

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

General Senate Meeting #24 of the 105th Senate
Wednesday, April 18th, 2018

OPENING

Call to Order

President Dela Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present:	President Dela Cruz, Vice President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Cantalupo, Creadick, Ikehara, Kim, Li, Manabe, Oshiro, Petersen, Ramirez, Sakamoto, Simeona, Utashiro, Willis [21]
Excused Absent:	Senators Bonilla, Deinla, Vargas [3]
Unexcused Absent:	Senators Dunham, Lee, Khlopin, Pasoquen-Castillo, Rainville, Willis [6]
Excused Late:	Senators Hortizuela, Ng [2]
Unexcused Late:	Senator Yamada [1]
Excused Early Departure:	[0]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	[0]
Guests:	Gian Hidalgo [1]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #23, 105th Senate - April 4th, 2018	
<i>Senator Simeona</i>	Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for GSMM #23.
<i>Senator Kim</i>	Second.
<i>SAL Chen</i>	Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.
<i>Senator Kim</i>	Second.
	Motion carries.
<i>Treasurer Hinshaw</i>	Move to switch Senator Creadick from unexcused to excused, and have the total reflect those changes.
<i>SAL Chen</i>	Second.
	Motion carries.
	Motion carries.

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE SENATE ON APRIL 25TH, 2018

Official Correspondence

a. Gian Hidalgo, UHM Bookstore

Gian Hidalgo

The cost of textbooks rose the highest in the past few years, surpassing even medical services and new home prices in percentage change. The high cost of textbooks is creating a barrier to student academic success. The bookstore is implementing IDAP, an inclusive access to learning. IDAP is to help reduce the cost of course material as well as improve student educational outcomes by having the course ready by day 1. Students can choose to have the digital version of books at a lower price, or they could opt to have an actual book with a print upgrade. Course material will be integrated in Laulima. There will be data feedback tools to see the kind of activity that students have with the course material, on how much time they spent reading, or if students spent extra time on a certain chapter in particular tells them that they should explain more on those topics. The date to opt out of this is the same day to drop without a W.

Testimony

REPORTS

Executive

President

a. UH Student Caucus

i. UHSC Resolution 18-02: OERs

[Link to UHSC Resolution 18-02](#)

ii. Next Meeting: May 19, 2018 UH Mānoa

President Dela Cruz

On April 7th we passed a resolution regarding open educational resources. The Caucus as a whole is supporting some sort of open education implementation. The next meeting will be May 19th. The next thing is a resolution that UH West Oahu passed regarding solely flying the campus Hawaiian flag on Hawaiian Independence Day on November 28th. It was welcomed that the other campuses pass similar resolutions.

b. General Reminders

a. Legislation & Agenda Item Request Deadline: Fridays, 5 pm

b. Executive Committee Meeting: April 11, 2018

President Dela Cruz

We will have a special general meeting on April 25th at 6:30 PM, it is important that we meet quorum for this one.

Vice President

a. ASUH Crossover Banquet - May 2

b. ASUH Spring Retreat - April 22

Service Learning Project at Hale O Papa in Halawa Valley - 8 AM to 1 PM

VP Urasaki

On May 2nd there will be two general senate meetings, the last meeting of the 105th senate from 6-6:30 PM and the first meeting of the 106th Senate from 6:30-7 PM. The meetings are followed by the crossover banquet in the exec dining room. I will be sending you an email with more information but that generally will be from 7:30-9 or 9:30 PM. For those of you planning to attend the service project retreat in Halawa valley this Sunday from 8 AM-1 PM please let me know. We are leaving here at 9 and coming back about 1-1:30 PM, food and transportation will be provided.

Treasurer

Treasurer Hinshaw

So far we spent about 47% in our general fund, we have about \$62,452.03 remaining. The cash award memo should be done by the end of the week.

Secretary

Secretary Ruan

No report.

Administrative

- a. Advisor
- b. Operations Manager

Judicial Branch

- a. Student Court

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Senator Oshiro

Sinclair Study Nights isn't going to happen because paperwork weren't submitted on time.

Senator Utashiro

It sounded like all the forms were submitted on time so I am not too sure why the event isn't happening. From what I understand everything was set because I was in communication with the Chairperson throughout the process, it seems like the paperwork were submitted and everything were confirmed as well as the bill for everything. I'm not sure if there was some sort of miscommunication but the reasoning behind Sinclair Study Nights being canceled was that our advisor thought our forms were not submitted which they actually were from what I understand. The food vendors have given us discounts and filled out the forms and accommodated our needs, it would be kind of unfair to pull out. In the past every time there were concerns over whether Sinclair could happen, we went ahead with it and it was fine.

