

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
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Executive Meeting #05 of the 102nd Senate
Wednesday, July 30, 2014

OPENING

Call to Order

Vice-President Zakimi called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present:	Vice-President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Interim-Secretary Nguyen, Senators-at-Large Murakami, Nishihara, Onishi, Senators Grunenwald, Mitsui, Nishihara, Oshiro [10]
Excused Absent:	Senator Kwon, Schulz [2]
Unexcused Absent:	[0]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	Senator-at-Large Lee [1]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	President Nishihara, Secretary Belisario [2]
Advisor:	Advisor Manini [1]
Guests:	Rebekah Carroll (GSO), Dr. Bob Cooney (Faculty Senate), Michelle Tigchelaar (GSO) [3]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

SAL Lee Motion to accept EMM #04 of the 102nd Senate.
Senator Grunenwald Second.

Motion to approve EMM #04 passes.

Official Correspondence

REPORTS

Executive President

Vice-President Zakimi President Nishihara is still on leave. But he says good job and keep up the hard work. He comes back August 12th.

Vice President

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- Vice President Zakimi* We have an additional summer leave request for Senator Kamoshida from August 3rd to August 13th.
- Senator Grunenwald* Motion to grant Senator Kamoshida her requested summer leave request.
Senator Mitsui Second.
- Motion Carries.
- Vice President Zakimi* Office staff also wanted me to remind you guys to upload everything onto Kaulike and to also number them. If you haven't please fill out the e-signature form for office staff.
- Treasurer**
Treasurer Takara The budget has been signed by Bonny, fiscal, and Vice-Chancellor Hernandez so we can start passing Senate Bills. Don't forget to do your rate sheets which are due tomorrow.
- Secretary**
Interim-Secretary Nguyen No report.
- Advisor**
Advisor Manini No report.
- Standing Committees**
- Campus Life**
Chairperson Oshiro We had a homecoming committee meeting yesterday so we just discussed the delegation of tasks. I also sent out a room request for a campus life meeting. The meeting will be schedule for next week Tuesday to go over the ASUH Blood Drive bill and homecoming.
- Elections**
Chairperson Grunenwald In our meeting today, we talked about how we are going to refer the apology letters back to the triers of fact to look over all the letters and to see if they're sufficient. But that is going to be up to them should they accept that task. I should be introducing a bill for the advertising.
- External Affairs**
VC Murakami Basically we just discussed some promotional items that we wanted to do such as gym towels as well as subsidizing merchandise from the book store. NSO went pretty well. Please contact Heather if you can sign up for additional tabling dates. We also talked about Chancellor Tom Apple and we'll go into detail about that later.
- Finance**
Vice-President Zakimi Chair and Vice-Chair are not present but they will have a meeting next week.
- Internal Affairs**
Chairperson Nishihara We were supposed to have a meeting today but we couldn't meet quorum. At our last meeting, we were just working on filling up the open delegate seats. At our next meeting after I return from my leave, we plan to discuss the vacancies.
- Investments and Long Range Planning**
Chairperson Lee So Advisor Manini and I were informed today that Merrill Lynch will no longer be our financial advisors so we will be working on getting a new advisor.
- Student Affairs**
Chairperson Mitsui We will be having our meeting tomorrow. We will be talking about SR 02-15. I also sent out the memo to accept the continuation for the UPASS rate for the Fall Semester. Advisor Manini, has that been successfully sent out?

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Advisor Manini We have to wait until the City Council meets and they will be meeting in August. I don't know the exact date but we will have to wait until they meet and accept the memorandum. That is what Mike Fornsbey, the transportation director told me.

Interim-Secretary Nguyen I would also like to add that it would be in our best interest to go to those City Council meetings. I believe it will first be going to Inter-Governmental Affairs rather than Transportation. If we could go to those meetings, that would be best for us. If we could actually go to the actual City Council meeting, that would be best for us too as we are preparing for our future agreement with us past the fall semester.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Onishi The meeting that was schedule for Thursday has been cancelled and I will be leaving for conference on Friday. I hand all my responsibilities to Senator Elarco. We are working on deadlines for research awards.

SPECIAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

a. Chancellor Apple's Potential Removal

Vice-President Zakimi Interim-Secretary Nguyen drafted a memo on behalf of the Executive Committee of the ASUH and we will talk about that later. Right now we have a few representatives from the Mānoa Faculty Senate and Graduate Student Organization that will state their stances and opinions from their perspective.

Dr. Bob Cooney Thank you for your time and consideration today. As a member of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and some of the things we do are similar to the things that you do. Sometimes I just feel like we're rearranging chairs on the Titanic but you all are in a very special position right now because what is going on in the University marks a turning point in the University and you all play an important role in that. I can't impress on you how important your role and the actions you take will have an effect. They may not always be the effect that you want immediately, but it is important for this University for you to have an active stance. In terms of what the Faculty Senate has done, we have come out strongly in support of the chancellor. I think we feel that Chancellor Apple has represented the administration well in terms of how they deal with faculty and students. Tom Apple is to be commended for that. We are unwavering in our support of him. In terms of the issues – a couple of things – one, is that Tom Apple has done a good job. Two, Tom Apple was selected by a public search committee. I was on that committee and I know there was a student representative on that committee. The attitude has always been that the Chancellor of Mānoa should primarily be selected by faculty and students. Just to let you know, in the selection process, the students played an incredibly important role. There were other candidates that might have made the short list, but the students knew certain things about these individuals and virtually vetoed their process in the selection committee. It was that student perspective that persuaded us that these individuals were not qualified to be Chancellor of Mānoa. What has happened is a travesty in undoing that process. As you have known, you have been uninvolved in the evaluation or removal of Tom Apple. The Faculty Senate has not been involved in the process. It totally negates the importance that we play in the role of selecting the Chancellor if he can be removed with no input at all. It is important that you as students and we as faculty have to stand up and say "this is wrong" and we certainly intend to do that and I urge you to do the same as well. The underlining issue is one that has to deal with the budget. It's a more complicated issue but it is one that should concern all of you. Just to give you a little bit of history, there was a time where the university was run virtually on State funds. Tuition was incredibly low at on time. Over the decades, the

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contributions of the State to running this university has decreased as other sources of revenue has grown to replace them. One of them being your tuition money. Today, student tuition money, principally undergraduate tuition money, is the primary revenue source for the university. Going back 30-40 years, when it was state funded, students said “why do I care how the money is used if I’m not paying for it”. It was felt that then research should be focuses as a way to grow the university. When it was started faculty in an organized research unit was not paid differently from faculty that primarily taught courses. It actually was very successful. HIMB and the Cancer Center being example so of that. As the student tuition money has increasingly become the major player in the university, unfortunately, it made student tuition money the easier target. If you start taking money from the overhead of research budgets, they will squeal. As budget cuts were made, they just reduced everyone’s G-Funds across the board and over time it was replaced with student tuition money. In the process a lot of your tuition money was being used to go to the medical school or the cancer center where in most cases you don’t even see it. This is something that Tom Apple recognized was inappropriate given the disparity between conditions on campus as you’ve all seen and the conditions in Kaka’ako. So when Tom Apple tried to rectify that, the cancer research center was upset given the decrease in revenue from the State cigarette tax. So Chancellor Apple took that back from the medical school, which takes 6-8 million dollars a year from undergraduate tuition. An undergraduate here pays about \$500 a semester that goes to the medical school. If you have no hopes of ever going to the medical school, why should you be subsidizing what goes to the medical school. Dr. Apple tried to take \$1 million back from the medical school and both of these actions precipitated negative responses from the dean of the medical school and the director of the cancer center. I just wanted to bring these issues to you as a few of the issues that contributed to this. This is something that you as students really have to have open arms about this. Your tuition shouldn’t be going to contribute to this disparity and that if the State wants to fund the medical school and subsidize medical students, they should allocate more money directly for that purpose rather than taking the easy route and taking money from undergraduates. Other issue is the issue of electricity. The cancer center has a freezer farm on campus where they have about 30 freezers. The undergraduates are paying for those freezers and you don’t even know. It contributes to the \$39 million electricity budget. That’s a fair amount of money of undergraduate tuition money going to this. It is important for all of you to understand that you must stand up and fight for undergraduate education on this campus. It really is going to emerge as a battle between the haves and the have-nots with the haves taking from the have-nots. There is no justification of you paying for tuition for something that has nothing to do with undergraduate education. I think that is the important thing to remember. Tom Apple is a mild-mannered person but he decided to bring this debate to the forefront and quite frankly, there are a few people who don’t want this brought up. Without undergraduate education, there is no purpose in this university.

