

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
2465 Campus Road, Campus Center Room 211A  
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Executive Senate Meeting #20 of the 104<sup>th</sup> Senate  
Wednesday, March 22, 2017

**OPENING**

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

Present:	President Kamoshida, Vice President Dela Cruz, Senators-at-Large Enriquez, Urasaki, Willis, Senators Ishii, Lao, Wang [8]
Excused Absent:	Secretary Nishihara [1]
Unexcused Absent:	[0]
Excused Late:	Interim Treasurer Chen [1]
Unexcused Late:	Senators Finau, Honda [2]
Excused Early Departure:	[0]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	[0]
Guests:	David Matlin, Creighton Litton, Velma Kameoka, Kevin Harrison [4]

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

**a. EMM#19 - March 8, 2017**

<i>SAL Willis</i>	Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for EMM#19.
<i>Senator Ishii</i>	Second.
<i>Senator Ishii</i>	Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting, and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.
<i>SAL Willis</i>	Second.
	Motion carries.
<i>Senator Lao</i>	Move to strike Senator Zabanal from Excused Absent and have the totals reflect the changes.
<i>VP Dela Cruz</i>	Second.
<i>Senator Lao</i>	I don't think his name should be here since this was an Executive Committee Meeting.
	Motion carries.

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*Senator Wang* Since Senator Honda was absent and is the Chair of Finance, Senator Zabanal was supposed to attend the meeting as Vice Chair of Finance. Since he couldn't make it, I think he should be kept on the roll call.

*Senator Honda* I wasn't able to attend the meeting, and Senator Zabanal was also unable to attend.

*Senator Lao* Move to undo the last motion I made.

*SAL Willis* Second.

Motion carries.

Motion carries.

**Official Correspondence**

- a. David Matlin (University of Hawai'i Athletics Director)
- David Matlin* Thank you for your time today. Last time we met, we gave a state of the state of the UH Athletics Program, such as where we were financially and academically. During that meeting, someone mentioned if we could have a collaborative discussion on student fees. Our answer to that was yes, we should. I think this is something we need to do. I want to go back to a broad view of the athletics program. We made some progress since last year, and we would like to get some feedback and start a discussion on the student athletic fee before we move forward. As seen in the sheet, our deficit was \$4.2 million in 2015, \$3.2 million last year, and we are projecting a deficit of \$2.2 million this year. We are continuing to invest programs such as health and safety issues, nutrition for athletes, and academic and medical care. Next time we meet when we have more time, I'll tell you of some of the initiatives we are working on to get better funding. Student Athletes are also performing well academically. The average grade point average was 3.06, and they are graduating on time. I'd like to meet again to go over our state in more detail and to answer your questions, also to start a discussion on the student athletic fee. Thank you.
- b. Creighton Litton and Velma Kameoka (Associate Vice Chancellor for Research) - Proposal for Undergraduate Research Office
- Velma Kameoka* Hi, my name is Velma Kameoka. I am the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research. This is a proposal that we are engaging in for starting a Center for Undergraduate Research Excellence. The aim for this is to engage many undergraduates of the opportunities that exist across campus and to enable undergraduate students to link with an interesting project and interesting faculty member. However, there is currently no mechanism to do this, so we have developed ideas and a plan so we could seek funding to promote this effort and to engage all undergraduates in this, to connect students with faculty members in research. There are faculty members who are very excited about this. We want to engage ASUH in the effort, and we are very happy to be invited here.
- Creighton Litton* The plan is to keep the structure of UROP as is. However, we will be moving it from the Honors Program to the Office of Vice Chancellor for Research underneath the Undergraduate Academic Research Office. UROP funding is \$400,000 a year that we give back to students to do research. We really want to expand beyond that. Much of the UROP research happens during the academic year. We would like to see some kind of summer program where students can come and work with faculty mentors to do creative works and research. One of the main things we think is a problem is it's difficult for students to find what opportunities exist. We want to create a centralized house of information on all of these opportunities across all of the disciplines to make it really easy for students to find out what opportunities exist.
- Velma Kameoka* About 5 to 8 years ago in the college of social sciences, we developed a web based pilot project to link faculty and students for research opportunities. Faculty input opportunities, students entered a portal and were able to look for every project that was available and what support they would receive, such as whether they would receive credits or a stipend

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to support their project. This worked really well in the departments that engaged in this. However, funding wasn't sustained. We want to develop this sort of option where you can find opportunities very quickly - both on campus and off campus.

*SAL Enriquez* Is there a difference between graduate and undergraduate research?

*Velma Kameoka* They are structured differently. Graduate research is primarily supported by the graduate division with students that have been accepted into degree programs like master's or doctorate degree programs, and are supported by a different funding mechanism. The distinction is they are two separate degree programs.

*Creighton Litton* Based off of my experience, graduate and undergraduate researchers work together in my lab. In my field, the research is a requirement of a graduate degree. We don't want to make it a requirement for undergraduates, we just want to make the opportunity available.

*Senator Lao* What support would you like from ASUH?

*SAL Chen* I was going to bring this up in my announcement. I would like to see who is interested in helping me to write a resolution in support of promoting research amongst the undergraduate students.

## **REPORTS**

### **Executive President**

#### **a. ASUH Office Hours**

*President Kamoshida* Please follow through with your office hours.

#### **b. End of the Year ASUH Evaluations**

*President Kamoshida* To help out the next senate, I would like you to provide feedback on what you did as a committee. I will provide more information via email.

### **Vice President**

*VP Dela Cruz* No report.

### **Treasurer**

*Interim Treasurer Chen* I worked with Healani to print out the budget. Our university account, 3325232, will have roughly \$52,000 left. This encompasses all of the budget, not each individual line items. I will look through all of the other bills that we've passed.

### **Secretary**

*President Kamoshida* Please upload all pieces of legislation onto Kaulike.

### **Administrative**

### **Judicial Branch**

### **Standing Committees**

#### **Campus Life**

*Chairperson Finau* If you have any ideas on how we can get volunteers, please let me know.

#### **Elections**

*Chairperson Wang* An extension was given to two candidates: David Yamada and Narumi Utashiro.

#### **External Affairs**

*Chairperson Enriquez* We are focusing on our next approach to HB 100.

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**Finance**

*Chairperson Honda*

There are two RIOs requesting funding. One of them is the H Awards. If we award them funding, they are requesting two representatives to present the Spirit Award.

**Internal Affairs**

*Chairperson Lao*

I had an interview for the search advisory committee for the next dean of the College of Education. I'll elaborate more during the General Senate Meeting.

**Investments and Long Range Planning**

*Chairperson Willis*

I've been talking with my Vice-Chair about long range planning ideas.

**Student Affairs**

*Chairperson Ishii*

An email was sent last week to the City and County of Honolulu to initiate discussion on the UPass.

**Undergraduate Academic Affairs**

*Chairperson Urasaki*

We are working on the scholarship applications and awards.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Senate Bill 30-17

*President Kamoshida*

I refer SB 30-17 to the Finance Committee.

b. Senate Bill 31-17

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I refer SB 31-17 to the Finance Committee.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**OPEN FORUM**

*Interim Treasurer Chen*

If you are interested in working on the resolution, please let me know.

**CLOSING**

**Adjournment**

*VP Dela Cruz*

Motion to Adjourn

*SAL Willis*

Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Nishihara  
Secretary, 104<sup>th</sup> Senate