

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

General Senate Meeting #23 of the 106<sup>th</sup> Senate  
Thursday, March 7, 2019

**OPENING**

**Call to Order**

President Dela Cruz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in CC 310.

**Roll Call**

Present:	President Dela Cruz, Vice President Simeona, Treasurer Honda, Secretary Sakamoto, Senators-at-Large Chun, Kim, Li, Negrillo, Senators Abara, Aspacio, Balico, Dahmen, Juliano, Oshiro, Rafid, Santiago, Shimizu, Su, Transfiguracion [19]
Excused Absent:	Senator Gapet, Johnson, Ross, Salameh, Urasaki, Yim, Yoshida [7]
Unexcused Absent:	Senator Seals [1]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	Senator Vargas [1]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisors:	Advisor Manini [1]
Guests:	[0]

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #21, 106th Senate - February 21, 2019  
*VP Simeona* Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for GSMM #21.  
*Senator Transfiguracion* Second.  
*VP Simeona* Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.  
*Treasurer Honda* Second.  
Motion carries.  
  
Motion carries.

**Official Correspondence**

**Testimony**

**REPORTS**

**Executive**

**President**

a. Welcome New Senators!

*President Dela Cruz* I wanted to welcome our newly elected Senators. Congratulations!

b. PM #23 Relating to Campus Safety Advisory Committee

*Senator Oshiro* Move to accept PM #23.

*VP Simeona* Second.

*President Dela Cruz* This PM is to appoint our undergraduate delegate to represent ASUH on the Campus Safety Advisory Committee. I'm appointing Raiyan Rafid to serve on this committee. Motion carries.

c. PM #24 Standing Committee Appointments

*Senator Rafid* Move to accept PM #24.

*Senator Juliano* Second.

*President Dela Cruz* This is to re-appoint some members to our committees. To our new Senators, I didn't have the chance to talk to you folks about the committees, so I'll create a new PM once I talk to you about what committees you would like to sit on. This is to reflect changes that had to be made in terms of eligible Senators and new leadership.

*Secretary Sakamoto* Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.

*SAL Negrillo* Second.

Motion carries.

Motion carries.

d. Sinclair Library & Keller Hall Renovation

i. Research on Student Centers and Classrooms (Senate)

*President Dela Cruz* I'm looking for Senators to do research on Student Centers and classrooms at other universities. We still need to send in our ideas. If you're passionate about upgrading our classrooms and Sinclair Library, please reach out to me. Right now it's just me and Senator Salameh working on this, so please help.

ii. Survey & Student Suggestion Session *March 13, 2019 6 PM - 8 PM*

*President Dela Cruz* Secondly, as Senator Salameh has mentioned, we are doing a survey to collect student input. The survey is being worked out with our IT person. It will be sent out ASAP with an e-announcement with when the student suggestion session will take place. This is tentatively March 13, next Wednesday, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. I say tentatively because I've been having trouble getting the room reserved, but it will most likely will be in Hemenway. All of this information will be sent to you folks in an email so that you can all help spread the word.

e. ASUH Senator Work Sessions *4:30 - 8 PM Mon and Tues*

*President Dela Cruz* We're trying to encourage Senators to get their ASUH work done, so we've created work days on Mondays from 4:30-8:00PM. I've found that most Senators are actually free on Tuesdays, so I'll be opening up the office on Tuesdays for ASUH Senators only to get their work done. Please come and join us on Mondays and Tuesdays.

f. Reminders

i. Agenda Reminders - Fridays and Mondays (Final Docs)

*President Dela Cruz* If you want anything on the salmon agenda for every meeting, please let me know by Fridays and send me the documents by Mondays.

ii. Next Executive Committee Meeting: *Thursday, March 28 HEM 204*

*President Dela Cruz* For Exec, our next meeting is next week Thursday, March 28 and it's going to be in HEM 204.

**Vice President**

a. ASUH Retreat *March 16, Saturday 7 AM - 9 PM*

*VP Simeona*

Retreat is going to be next week Saturday. Please be sure to do the e-vite that I sent out yesterday. If you could respond to it by tomorrow by 12:00, that would be awesome. New Senators, because I just got your emails today, I will be sending you that e-vite.

