

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

General Senate Meeting #11 of the 102nd Senate
Wednesday, October 01, 2014

OPENING

Call to Order

President Nishihara called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present:	President Nishihara, Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senators-at-Large Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Bradley, Callihan, Coria, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Mandado, Mitsui, Oshiro, Samiano, Sanchez, Schulz, Uyeda, [21]
Excused Absent:	Secretary Belisario, Senators Baxa, Lawi-An, Tagaban [3]
Unexcused Absent:	Senator-at-Large Onishi [1]
Excused Late:	Senator Borge [1]
Unexcused Late:	Senator Wainwright [1]
Excused Early Departure:	Senator-at-Large Lee, Senators Kwon, Nguyen [3]
Unexcused Early Departure	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	[0]
Guests:	Noelle Fujii, Meakalia Previch-Liu, Kathy Cutshaw VC for Administration, Finance, and Operations [3]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

<i>Senator Grunenwald</i>	Motion to accept GSMM #10.
<i>Senator Sanchez</i>	Second.
<i>Senator Mandado</i>	Motion to correct all grammatical and typographical errors.
<i>Senator Grunenwald</i>	Second. Motion carries.
<i>Senator Kwon</i>	Motion to add my name under “present” and change the total amount.
<i>Senator Kamoshida</i>	Second. Motion Carries. Motion Carries.

Official Correspondence

i. Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance, and Operations, Kathy Cutshaw, Budget Presentation

Kathy Cutshaw Thank you for having me here today, I will be giving a presentation on the budget. Operational costs have been slowly going up, and among our various revenue source, we can only use the fees collected from the students and the state. However, since the support from the state has been going down, we have had to slowly rely more on the fees from the students. The enrollment at this campus has been going down, and in order to compensate for that we had to increase tuition by 5% this year. One of the reason why costs have been going up is because we had to raise the faculty pay since there was a cut back in 2009-2012. Also, energy costs have been going up.

Senator Mandado What exactly is operating cost?

Kathy Cutshaw It is everything such as utility and salary.

Senator Grunenwald How are extensions of the university paid for, such as the Cancer Center?

Kathy Cutshaw Places like the Cancer Center are funded from tuition because of all the operational costs.

Senator Kwon How exactly are you going to slow the rate of spending?

Kathy Cutshaw We are trying to stay away from people that we current do not have to hire, and deferring costs that can be paid next year.

Senator Nguyen I heard that teaching-oriented units on this university are not receiving their proper portion of the funds.

Kathy Cutshaw That is not the case.

REPORTS

**Executive
President**

a. PM #16 Relating to Standing Committee Appointments

Senator Kamoshida Motion to accept PM #16.

Senator Callihan Second.
Motion carries.

President Nishihara I just wanted to let you all know that Advisor Manini is sick today, and she has been told by her doctor to take it easy for the next couple of days.

Vice President

Vice President Zakimi The retreat is coming up and it is next week. I am currently passing around the waiver forms, so if whenever you can, please turn them into me as soon as possible.

Treasurer

Treasurer Takara Since it is the end of the month, please turn in your stipends. Also, I have been told by office staff to turn in hard copies over the electronic ones as much as possible.

Secretary

Senator Mitsui Since I have not received any messages from Secretary Belisario, I have no report.

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Oshiro This past week, we had the blood drive and it was a great success. Thank you to all those who helped out with tabling.

Elections

Chairperson Grunenwald We had a meeting to talk about potentially hosting a congressional debate, which was formerly aimed towards hosting a gubernatorial debate.

External Affairs

Chairperson Nguyen We had a meeting to discuss SB 19-15: To Appropriate funding for a Congressional Debate and SR 05-15: In Support of a Greater Student Voice on the UH Manoa Campus which we will be talking about in this meeting.

Finance

Chairperson Kawagishi We had RIO funding this past weekend, and we are currently going through the applications.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Schulz I will be setting up a meeting sometime soon.

Investments and Long-Range Planning

Chairperson Lee We had our meeting last week, and we talked about setting up our Request for Proposal (RFP) that will be sent out to the different firms that we hope to gain as our new financial consultant.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Mandado The campus security walk that was being hosted by the UH Manoa Department of Public Safety has been cancelled yesterday, due to the heavy rain that we experienced.

Undergraduate and Academic Affairs

Vice Chair Elarco The application is out and we started receiving them. We are going to be looking over the soon.

SPECIAL ORDERS

a. Senate Resolution 19-15: To Appropriate Funding for a Congressional Debate
Senator Grunenwald Motion to bring SB 19-15 to the floor.
Senator Sanchez Second.

Senator Grunenwald The intent of this bill is to host a congressional debate here on this campus and gain more student interest in the election process. This event was originally planned to be a gubernatorial debate, but we fell short on time and decided to change it to a congressional debate by inviting Charles Djou and Mark Takai.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senator-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bradley, Callihan, Coria, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Oshiro, Samiano, Sanchez, Uyeda, Wainwright [23]

Nayes: Senator Schulz [1]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion carries.