SAL Chen

There should be a clarification on what actually occurred, and it should be the committee's decision if the paperwork was filled out. Would it be possible to just call to check the current status of the food?

Treasurer Hinshaw

Ultimately it is the Committee's decision if you really have the resources to pull it through. You have to make sure that it's okay with the Advisor because they would have to get some of the items.

Senator Willis

I think we should try to do something on our own still, since we do have that presence so we should continue to have that presence.

Senator Yamada

At this point we're just going off of what the Advisor says. Requirements are set out to be met but even when it is met, there are still issues on whether or not Sinclair Study nights will go on.

President Dela Cruz

If the event were to go on it would be cutting it extremely close. I spoke with Advisor Manini but it was more about what can the committee do at this point. Who would like to see this event to go on?

Elections

- a. Spring 2018 General Election Candidate Nominations

Chairperson Utashiro

Move to ratify the results of the Spring 2018 General elections.

SAL Chen

Second.

Chairperson Utashiro

Move to correct the percentages under the School of Architecture positions.

SAL Chen

Second.

Motion carries.

Motion carries.

Chairperson Utashiro

I will be sending out emails with individual letters for you to mark if you accept or decline the position, and submit your campaign spending report. For those of you who ran for 2 positions you may only accept 1 but will need to submit both forms. If you put up campaign materials please make sure you have them down by Friday.

External Affairs

Chairperson Leval

Meeting will be on Monday at 5 pm in CC 307.

Finance

Chairperson Honda

Please check email finance committee, we will be having another meeting to go over the bill referred to us.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Lao

We had a meeting yesterday and that was to just go over the rule revisions, especially rule 18. Our current rate sheets don't provide feedback to people who are rated, it's easy to lose your stipend if you just don't do the rate sheets, questions on rate sheets don't accurately reflect responsibilities, and the question of if you get yourself excused every month should you still be able to get your awards for service? In terms of how we will be moving forward, we are probably going to start looking at the questions on the rate sheets and revising them. I will be sending out a doodle soon for our next meeting.

Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Ng

We had a meeting on Monday and got our quarter report. We redefine the word audit and we are working on processes.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Petersen

No report.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Chen

No report.

Other Committees

1. "Save Sinclair" Ad-Hoc

President Dela Cruz

Will be organizing a meeting soon.

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

Senator Utashiro

Move to recall SA 32-18, funding for FilGrad 2018.

Senator Manabe

Second.

Senator Utashiro

My main concern was that there were conflicts of interest which would be against the rules. From speaking to other people who should be part of this event they felt that they were not welcomed to the event, not sure if that was due to planning. They feel that it is only for the people in the Filipino department. Going from 200 in attendance from last year to 2,000 this year just seems unreasonable claiming that this would be achieved. Spending \$2,000 on mostly on programs seems kind of strange.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO RECALL SA 32-18 FUNDING FOR FILGRAD 2018

Aye(s): Vice President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Cantalupo, Creadick, Hortizuela, Ikehara, Kim, Li, Manabe, Ng, Oshiro, Petersen, Ramirez, Sakamoto, Simeona, Utashiro, Willis, Yamada [23]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Measure is recalled.

SAL Chen

Move to accept SA 32-18 for discussion.

Senator Simeona

Second.

Senator Manabe

According to rule 23-1, A conflict of interest is a matter of direct personal or monetary interest that is not common to other members of the Senate. These conflicts must be disclosed to the Senate on Conflict of Interest forms which we have not filled out. The lack of information is not a proper reason for conflict of interest.

SAL Chen

Could the conflict of interest be clarified?

SAL Lao From what I heard, the introducer of the bill is part of the group that is planning the event. In that sense it would be a conflict of interest. Kathleen, one of the speakers that came to speak that day was a former office staff of ours.

Senator Yamada Besides the conflict of interest I think we should table it until the next meeting so that the issues brought up could be resolved to be safe than sorry and the rules should be followed. I'd say to invite back the speakers for the next meeting.

Treasurer Hinshaw Other than Jeremiah, is there anyone else under the conflict of interest since that's one vote. We already gave out the award packet to the group, they only qualify to get the money through reimbursement unless they did a direct deposit. I'm not too how tabling this would look considering they've already picked up the award packet.

Senator Utashiro I'd like to mention that our funds are meant to be spent on students. Paying \$2,000 programs when there aren't that many students attending seems kind of unfair. This is for families and the students, as well as the community.

Senator Ng According to the meeting minutes these programs are actually books that each of the students can keep.

Senator Li Just a reminder even though it's FilGrad, they said that it was open to everyone.