*VP Simeona*

For new Senators, I usually meet with Senators at least once a semester. I will be sending you guys a calendar and it will have time slots. Be sure you reserve a time slot. Chairs and Vice Chairs, make sure you guys put in important dates onto the calendar. In our Team Drive, there is a document that has color coding so be sure you guys use that. We had our ASUH/GSO Talk Story Town Hall and it was pretty good. It was pretty orderly. There were no complaints or arguments. Mahalo to Senator Rafid and Urasaki for being on standby. Everyone liked the food. Even though it was really short notice, about 75 people were in attendance. There was also a few admin that were in attendance. I was walking around the audience and people were actually taking notes. I really wanted to showcase the different perspectives of this issue. There were last minute changes to the panelists. Some admin were invited, but declined because of prior commitments. The survey was actually invalid because it could've easily been skewed. I'm going to do a tabling fair and invite library collections so that they can showcase information. There are a couple of constituents asking me about the Ala Wai Canal project. I'm asking them for more information and what they want us to do as ASUH. They are slowly looking back at and revising the proposed rules. Next week, there will be two special guests from the BOR. I wanted to have Regent Putnam come, but her term will be ending, so they felt like they should send Regents that will be there longer.

**Treasurer**

*Treasurer Honda*

Make sure you're doing your duties. Let's say for some reason you don't receive your Award for Service because you didn't complete minutes, please still upload the minutes. We still need to get that done. If you have any questions regarding what your duties are, please feel free to ask me. We're still trying to figure out all of the rules regarding what duties fall under the Chair and Vice Chair. If you miss the deadline for the rate sheets, still please do it. It does affect the people you're supposed to be rating.

**Secretary**

*Secretary Sakamoto*

I wanted to make an announcement about an event that the Campus Climate Committee is having. This was sent in an e-announcement, but I wanted to verbally share it with all of you. The Campus Climate Committee is having a panel, next week Tuesday, March 12th, from 12:00 to 1:00 in the iLab. The panel is titled, "Free speech at Manoa: What is the role of the public university?" They're going to be discussing what makes Manoa unique as a public institution and how free speech intersects with the university's mission, values, and responsibilities. There are going to be four people on the panel: Michael Bruno, Carrie Okinaga, Jon Osorio, and David Duffy. Please come if you're available. This is the first event of many that we're planning on having. In addition to that, if you or an RIO you're part of is having an event that is aligned with what the Campus Climate Committee does, feel free to let me know about it because the committee is always looking to support events that support what we're doing.

**Administrative**

a. Advisor

*Advisor Manini*

I will be away from March 21st to the 29th. I will be returning to the office on the first of April. I will be traveling for work. If you need to get in touch with me, you can email me. If you know you need me, please try to set something up with me before Spring Break or before I fly out.

b. Operations Manager

**Judicial Branch**

a. Student Court

**Standing Committees**

**Campus Life**

*Chairperson Chun*

Campus Life will be sponsoring the upcoming Blood Drive next Tuesday, March 12th, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. It will be in Campus Center Ballroom C. We need ASUH to advertise. I have a bunch of flyers. Please post it on your department bulletin board. We also need volunteers. I sent out an email. If you have time, post your name on what time you're available. For donations, have students call the number or visit the website that is on the flyer. If you want to donate, I have a clipboard where you can sign-up to donate. Another thing, Sodexo and the Food Vault will be hosting an event on April 3rd. The main chef of Sodexo will be doing cooking demonstrations with non-perishable food items. ASUH needs to man the food donations. We'll have our own table and will collect cans. At that event, we can also pass out our Mahalo Manoa shirts. We're also working on Sinclair Study Nights. Campus Life, make sure you fill out the When2Meet.

**Elections**

a. ASUH Spring 2019 General Elections

i. Approval of Candidate Nominations

*Chairperson Negrillo*

Move to approve the Candidate Nominations List for the ASUH General Election.

*Treasurer Honda*

Second.

*Senator Rafid*

I turned in my packet and my name should be there for the position of Vice President.

*Chairperson Negrillo*

These are the names that should be on this list. For President: Landon Li, Marcus Patterson, Ismael Salameh. For SAL: Ryan Su, Jungha Kim, Sheena Juliano, Paige Oshiro. For Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences: Kylie Finley-Johnson, Caitlyn Lee, Chanda Luitel, Ryan Su, Jungha Kim, Marcus Patterson, Ismael Salameh. For Senator for the College of Engineering: Gabrielle "Rose" Baguio. For Treasurer: Kezzo Pacanvayan. For VP: Kiran Datwani, Hannah Bowersmith, Raiyan Rafid.

