

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
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Executive Committee Meeting #13 of the 102nd Senate
Wednesday, November 19, 2014

I. OPENING

A. Call to Order

President Nishihara called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in CC 310.

B. Roll Call

Present: President Nishihara, Vice-President Zakimi,
Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario,
Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa,
Senators Mandado, Nguyen, Oshiro, Schulz [11]

Excused Absent: Senator-at-Large Onishi, Senators Grunenwald,
Kawagishi [3]

Unexcused Absent: [0]

Excused Late: [0]

Unexcused Late: [0]

Excused Early Departure: [0]

Unexcused Early Departure: [0]

On Leave: [0]

Advisor: [0]

Guests: Dean Denise, Kelly Park [3]

C. Reading and Approval of Minutes

i. EM#11 October 22, 2014

Senator Oshiro Motion to accept EMM #12.

Senator Mandado Second.

Senator Nguyen Motion to fix the format of the minutes.

Senator Mandado Second.

Motion Carries.

Motion Carries.

D. Official Correspondence

Denise Conan a. Daniel K. Inouye Center, Kelly Park and College of Social Sciences Dean Denise Conan
Aloha! I am excited to be here with you. I am here to talk to you about the Daniel K.
Inouye Center. This concept first began with dialogue with the Inouye family. Daniel K.
Inouye served as a senator for our state for many years. We want to create a space that
focuses on public leadership and civic engagement. Our program is designed around
three pillars: academic programs, community engagement and historic preservation. We

are very excited to house the senator's papers. Right now, the papers are housed in Hamilton Library. The goal of this center is to engage and advance public understanding like the US history and government, public service leadership, democratic ideals, and global awareness. We have a goal of bringing in visiting and resident experts like former US Vice President Al Gore and people like Christina D. Romer and Joseph Stiglitz. There will be a museum and exhibit piece of this that we will be designing. There will be public programming on civic engagement and things like that. Our next move to get students involved doing these things. Our new curriculum is revolved around global awareness. There are sustainability efforts. The center will be three stories high and on the roof, there will be a wind scoop. This will reduce the need of air conditioning and decrease electricity. We are only in the pre-design phase so this is all conceptual. We believe we will have visiting scholars that will be housed on the third floor. In the basement will be a fully immersive classroom auditorium. We are securing private support to upgrade the technology and resources for this building. We want to design an indoor outdoor effect so the walls will be able to open up. There will be a lawn outside the center that can seat 600 people. There is a lot of work we need to do on the design since it is only in the preliminary concept design. It will take 18 months to do the actual design. We want this building to serve the community and of course the students. We're starting to conceptualize the kinds of programs that will be special for this center. It's still very early.

- Senator Grunenwald* Are you thinking of an international studies major?
- Denise Conan* That sounds like a good idea. I get a lot of people asking this question.
- Senator Mandado* How much does ASUH have to pay to get a room there?
- Denise Conan* We'll continue to talk. Governance is really a core on what we want to do in this building.
- Senator Mandado* Is it going to be museum like? Or is it just on the 1st floor?
- Denise Conan* We are talking with a museum expert about this. It's very early to tell what and where things will go. Our goal is to have this center to be a big open area and have students to have a safe work space. There will also be a café in the building.
- Senator Nguyen* It would be great to have a legislative room in there that models a room in the state capitol.
- Denise Conan* I think that's a very valuable input and really important. Senator Kennedy went over the top and replicated the congressional rotunda. We're not able to do that but something like that. We're at a stage where we cookie cut the center but we need to dream big on what to put in. I've been here for 21 years and we're retro designing.
- Secretary Belisario* What is the budget for this center?
- Denise Conan* We have a draft budget right now. I believe construction cost is about \$38.5 million. Design cost is on top of that. There are also soft costs. For us to manage the project and all of that good stuff is about \$50 million.
- Senator Oshiro* Have you looked into using student tuition for this?
- Denise Conan* We have not. We are looking into the state and also look into fundraising to fund this project. If there is a demand for student activities in the center, then that's a possibility.

- President Nishihara* What is the projected operational cost?
- Denise Conan* That's something they work out in the design phase. There is a private endowment to support the project. Henky Hall is already expensive to maintain so it will save us money to take it down.
- Senator Mandado* My thesis is on civic engagement and museums. If we have visitors that can be engaged in the center, it will be great for the center to have these kinds of features.
- Denise Conan* I agree. We need your help to think out of the box and come up with these features.
- Senator Grunenwald* How much have you raised so far in fundraising? And how much did the state legislature commit?
- Denise Conan* Last year, the university requested \$5 million in design money and the state legislature gave \$10 million. It was very generous and we are grateful for this. We believe they will fund the request that we put forward. We've had a goal that's been succeeded in fundraising efforts. We're raising enough to generously support the upgrades for the building. The focus has been on quickly tapping the senator's legacy for gifts.
- Senator Oshiro* Have you been thinking about the current programs on campus to be housed in the center? The Student Success Center is housed in Sinclair Library and they are looking for a space.
- Denise Conan* We haven't yet done this kind of exploration. I'm putting together a task force and Professor Moore will be the chair of this task force. The first things we want to do is do an inventory to see what's already out there. If there are already successful programs, we want to boost that up. We want to boost up the political internship program and identify pool ideas from students on what is engaging.