SAL Leval Do they technically not have the money now that it's recalled? I don't understand how we can stop them from going forward with this since the award packets are given?

Treasurer Hinshaw If we don't pass this senate bill if they pay for all the supplies then it would be on them.

Senator Ramirez When we were talking with them we had them take out certain line items already. I don't know if we are shorting them out more and more.

Senator Yamada They can say that it is open to everyone but if they heavily advertise to a certain group, then it would still technically be open to everyone.

SAL Lao Senator Yamada has some valid points because this is undergraduate money and it may be spent on some people who may not even go to school here. Treasurer Hinshaw made a good point that since we gave them the award packet and they were under the impression they would be reimbursed. I for one, if we end up recalling, would be willing to throw down a stipend since this would fall on us for this mistake.

SAL Chen I recommend that we add a provision that they must advertise to all the graduates. We are judging each program by its own merits and their presentation, they just need to reach out to us for funding.

Senator Sakamoto From what I recall they said it was a memorabilia for families of students could be inspired to go to college. It's not necessarily enhancing the undergraduate experience it was more about prospective students.

Treasurer Hinshaw Since one of the main issues is advertising I feel it is better to do it better than later so that they can be aware. I would have to do it by May 2nd if we table it, and that wouldn't be fair to them to plan everything on such a short notice. May 2nd is the last day to turn in the paperwork to accept the award packet, and they may not be able to get anything. Vote by tonight.

SAL Leval From the minutes it said "our program is a thick booklet for families to take home. Part of this is for recruitment and retention of Filipino students. We are planning to give out 450 booklets and the cost of printing is \$4,000. We will have the capacity for 5,900 guests at the amphitheater. We have 62 graduates attending and we are expecting 80".

Senator Ramirez Move to call the question.

Senator Simeona Second.
Motion carries.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO RE-ADOPT SA 32-18 FUNDING FOR FILGRAD 2018 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Vice President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Leval, Senators Cantalupo, Creadick, Ikehara, Kim, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Willis [14]

Naye(s): Senators-at-Large Honda, Lao, Senators Hortizuela, Manabe, Oshiro, Sakamoto, Simeona, Utashiro, Yamada [9]

Abstention(s): [0]

Measure passes.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Senate Revision 03-18: Relating to Discharged Senate Measures

[Link to SCR 35-18 Regarding SRev 03-18 \(Internal Affairs\)](#) Approved on April 4, 2018

[Link to Senate Revision 03-18](#)

- SAL Chen* Move to accept SR 03-18.
SAL Leval Second.
SAL Leval This revision is related to discharged senate measures. It revises the standard at which a measure would need to meet its votes in order to be approved by the senate. The normal process now is that a measure is referred to a Committee it would go on to the General Senate for approval with a majority roll call vote. There is also a way for you to special order the measure with a $\frac{2}{3}$ roll call vote to discuss, and a $\frac{2}{3}$ roll call vote to approve. If a measure is discharged from a Committee as it stands, you would need a $\frac{2}{3}$ roll call vote and a majority roll call vote to pass. With the SCR this only applies if the standing committee defeated the measure, then it would be a $\frac{2}{3}$ to discuss and a $\frac{2}{3}$ to approve. This is to increase the level of scrutiny for each bill.
- Treasurer Hinshaw* I feel like this disempowers the Senate and gives more power to the decision of the Committees, rather than the Senate.
- SAL Leval* In the actual government there is more power to the Committee. This came about only because we have a discharged measure because it did not receive the proper scrutiny from a Committee, in which they would give their recommendations. The whole underlined portion is now replaced with what is in the SCR.
- Treasurer Hinshaw* There really isn't any accountability on the Committees to meet all this does is make it harder to pass. We already have processes in place like tabling legislation, voting it down to not be heard with $\frac{2}{3}$ or vote it down completely. Committee recommendations are important but you aren't mandated to vote what a Committee says.
- SAL Leval* The Committee did look at the measure with the knowledge they had but they voted it down so that doesn't really apply here.
- SAL Chen* If we had a small Senate and Committees, then the Committees would have that power to vote down measures.
- SAL Leval* We shouldn't be flexing our rules based on a small Senate, but rather a full functioning Senate.

MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SR 03-18 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Senators-at-Large Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Cantalupo, Petersen, Ramirez, Sakamoto, Utashiro, Willis [9]

Naye(s): Vice President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators Creadick, Hortizuela, Ikehara, Kim, Li, Ng, Oshiro, Simeona, Yamada [12]

Abstention(s): Senator-at-Large Chen, Senator Manabe [2]
Measure does not pass.

b. Senate Bill 37-18: Funding for Student Parents at Mānoa's Graduation Pa'ina

[Link to Senate Bill 37-18](#)

[Link to SCR 39-18 \(Finance Committee\)](#)

- Senator Simeona* Move to accept SCR 39-18.
SAL Chen Second.
Treasurer Hinshaw Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.
SAL Chen Second.
Motion carries.
Motion carries.
- Senator Simeona* Move to accept SB 37-18.
Senator Kim Second.

Senator Kim There is an organization on campus called Student Parents at Mānoa and they work to with student parents here, this is like a graduation celebration. This event would have not just the students but their families, friends and children. It would cover food and food supplies, marketing, photo supplies that could be used for future events, decorations, leis and certificate holders for the graduates. I emailed them about the amount of people attending and they have not gotten back to me. We are funding the whole event besides the venue. The advertisements, decorations, activities supplies, and photo supplies can be reused.

SAL Honda I'm just concerned that the event doesn't appear to be well planned, and there seems to be a lack of representation to the answers for our questions.

SAL Lao Move to strike "Food and Food Supplies", and have the totals reflect those changes.

Senator Kim Second.

SAL Lao Food and food supplies are the largest line item, the others are either going straight to the graduates or to be reused. We don't really have any control over who would get the food & food supplies.

SAL Honda In the SCR we asked where the venue was so that we could see if it was a appropriate amount to be allocated to food & food supplies.
Motion carries.

SAL Lao Move to include in the provision that states "all these reusable items shall be held by the organization Student Parents at Mānoa".

SAL Leval Second.

Senator Kim For leis and certificate holders they sent me the numbers for the amount of undergraduate graduates and they told me that 80% of the people they work with are undergraduate and the rest are not full time undergraduates or graduate students.
Motion carries.

SAL Lao Move to call the question.

Senator Li Second.
Motion passes.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 37-18 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Vice President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Cantalupo, Creadick, Hortizuela, Ikehara, Kim, Manabe, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Utashiro, Willis, Yamada [19]

Naye(s): Senators Li, Oshiro, Sakamoto, Simeona [4]

Abstention(s): [0]

Measure passes.

c. Senate Bill 38-18: To Appropriate Funds for the Purchase of ASUH Graduation Sashes

[Link to SCR 40-18 \(Finance Committee\)](#)

[Link to Senate Bill 38-18](#)

Senator Simeona Move to accept SCR 40-18.

SAL Chen Second.
Motion carries.

SAL Chen Move to accept SB 38-18.

Senator Li Second.

Senator Simeona This bill is to purchase stoles for graduating ASUH members, as stated in the rules. These would have the new ASUH logos and mirrors a bill from a couple of years ago.

SAL Lao Move to change "cords" to "sashes" in the purpose statement.

SAL Chen Second.
Motion carries.

SAL Leval What is the timeline for the purchases?

Senator Simeona
President Dela Cruz I was thinking of getting them on Amazon and run through Healani for printing outside. The totals are based off of the printing at the bookstore however, it may be cheaper now that the bookstore cannot do it in time. We budget enough for future Senates.

Senator Yamada This is one thing that we don't have to spend money on ourselves for. The rules says that if it is funded and we don't have to fund this. We also get awarded stipends every month, I don't think this is fiscally responsible at all.

Treasurer Hinshaw Although we represent full-time undergraduate students we ourselves are undergraduate students.

Senator Utashiro As a graduating student I would be willing to pay for it myself. We do get stipends and I don't want any more money to go to us.

Senator Willis As a graduating student every CSOs do it, it's a pretty arbitrary thing.

Treasurer Hinshaw We have more than enough money to fund this, the money left over from this Senate doesn't get recycled into the next.

VP Urasaki We bulk order it so that we don't have to go through the process of ordering some every year. We have some with the old logos left, but it's just not going to be consistent.

SAL Leval Move to call the question.

Senator Li Second.
Motion carries.

MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 38-18 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Vice President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Leval, Senators Creadick, Hortizuela, Ikehara, Kim, Li, Manabe, Ng, Oshiro, Petersen, Ramirez, Sakamoto, Simeona, Willis [18]

Naye(s): Senators-at-Large Honda, Lao, Senator Cantalupo, Utashiro, Yamada [5]

Abstention(s): [0]

Measure passes.

President Dela Cruz For the graduating students you don't have to accept the stoles but we still need to provide it.

OPEN FORUM

CLOSING

Announcements

Adjournment

Senator Li Move to Adjourn.
Senator Simeona Second.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Peiqi "Kelly" Ruan
Secretary, 105th Senate