*President Dela Cruz*

The names that aren't on the list, but are supposed to be are: Ismael Salameh, Marcus Patterson, and Raiyan Rafid under Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, Raiyan Rafid under Vice President. That's all I caught. Please let me know if there's anything else we need to add.

*Chairperson Negrillo*

Move to add those people to the list. Pending the approval of their eligibility

*Senator Oshiro*

Second.

Motion carries.

Motion carries.

ii. Open Floor Candidate Nominations

*Chairperson Negrillo*

Move to accept any floor nominations that will be made right now for the Spring 2019 General Elections.

*SAL Li*

Second.

*Chairperson Negrillo*

I would like to floor nominate Landon Li for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, Kacie Manabe for SAL and for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, Mei Shimizu for SAL and for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, Micah Leval for SAL and for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, David Rew for Senator for the College of Education, Justin Friedman for Senator for the College of Education, Mai Van, Steve Brian Santiago, Russell John Transfiguracion, and Renz Aspacio for Senator for the College of Engineering, Andrew Kalani Simeona for Senator for Hawaiiinueakea, Kelly Yoshida for Senator for the College of Health Sciences and Social Welfare, Sarai Vargas for Senator for the College of Health Sciences and Social Welfare, Starshine Chun for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, and Leroy Banks for the Senator for Shidler.

*SAL Kim* I nominate Chase Urasaki for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences.  
*Senator Rafid* I nominate Nisa Gapet for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences and SAL.  
*VP Simeona* I nominate Bernadette Rose Garrett for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences.  
*Secretary Sakamoto* I nominate Jannah Lyn Dela Cruz for Senator for the School of Architecture.  
*SAL Li* I nominate Camille Dahmen for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences.  
*Senator Juliano* I nominate Andrew Kalani Simeona for President.  
*SAL Li* I nominate Chachi Abara for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences.  
*SAL Kim* I nominate Kimberly Ogata for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences.  
*Secretary Sakamoto* I nominate Jalen Seals for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences.  
*Senator Rafid* I nominate Chase Urasaki for SAL.  
Motion carries.

*Chairperson Negrillo* Good luck to everyone running!

## **External Affairs**

### **Finance**

*Chairperson Li* We are finally done with the interview process for RIO funding. Thank you to everyone who participated in the interviews. We had about 71 or 72 RIOs that successfully applied and awarded finances to. The bill has been referred to the Finance Committee, so we will take a look at that.

### **Internal Affairs**

*Chairperson Rafid* So far there is no report for my committee, but for the campus wide committees that I am in, I've come to the realization that the information I'm getting from these committees would be really useful for our ASUH committees. I'm thinking of having committee Chairs be part of these campus wide committees.

## **Investments and Long Range Planning**

*President Dela Cruz* We will tentatively meet next week Thursday, March 14 before the General. Time and place is TBD. We need to start meeting a little more frequently.

### **Student Affairs**

*Chairperson Kim* No report.

## **Undergraduate Academic Affairs**

*Chairperson Juliano* We closed the scholarships and on Monday we sent all of the faculty reviewers their assigned folders to score. I gave them until March 25th to score them. So far, a couple of them have already turned them in. Yesterday we had our research award presentations. We only had two. We also looked at the grad test prep applications. I'm going to plan to have a committee meeting on March 25th. The only problem that we have is that the way the faculty reviewers score the applications is all on the same excel sheet. Some said that they would prefer to not see how other scored. They've given me some suggestions for next semester and I've been taking note of that. In regards to the Academic Grievance Committee, I met with Dr. Ideta, but she recommended I meet with Dr. Bruno. I'm going to try to meet with him about that.

*Advisor Manini* Has the scoring sheet always been that way or are you trying something new this semester?

*Chairperson Juliano* I copied what was done last semester.

*Advisor Manini* It makes sense for them not to see what each other rated.

*President Dela Cruz* When I was UAA Chair, we used the 123 contact form so each faculty reviewer could fill out a form for each applicant and no one else would see the score. I don't know what happened last semester, but you could probably find the previous forms on 123 contact.

## **Other Committees**

**Hawaiian Cultural Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee**

*VP Simeona*

To my committee members, make sure you folks respond to my When2Meet. I will see if we can meet within the next week or during Spring Break. I would like to talk about a couple of things that was brought up during the Town Hall. I'm also looking for new committee members. If you're interested, please join.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

A. 2018-2019 ASUH Audit Update

1. Information Request List and Fulfillment

*President Dela Cruz*

If you click on the link, I tagged certain individuals to help me find certain missing items. Please get that to me ASAP.