Michelle Tigchelaar

From a GSO standpoint the firing of Chancellor Apple, you guys have talked to us a lot of how Chancellor Apple always make sit out to ASUH meetings, talks to you about student problems, plan the campus wide talks and GSO has had very similar experiences. Chancellor Apple has been very open in regards to what is going on and transparent in what is happening with students. That is very unique in UH administrators. To see him being fired right now for no apparent reason is a detriment to us students is outrageous.

Vice-President Zakimi

So thank you Interim-Secretary Nguyen for drafting this up. Just to clarify this is just from the Executive Committee. The General Senate will be taking a position next week.

Interim-Secretary Nguyen

Motion that the ASUH Executive Committee affirm our support in Chancellor and approve that said memorandum can be sent out to BoR Chair Moore and UH President David Lassner

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- Senator Grunenwald* Second.
- Senator Mitsui* So this is not coming out from the General Senate?
- Vice-President Zakimi* No, this is coming out on behalf of the Executive Committee.
- Treasurer Takara* Do we know if we're just going to remove him or are they restructuring to save money?
- Dr. Bob Cooney* I think there may be some reorganizing after they fire him but I don't think it is the driving force behind it.
- SAL Murakami* Is it the majority of the administration that is against him or is it just President Lassner?
- Dr. Bob Cooney* I don't know absolutely for certain. The sense that I have heard over the past couple months is – and I will tell you that this is opinion and speculation – but this is really a coup de tat by a few very powerful individuals – deans, directors, vice-chancellors – that have tried to undermine him from the beginning and resent some of the things he has been trying to do. Even the appointment of President Lassner was part of this process. Because quite frankly, Dr. Lassner was not qualified to be president. The condition under which he was appointed was appalling to me. There was a Regent on the BoR that expressed his desire to motion to send the presidential search back to the search committee and was told that he could make it after they went through the agenda. Immediately after they went through the agenda, Chair Holtzman immediately entertained a motion to appoint David Lassner as president. This specific Regent was clearly upset that he was not allowed to make that motion.
- Senator Grunenwald* I motion to call the question.
SAL Lee Second.
- Motion Carries.
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- Interim-Secretary Nguyen* I motion to enter executive session.
Senator Grunenwald Second.
- Motion Carries.
- Interim-Secretary Nguyen* I motion to exit executive session.
SAL Lee Second.
- Motion Carries.
- b. Stipend Appeal – Senator Oshiro**
- Senator Grunenwald* I motion to enter executive session.
Interim-Secretary Nguyen Second.
- Motion Carries.
- Senator Grunenwald* I motion to exit executive session.
Interim-Secretary Nguyen Second.
- Motion Carries.

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Senator Grunenwald Motion to grant Senator Oshiro's stipend appeal pending approval of rating and acceptance criteria per the ASUH rules.
Interim-Secretary Nguyen Second.

Motion Carries.

c. Senate Bill 04-15: ASUH Blood Drive

Vice-President Zakimi I will refer this to the Campus Life and Finance Committees.

d. Senate Bill 06-15: RIO Mixer

e. *Vice-President Zakimi* I will refer this to the Finance Committee.

f. Senate Resolution 03-15: In Support of the Continuation of Tom Apple as the Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Vice-President Zakimi I'm going to refer this to Student Affairs and External Affairs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

Senator Oshiro There is going to be a Campus Cleanup day on August 3rd. Please let me know if you would like to attend so I can let them know.

CLOSING

Adjournment

Advisor Manini Oh wait, are you going to refer all these bills?

Vice-President Zakimi Oh, we already did!

Advisor Manini Oh sorry!

Senator Grunenwald Motion to adjourn.

Interim-Secretary Nguyen Second.
Motion Carries.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martin M. Q. Nguyen
Interim-Secretary, 102nd Senate
Senator of the Shidler College of Business