

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

General Senate Meeting #2 of the 103rd Senate
Wednesday, May 27, 2015

OPENING

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present:	President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Tagaban Senators-at-Large Callihan, Dela Cruz, Nishihara, Mitsui, Senators Baxa, Bui Pham, Hinshaw, Lao, Lawi- an, Simeroth, Zhang [14]
Excused Absent:	Vice President Kamoshida[1]
Unexcused Absent:	[0]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	[0]
Unexcused Early Departure	[0]
On Leave:	Senators Aspilli, Barrow, Bui, Candelario, Caramat, Garma, Jimenez, Kim, Lopez, Omokawa, Ryan, Samiano, Sevilla, Shon, [14]
Advisor:	Advisor Manini [1]
Guests:	Athletics Director David Matlin [1]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. GSMM#28

Senator-at-Large Mitsui
Senator Lao

Motion to accept the reading and approval of minutes for GSMM#28
Second
Motion carries.

SAL Mitsui
Senator Lao

Motion to fix all typographical and grammatical errors. Under roll call change the
number of present senators from 20 to 27 and unexcused absent from 8 to 0.
Second
Motion carries

Senator-at- Large Dela Cruz Motion to complete the sentence under reading and approval of minutes for GSMM#28,
to complete President's Nishihara's statement add "and grammatical errors"

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE 103RD SENATE ON JUNE 10, 2015

Senator Bui Pham Second
Motion carries

Senator Lao Motion to change senator to chair in Senator Kwon's statement under reading and approval of minutes

Senator Simeroth Second
Motion carries

Motion carries

2. GSMM #1

Senator Simeroth Motion to approve meeting minutes GSMM#1
SAL Dela Cruz Second
Motion carries.

Senator Lao Motion to fix the room number of meeting to CC 203 B & C
Senator Simeroth Second
Motion carries.

SAL Mitsui Motion to fix typographical and grammatical errors. Correct the spelling of Senator Simeroth's name.

Senator Lao Second
Motion carries.

Motion carries.

Official Correspondence

1. Athletics Director David Matlin

Director Matlin To start off on why I applied for the job. Well, for starters I will be 6th athletic director. I applied because I had a lot of reasons not to apply. I had 12 reasons not to apply. But, I had one reason why I wanted to apply. The one reason was not just to make an impact on student athletes, the athletic department and university but for the whole state of Hawaii. Hawaii is a visible place and if you can impact on the state you can impact the country as well. This was my opportunity to impact the world through this job. This was a compelling reason to get out of my comfort zone. This is not a dream job but a dream opportunity. It has enabled me for the first 22 days to do what I feel is right. To start off what I keep saying to our staff is we want to win but to win with integrity. The other thing too, is to take the resources we have now and invest them wisely. So if we do this we can bring in more resources. I think people like a good investment and people will support positive things going out. I also think we are a big part of the educational role. Someone asked me "how do you feel about the athletics department taking out the athletic purpose of the university?" I think we are part of the educational portion, we play a role in that. We work harder to represent the whole state. I'm on day 22 of my job, I'm still learning and I learn a lot more everyday. So I say today, you may hear something different a year from now I may have gathered a lot more data. I will make mistakes. We sometimes we have to make decisions we do not agree with but, sometimes it is in the best interest of the university. I already met one student athlete with each program. I got a lot feedback on what we were doing well and not so well it was inspirational. I met with at least 21 athletes in 14 days. I will try to meet at least one student athlete at least once a week. Thank you for inviting me to share my goals. The success will not because me of me but, I have a good team. I will be meeting with staff, students and

legislatures. The paper I passed out is my guided principles today and it may all change in a year. I have a few questions for you guys on any advise suggestions and how we can innovate the student experience.

Director Matlin What is the role of the athletic department at the moment? What is your thoughts on our roles and place?

SAL Mitsui We have a unique functionality. We do very unique athletic experience in the state we do uphold these essential values for state not only the university. I also believe we are responsible fiscally on how we manage our overall operations. Instead of asking for more money and be mindful about it instead of always asking the state, donors and people. I really want to see more fiscal responsibility.

Director Matlin If we match resources well we can do better. Compared to our peers, I am comparing our “peers” to the Midwest and West, I think we are better then our peers. This does not mean we do not have to do better, but our institutional funding is measured at 23% includes anything from the university, any governmental support and student fees. The mountain west average is 41% and the big west average is 75%. Part of this is who we want to be and how we can find success, this success is winning championships. I mean do not think its not, I mean winning championships is a part of it. I do agree with what you are saying, I think we can do well where were at. It comes down on where were at and how can we be successful. I think it is about the academics and inspirational aspects. You are right that our role is unique.

Director Matlin What are some things we have done right and wrong in the athletics program?

Senator Lawi-an Not a wrong thing but marketing aspect. It is more of sell yourself in the idea of the students investing time into going to the athletic games. So basically how you market to the students.