- Senator Grunenwald* Motion to add in October 16th as the day of the event, and under “Appropriations,” strike “Leis” with “Protocol” and change the amount under “Food” to \$2000, “Protocol” to \$100, and the total to reflect the changes.
- Senator Mandado* Second.
- Senator Schulz* Well, I think this was planned too late, and other groups on campus are inviting the candidates over around that time, so this debate is meaningless.
- Senator Mitsui* I agree, this was planned at the very last minute. I myself, work for a gubernatorial candidate and he told me that an event like this should have been notified to the candidates at least two months prior. This is too late, and we have no idea how many people are going to show up.
- Senator Grunenwald* Unfortunately, this had to be a last minute action, and the election is coming up. Perhaps it is better to not have a specified date instead.
- Senator Sanchez* What is going on at this debate?
- Senator Grunenwald* We are inviting two of the congressional candidates here to our school.
- President Nishihara* Since we do not yet have a consensus on where this resolution should be taken, I call for a 10 minute recess.

10 minute recess (7:12 PM – 7:22 PM)

Roll Call:

Present: President Nishihara, Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senators-at-Large Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bradley, Callihan, Coria, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Oshiro, Samiano, Sanchez, Schulz, Uyeda, Wainwright [24]

Quorum Met.

- Senator Schulz* We decided that there really is no time to change the content of this bill, not to create a resolution in support of this event.
I motion to call the question.
- Senator Oshiro* Second.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Senator-at-Large Omokawa, Senator Mandado [2]

Nayes: Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senator-at-Large Nishihara, Senators Borge, Bradley, Callihan, Coria, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mitsui, Oshiro, Samiano, Sanchez, Schulz, Uyeda, Wainwright [21]

Abstentions: [0]

Measure does not pass.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

- a. Senate Resolution 02-15: Student Sustainability Fund

[testimonies]

- Senator Schulz* Did we already motion to fix all grammatical and typographical errors?

- Senator Sanchez* Yes, we did, and I already fixed the ones I could find.
- Senator Mitsui* Question to the introducer. I was wondering if you considered my proposal to make this a pilot program?
- Senator Sanchez* Yes, I added it under “BE IT RESOLVED” to be a 2 year pilot program.
- Senator Mitsui* You cannot do that. We only had an informal discussion on this.
- Senator Mandado* Motion to add under BE IT RESOLVED: “the ASUH at Manoa, representing approximately 14,000 full-time classified undergraduate students, supports the creation of the \$4 Student Sustainability Fund on the University of Hawai‘I at Manoa campus as a 2 year pilot program; and”
- Senator Sanchez* Second.
Motion carries.
- Senator Grunenwald* What happens to the Sustainability Commission that already deals with all of these sustainability issues?
- Doorae Shin* Yes, we already do have an organization that work on this, but they are strictly a strategic planning committee and they have no dedicated funds. Not creating this program would go against the will of the BOR and the students, since we already have support from those parties.
- Senator Schulz* Thank you Doorae for the statistical data that you brought up, and because of this, I am changing my mind and am now in support of this program.
- Senator Kwon* Does the administration support this?
- Doorae Shin* Yes, actually the previous chancellor did, and now I am having a meeting with the current chancellor, Kathy Cutshaw, Lori Ideta, and Jan Javinar. They actually supported for a higher rate, and I did not receive any opposition.
- Senator Grunenwald* Have you folks gone to be BOR, since this deals with a mandatory fee?
- Doorae Shin* We have to get student support first, and then we are proceeding to the Campus Fee Advisory Board, and eventually we are going to the BOR. So, we are following through with the process that we are supposed to follow.
- Vice President Zakimi* Do you have a department in mind that will be collecting all the funds?
- Doorae Shin* We are actually looking for an office right now, and the office of Facilities and Planning said that they will be willing to offer it as a home. I am going to be meeting up with some people, so this issue will hopefully be sorted out by next week.
- Senator Kawagishi* Since all of the sustainability related studies are under CTAHR, I was told that this sustainability fee program will be under this department. Since it is under CTAHR, it will be receiving funding from the administration eventually.
- Senator Garma* I did the math on the stipends, and it seems like they will be allocated disproportionately.
- Doorae Shin* Actually, the budget aspect of the proposal is not finalized until we receive further advising.

Senator Mandado As the chairperson for Student Affairs, I fully support this program.
Motion to call the question.
Senator Grunenwald Second.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senator-at-Large Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bradley, Callihan, Coria, Elarco, Garma, Kamakea, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Oshiro, Samiano, Sanchez, Schulz, Uyeda, Wainwright [21]

Nayes: Senator Grunenwald, Kawagishi [2]

Abstentions: [0]

Measure Passes.

b. Senate Resolution 05-15: In Support of a Greater Student Voice on the UH Manoa Campus

Vice President Zakimi Unfortunately, Senator Nguyen had to leave early today, but he asked me to just say a few words about this. This measure unofficially went through External Affairs committee and they unofficially recommended this resolution to be passed.