II. REPORTS

A. **Executive**

1. **President**

a. Budget Task Force Update

President Nishihara The Manoa Faculty Senate met today. I'll send out the PowerPoint to the senate and if you have questions, I will forward it to them. Come prepared with questions two weeks from now. It's moving along forward. We splitted into two different sub-committees: RCM and these other methods. For myself, I decided to be a floater to look at all the different methods to get an overview insight. The Chancellor tasked us to come up with something by December 15 but the committee feels that's not enough time. We are looking for something long-term to be established.

b. Effects of Current Budget Update

President Nishihara TAs were going to be cut from the natural sciences. Kelly and I are making a list of all department chairs and sending them emails about this. They advised to talk to the dean and the president. I asked them if TAs are being cut and if so, will undergraduates be effected and will this affect our graduation time? I emailed the dean of natural sciences and he said there will be no cuts for spring and Vice Chancellor Dasenbrock said the same thing and that all key courses will be not be effected. The point of contacts for this situation said that undergraduates will not be affected for the Spring 2015.

Senator Grunenwald Will they be cutting sections in the Fall?

- President Nishihara* They will not cut key courses.
- Senator-at-Large Lee* I wouldn't want to make a statement if we don't know what is happening.
- President Nishihara* It is a possibility that I could act as a mediator in this situation between GSO and the department. Whatever happens to them will affect us later.
- Senator-at-Large Lee* Will you question them more?
- President Nishihara* I'll be talking more with Vice Chancellor Dasenbrock about this situation.
- c. Priorities for Legislature
- President Nishihara* I want to introduce you to our new legislative fellow, Alyssa-Marie Kau. She will be helping us out coordinating meetings before session starts with key legislatures. One thing she needs to know is our priorities.
- Alyssa-Marie Kau* We had a meeting today and administration has been on my back about what our goals and visions are for this session. GSO has already set their missions and there are: (54'). GSO is also taking a position on budget. We don't know what exactly is going to come out but they are supporting any initiative coming out of the legislature.
- President Nishihara* Main question is, do you have any input in this? With what's been happening so far, we should be aligned with GSO in student representation.
- Senator Schulz* On that note, in our last legislative sub-committee, I tried to emphasize the idea to go down to the state legislature and asking for money is going to be difficult. But if we go down there and tell them we need more student representation is an easy sale because it doesn't involve any money. I suggest we don't ask the legislature for money. Keep this in mind.
- Alyssa-Marie Kau* I do believe this is something we want to bring up, building repairs. Administration wants us to go in a direction we are not equipped with.
- President Nishihara* Representative Choi made a note and if we took that approach, it wouldn't look good in our part because it shows that we are in line with administration but if there are some points we agree with, then by all means we can go and talk to them about.
- Senator Grunenwald* I agree with what President Nishihara said. If we are going to prioritize on what we are going to say to the legislature, we need to make it our own and ask for other things. We are not an agent of the administration.
- Senator Nguyen* The main thing for me is to not act in a reactionary means. This is what we got caught up with last session. It's important for us to make a list of things we want now and talk to the legislature about it.
- President Nishihara* I am meeting with representative Choi in the ASUH office next week Monday at 9:30 am. I'll follow up with him.
- Senator Schulz* We can take a reactive stance. Right now our priorities are maintaining UH autonomy with the BOR, state funded scholarships, and housing improvements. I think this is too much.
- Senator Grunenwald* We should advocate for a better handling of how the monies are used.

Senator Schulz Motion to recommend the four priorities that the executive committee came up with: maintaining UH autonomy with the BOR, state funded scholarships, and housing improvements.
Senator Oshiro Second.
Motion Carries.

2. Vice President

Vice President Zakimi I sent out an email on Sunday about Secret Santa and the potluck list. I've also been looking at conferences for some of us to go to and I'm planning a mixer.

3. Treasurer

Treasurer Takara We have about \$50k in the C account and \$150 in the

4. Secretary

Secretary Belisario No report.

B. Administrative

C. Judicial Branch

D. Standing Committees

1. Campus Life

Chairperson Oshiro We are having our Mahalo Manoa event tomorrow. I'll be sending out the action plan for tomorrow. Let me know if you have any questions.

2. Elections

Chairperson Grunenwald We will begin to work on the elctions calendar for spring.

3. External Affairs

Chairperson Nguyen Next week Wednesday, we will be taking our professional head photos with UHP. We will be taking them at 5:45 pm. Please be there.

4. Finance

Vice-Chair Omokawa We are working on getting the RIO calendar ready for next semester. We are also looking at funding other campus wide activities and getting our new senators to write bills.

5. Internal Affairs

Chairperson Schulz We met today and will be recommending names to different committees.

6. Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Lee We had our quarterly report.

7. Student Affairs

Secretary Belisario No report

8. Undergraduate Academic Affairs

President Nishihara They are reviewing scholarship applications.

III. SPECIAL ORDERS

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

V. NEW BUSINESS

President Nishihara a. Senate Bill 28-15: To Appropriate Money for the Pre-Health/Pre-Law Advising Center
I refer this to Finance.

b. Senate Bill 29-15: Sinclair Study Nights

President Nishihara I refer this to Finance and Campus Life.

VI. OPEN FORUM

President Nishihara I sent out an email about next week's general meeting. Please read it.

Vice President Zakimi Are the photos group photos?

Senator Nguyen It's for the website and the bulletin board.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Oshiro Motion to Adjourn.

Senator-at-Large Lee Second.

Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassandra Belisario
Secretary, ASUH 102nd Senate