2. Draft Audit Report on ASUH

*President Dela Cruz*

I would like the Senate to look at the draft audit report that was sent via email and provide any feedback you may have. Last day to send feedback is by next week Friday, March 15th. You have at least a week to look over it and provide any questions or comments you may have.

B. Senate Resolution 10-19 Divestment from Sub-Minimum Wage Practices

*Senator Rafid*

Move to accept Senate Resolution 10-19.

*SAL Chun*

Second.

*SAL Li*

This reso is coming back after some consultation. This was introduced last General. Currently, under the US Federal law there is one group of people that is not covered by minimum wage laws. This group is made up of people who suffer from any mental, physical, or other disabilities. Employers can seek a special certificate that allows them to employ disabled workers and pay them less than the minimum wage. These wages can range from \$5.00 an hour to as low as \$0.25 an hour. Companies that usually do this are non-profits. They pay less taxes than a regular corporation, but benefit off of the labor of disabled workers by not paying them minimum wage. This resolution calls for the State of Hawaii to end current contracts that they have with companies that employ this sub-minimum wage practice.

*Senator Rafid*

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

*SAL Li*

Second.

Motion carries.

*SAL Li*

Initially this was deferred because of the language of divestment. We deferred this measure so that we could consult our financial advisors about the issue of divestment.

*SAL Li*

Move to amend the title from "Divestment from Sub-Minimum Wage Practices" to "Condemnation of Sub-Minimum Wage Practices."

*Secretary Sakamoto*

Second.

Motion carries.

*SAL Li*

Move to strike the entire final "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED" statement.

*Senator Oshiro*

Second.

Motion carries.

*Treasurer Honda*

For the employers who employ workers that have a disability and use sub-minimum wage practices, if they are no longer able to do that, would they just get rid of disabled workers and hire someone else?

*SAL Li*

Undoubtedly, there will most likely be businesses impacted by this. Locally, companies like Lanakila Pacific said on record that they would not go under if they had to pay their disabled workers an actual minimum wage. Most of these businesses are non-profits. They reap tax benefits. There are disabled workers who are happy, but we have to look at the big picture. This is exploitation.

*Treasurer Honda*

I'm just wondering if this would make it harder for disabled workers to get a job.

*Senator Su* I would like to state that I believe this was created with the justification that disabled workers may have lower productivity because of their disability. As an employer, it is unfair to employees who may turn around ten units at a time compared to someone who can only turn around one unit in the same time. I think that's one of the justifications, which is something to think about.

*SAL Kim* The focus shouldn't be on other workers who won't be making more than them. We should be focusing more along the lines that there's an issue here and we shouldn't use another issue to scapegoat that.

*SAL Li* The labor ability of disabled workers was most likely a consideration, but no other industrialized nation in the world has a law that allows disabled workers to make less than minimum wage. These companies are most likely non-profits. They are seen as doing charity work, but they are profiting off of disabled workers.

*Senator Transfiguracion* Move to include "(ASUH)" after "Associated Students of the University of Hawaii at Manoa" in the first "WHEREAS" statement and replace all other instances of "Associated Students of the University of Hawaii at Manoa" with "ASUH."

*VP Simeona* Second.  
Motion carries.

*SAL Li* Entities that employ these kinds of sub-minimum wage practices. They get big contracts all the while being categorized as a non-profit. They have massive tax benefits and profit off of sub-minimum wage practices. They can afford to give a minimum wage.

*Senator Oshiro* How does this special wage certificate for the non-profit work with ADA? I'm confused as to how this type of policy would be compliant with ADA.

*SAL Li* I addressed this in the reso. In the third "WHEREAS" statement, it mentions a contradiction within the federal government. The ADA recognizes that people with disabilities still have full rights and access to a life as a regular citizen, but there's a contradiction with the sub-minimum wage practices.

*Advisor Manini* The reason this contradiction might be allowed is these companies have been able to justify it with providing training. It's not just applying for a job. They're claiming to provide training. I'm not saying if it's right or wrong, but they justify it as training so that they are complying with ADA.

*Senator Su* What is the purpose of this if we're just "condemning" and not "divesting."