Senator Grunenwald I actually went to the External Affairs committee meeting and I helped fix some things. Under the third BE IT RESOLVED, it talks about chalking, and since this resolution advocates for free speech, I think it should include other things as well.

Senator Samiano Where exactly are the free speech zones?

President Nishihara I am actually in talks with CCB right now, and technically they are located where your fees are paying for.

Senator Samiano For the organization that I am in, I was told by the Facilities Management office that writing something in Campus Center, or any vertical surface will be considered vandalism.

Senator Grunenwald Senator Nguyen said that he wanted to try eliminate these free speech zones as much as possible since this is a public university.

Senator Schulz We can add in a clause that specifies where the actual free speech zones are going to be, however, I am not sure if that will be lawful. My other concern is that the content is way too specific for the title that is very general.

Senator Kwon Yes, I agree. I think the title and content do not match up, and I am not sure what the intent of this resolution is.

Senator Schulz I do not think this resolution is ready to pass, and we do not have enough time to make all the amendments.

Motion to send this to a committee specified by the President.

Senator Wainwright Second.

President Nishihara If I knew that Senator Nguyen was not going to be here at this meeting tonight, I would have not added this to the agenda.

Motion passes.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senator-at-Large Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Callihan, Coria, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Oshiro, Samiano, Sanchez, Schulz, Uyeda, Wainwright [22]

Nayes: [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Measure is sent back to committee.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Senate Bill 11-15: 2014 ACE Bash

Vice President Zakimi Motion to accept SCR 19-15.
Senator Schulz Second.
Motion Carries.

Vice President Zakimi Motion to accept SCR 22-15.
Senator Sanchez Second.
Motion Carries.

Vice President Zakimi Motion to accept SCR 25-15.
Senator Sanchez Second.
Motion Carries.

Vice President Zakimi Motion to accept SB 11-15.
Senator Schulz Second.

Senator Mandado Initially, the Student Affairs committee was concerned with the price, but I think we should just award the full price, because ASUH should support first-year programs.

Senator Grunenwald How much did we award last year?

Senator Elarco It was the same amount.

President Nishihara It seems like the total does not add up.

Senator Elarco Motion to change the total from \$3500.00 to \$3250.00.
Senator Kamakea Second.
Motion carries.

Senator Grunenwald Motion to call the question.
Senator Kwon Second.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senator-at-Large Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Callihan, Coria, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Oshiro, Samiano, Sanchez, Schulz, Uyeda, Wainwright [22]

Nayes: [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion carries.

b. Senate Bill 13-15: Homecoming Funding

Vice President Zakimi Motion to accept SCR 21-15.
Senator Mandado Second.
Motion carries.

Vice President Zakimi Motion to accept SCR 26-16.
Senator Sanchez Second.
Motion carries.

Vice President Zakimi Motion to fix all grammatical and typographical errors.

Senator Mandado Second.
Motion carries.
Motion carries.

Senator Sanchez Motion to accept SB 13-15.
Senator Oshiro Second.

Senator Mandado Since we have homecoming every year, we should all support this bill.

Senator Grunenwald What are the promotional items for?

Senator Oshiro These items are for buying the t-shirt and designing them.

Senator Kwon Motion to call the question.
Senator Schulz Second.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senator-at-Large Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Callihan, Coria, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Oshiro, Samiano, Sanchez, Schulz, Uyeda, Wainwright [22]

Nayes: [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion carries.

c. Senate Bill 16-15: Voter Registration Drive

Senator Grunenwald Motion to accept SCR 20-15.
Senator Mandado Second.
Motion carries.

Senator Grunenwald Motion to accept SCR 23-15.
Senator Mandado Second.
Motion carries.

Senator Grunenwald Motion to accept SCR 27-15.
Senator Sanchez Second.
Motion carries.

Senator Grunenwald Motion to accept SB 16-15.
Senator Oshiro Second.

Senator Mandado I am the author of this bill, and I would like to ask the senate to table this bill indefinitely because voter registration is on October 6th, and we will not have time for that.
Motion to table bill indefinitely.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senator-at-Large Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Callihan, Coria, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mitsui, Oshiro, Samiano, Sanchez, Schulz, Uyeda, Wainwright [21]

Nayes: Senator Mandado [1]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion carries.

OPEN FORUM

President Nishihara I sent out an email for the candidates of the Vice Chancellor of Students to come talk to the students.

Vice President Zakimi This will take place at QLC 412 on October 2nd, 6th, 9th, 13th all during 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM.

CLOSING

Adjournment

Senator Grunenwald
Senator Sanchez

Motion to Adjourn
Second.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Mitsui
Senator, Colleges of the Arts and Sciences