8 am.

SPECIAL ORDERS

- a. Senate Resolution 03-18: Approve The Hiring Of Investment Managers And Investing In Index Funds For The Asuh Stadium Stock Fund
SAL Chen Move to special order SR 03-18.
VP Urasaki Second
Senator Ng To hire managers, there is a policy that we need to go to the BOR. The deadline is October 27. This is a time-sensitive issue because the resolution needs to be codified before it is sent.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO SPECIAL ORDER SR 03-18

Aye(s): Vice-President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Chun, Finau, Hortizuela, Lieu, Ng, Nishihara, Petersen, Willis, Utashiro [15]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Motion carries.

- SAL Chen* Move to accept SR 03-18.
SAL Leval Second
Senator Ng This resolution basically states that we approve the hiring of the managers our financial advisors, Graystone, recommended. The names of the managers are listed in the resolution.

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

SAL Chen Second.
Motion carries.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SR 03-18 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Vice-President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Chun, Finau, Hortizuela, Lieu, Ng, Nishihara, Petersen, Willis, Utashiro [15]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Motion carries.

- b. Senate Bill 16-18: To Appropriate Funding for ASUH Promotional Items

SAL Chen Move to special order SB 16-18.
VP Urasaki Second
SAL Leval We've decided on the promotional items we'd like to buy. Because of some of the pricing issues, and because we weren't sure if we needed a bill, we decided to write a bill. We didn't write a bill before because there is a line item for advertising. Keeping in mind the best practices from last year, we decided that it would be best to write a bill.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO SPECIAL ORDER SB 16-18

Aye(s): Vice-President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Chun, Finau, Hortizuela, Lieu, Ng, Nishihara, Petersen, Willis, Utashiro [15]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Motion carries.

SAL Chen Move to accept SB 16-18.
Treasurer Hinshaw Second

SAL Leval The purpose of this bill is to provide funding for ASUH promotional items. Not only does it entice people to come to our table, but it also increases visibility with our constituents.

SAL Lao Are you ordering the same items for the second semester?

SAL Leval The bill is general, so if the items we order for the first semester are not received favorably, then we can order different items for the second semester.

Advisor Manini My concern is that when we talk about this stuff constantly, then it reinforces the blatancy in which we are trying to circumvent not having to go to super quote, which we could get in trouble for. It applies to all spending, not just food. This particular legislation really exemplifies the legislation. Another thing is that I am not sure if you discussed that if you happen to go with the same vendor, it still will be caught later because it is considered parceling, which is not appropriate. Then you would have to use a different vendor. I wanted to point this out because it is very obvious.

SAL Leval Move to change both line items to \$2,500.00 each and have the totals reflect the changes.

SAL Chen Second.

SAL Chen I believe you mentioned that you have already purchased the items, which have not exceeded \$2,500.

SAL Leval If we appropriate more than \$2,500, but do not spend more than \$2,500, would we still have to get a super quote?

Advisor Manini You potentially would not have to.

SAL Lao What is a super-quote?

President Dela Cruz It means we would have to go through a bid process.

Senator Finau In addition, you would have to choose the lowest bidder.

SAL Leval This motion would change the amounts to what was approved last year.

Treasurer Hinshaw The previous Senate Act states what was bought. Could the items be listed in this bill?

SAL Leval As I mentioned to SAL Lao earlier, if the items that we purchased for the fall semester are not what the students want, or if we find better items, then with this bill, we have the flexibility to purchase different items. We have not purchased the items for Spring 2018. Motion carries.

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

SAL Chen Second.

Motion carries.

Treasurer Hinshaw If we approve this, we'll have about \$6,000 in Advertising.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 16-18 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Vice-President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Chun, Finau, Hortizuela, Lieu, Ng, Nishihara, Petersen, Willis, Utashiro [15]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Motion carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

Senator Finau

I would just like to clarify that in the minutes we just approved, under open forum, where I talk about the fact that we have 4 or 5 DACA recipients at the university, I just found an article that technically says I'm not supposed to release that kind of information under FERPA. I can't strike what I said in the minutes, but I would just like to clarify that those numbers came from administrators from the university who were just trying to help me write the resolution. In addition, the policy is HR 20-4 for reference. They also have their

website on the Office of Multicultural Student Services and they updated the policy for undocumented students. I just wanted to clarify that so there are no discrepancies. I don't think it's illegal, but President Lassner released a report on December 29, 2016 and he said, "UH does not maintain lists of students by immigration status or national origin, and will continue to utilize and abide by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which protects against most releases of students' personal information, including immigration status, without the written permission of the student or a subpoena or court order."

Advisor Manini
Senator Finau

So your statement at the end of the last general senate meeting was not illegal?
Yes, I'm just clarifying what I said at the meeting.

CLOSING

Announcements

- a. Special Election Campaign Period - *Begins 9/18, ends 10/2*
- b. Special Election Voting Period - *Begins 9/25 and ends 10/2*
- c. Scholarships & Awards - *available 8/14, due 10/6/17 4:30 PM*

Adjournment

SAL Leval
Senator Willis

Move to Adjourn.
Second.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Nishihara
Senator of the College of Engineering, 105th Senate