*SAL Li* Once we send this resolution gets sent out, more people will be aware of our stance on it and that we're advocating for the end of this practice. It's to make more people aware and to push them to be more conscience.

*Senator Su* Isn't that a divestment?

*SAL Li* Divestment refers to things such as stocks or bonds. The reason we are unable to say divestment is because our budget is largely funded by an endowment. We have a stock portfolio that we draw out to fund our operation. This stock portfolio is run by our financial managers. We currently having a standing reso that prohibits us from divesting. This would be divesting in contracts and not purchase items.

*Senator Su* It's kind of contradicting that we're condemning this practice, but it's okay with investing in these companies.

*Advisor Manini* He's also taking out the divestment language because there's policy that says if you're going to be making changes in how you're going to invest, that needs to come from the Investments Committee and not just through a resolution introduced by a Senator who's not in the Investments Committee.

*SAL Li* There are currently bills being pushed through the legislature that have to do with this topic. Rather than wait for us to pass a reso saying we want to divest properly, I wanted to get this reso out so we can support the legislation at the State Capitol.

*Senator Su* I just wanted to point out that philosophically there's a contradiction.

*Treasurer Honda* Even if we wanted to divest in those companies, it's really hard to identify which companies use this practice.

*SAL Li* I agree that there is a philosophical conundrum, but as discussed earlier with Advisor Manini and Treasurer Honda, there are layers to divestment. And time is of the essence to

get this reso passed so that we can have something to present to the legislature. We have to get something out so that we can provide testimony.  
*Senator Su* Have you gauged any opinions from the student body?  
*SAL Kim* That's why we were elected. We were elected to represent the student body and by being elected, they trust us to make these decisions.  
*Senator Su* It is the representative's duty to gauge student sentiment.  
*SAL Li* I'm very certain that if you walk into the room of the Kokua Program and you ask them if they would be okay with being paid less than minimum wage, I challenge you to find anyone who would be okay with being paid less than minimum wage.  
*SAL Kim* I qualify as disabled with the ADA. My brother is autistic and is qualified as disabled. In the case that he wouldn't get paid minimum wage because of his disability, I think anyone would say that that's awful.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SENATE RESOLUTION 10-19**

**Aye(s):** Vice President Simeona, Treasurer Honda, Secretary Sakamoto, Senators-at-Large Chun, Kim, Li, Negrillo, Senators Abara, Aspacio, Balico, Dahmen, Julianano, Oshiro, Rafid, Santiago, Shimizu, Transfiguracion ,Su [18]

**Naye(s):**

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

Motion carries.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **OPEN FORUM**

###### **A. General Updates**

*VP Simeona* I will be looking into the Ala Wai Canal and that issue to get more information from the constituents that brought it to me. I'll also be working on creating a resolution regarding Aloha Aina Sustainability. We are a Hawaiian place of learning. If we're going to do sustainability, we should do it through cultural practices. I'll be sending out an updates email tonight. For retreat, bring a talent because we're going to have a talent show.

*Senator Oshiro* Please sign-up for the Blood Drive. We talked to Amy from the Blood Bank and it's actually really easy. They tell you to save an hour, but it really only takes a lot less. They feed you. You can also save three lives. You really help cancer patients when you donate blood. It's a really good cause. Bring your friends.

*SAL Li* The sustainability fund survey closes tomorrow at 4:00 PM. Take it if you haven't and tell your friends to take it. Please spread the word.

*SAL Negrillo* Did you run out of ugly mugs?

*SAL Li* If you want more ugly mugs, see me after and I can connect you with the contact person.

*SAL Chun* SAL Kim and I are maintaining contact with CSDC. We've been waiting for them to answer our questions. If you know, there was no bill introduced during the legislative session for more funding for counselors, but CSDC is making improvements to compensate for the lack of funding. We're going to be meeting with the Director and one of the counselors next week. If you want to join in or have any questions, feel free to let us know.

*VP Simeona* President Dela Cruz and I will be attending the Caucus meeting this Saturday.

*SAL Negrillo* If you floor nominated someone, please make sure you get me their name, major, student ID number, positions desired, and email before 4:00 PM tomorrow.

###### **B. Other**



**CLOSING**  
**Announcements**

**Adjournment**

*Senator Rafid*  
*SAL Kim*

Move to Adjourn.  
Second.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jaclyn Sakamoto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Jaclyn Sakamoto  
Secretary, 106<sup>th</sup> Senate