Director Matlin It is more on how recapture the trust. I think this is something we need to work on. But, marketing on the students we need to do a better job. I find out that the things we have done in the pass has not been successful. So what I’m going to challenge my team to do is ask people and students on how we can incentivize them to come. We need to come up with what 18-22 year old students wanted. So asking students on how we can satisfy them to come to the games. Any other thoughts on this question?

Senator Lawi-an I think we will have more students to attend. If we were to able to get personal stories about our athletes and put out there we can attract more students. Maybe put videos on the website or on social media.

Director Matlin Are you saying to get players out there with their story? People knowing the story will be more inclined to support the athletes.

Senator Lawi-an Yes. We have like events support Manoa Maniacs and Bow Bash. But, we need something that students can see in front of their face. There not just athletes, but students as well.

Director Matlin Obviously you are right. These athletes are students as well. Sharing their story is more personal, this inclining towards gaining more support. I mean we have had so much controversy about our athletics. Everyday since I have held this position my face has been on the paper. I would rather have them talking about me, rather then the coaches or players. The controversies have affected financially and we need to start becoming more fiscally responsible. People have been asking how am I going to take care of the athletes, when we

do not even have the monies for it. I am trying to start off small by giving them so financial inactive of something small. We have to start off a little small financially, asking external sources. This something I have been working on financially.

SAL Mitsui Regarding NCCA, I thought stipends for athletics were not allowed.

Director Matlin They changed the rules this year.

SAL Mitsui Oh they changed the rules?

Director Matlin The power 5 conferences, the ACC, Big 12, Big 10, SC and PAC-12 they basically used their leverage stating, they want to pay the tuition, room and board and other cost on what scholarships do not incorporate. Starting this year they were able to pay out to the athletes what they call stipends, it's voluntarily. We are not going to do an initially full stipend. Why did it happen? It happened because there was talk about collegiate athletic unionization. We do not have to do it but, looking at what competitors are doing. We have to put about an equal amount of endorsement in all sport. The most excited thing of being part of the university, is what I want to do is do a win-win partnerships with other departments. Anymore questions?

SAL Mitsui What is view on the controversial issues on the terms of money, meaning cutting sports?

Director Matlin There was a game plan of the comparison of other institutions and there was a final page stating we should cut football or honestly if we cut football it would hurt our program. This would cause unbalance in our budget. This is not what I want to do on my first year of the job. Cutting sports or the budget it is not easy. We have athletes who came here on scholarships, and second the title XI equation, we can't just cut out sports we get profit from

SAL Nishihara How do you think athletics is part of the educational part of UH?

Director Matlin I think it is part of it. Student athletes is in the classroom but also in the arena. I think that that experience indirectly will impact the student body. Being student athlete is demanding, you have to be athletic and academically focused. It is no different with other students in other programs I think all other program are educational experiences.

REPORTS

Executive President

- a. PM#2 Relating to Academic Grievance Committee Delegates

President Zakimi We have two PM's

*SAL Dela Cruz
Senator Lao* Motion to accept Presidents Message #2.
Second

President Zakimi The academic grievance committee calls for three delegates and three alternates. But, the internal committee recommended three delegates and will likely to recommend the three alternates at a later time.

Motion carries.

b. PM#3 Relating to Student Conduct Appellate Board Delegates

Senator Simeroth Motion to accept President's Message #3
Senator Chung Second

President Zakimi Todd was recommended by the internal affairs committee. The internal affairs committee will appoint an alternate at a later time.

Motion carries.

c. Updated Summer Leave Dates

President Zakimi The senate leave dates have been changed, we have on new change.

Senator Lao Motion to update Jessica Sevilla's leave dates.
Senator Simeroth Second
Motion carries.

d. Board of Regents Meeting Updates

President Zakimi I sent out via email on the BOR updates. I just wanted to touch up on a few things they passed and went over. The first thing is the tuition reduction in tuition increase, originally this incoming and next fiscal year is suppose to be 7% and reduced it to 5% for both years. I was notified the day before the BOR meeting and was told that they are repackaging 8000 students financial aids because, of the decreases. The next one is about divestment The BOR did approve to divest. We are still looking on how it will affect our ASUH portfolio. According to Dr. Ideta, she said we do not have to follow it. But, I think this is something we need clarify with Advisor Manini.

Advisor Manini We will worry about it when we get to that point.

e. New Deadline for Agenda Items: Fridays at 5:00pm

President Zakimi Anything you want me to put on executive or general. Please notify me by Friday before of the following week of the exec or general meeting. I am hoping the agenda will be done by the weekend.

Senator Simeroth Is this in the rules?

President Zakimi There is no official rules, but this is for myself. Advisor Manini is there something in the rules regarding agenda deadlines.

Advisor Manini The President is the on that put the packets together. So the president has some leeway on what's on the agenda. If you want to informalize anything we can.

f. Leadership Kick-Off

President Zakimi Thank you to those who came to the leadership kick off. I am still typing out the notes from the leadership workshop. VP Kamoshida wanted to put it up on the office for everyone to have a better view.

Vice President

President Zakimi Vice President Kamoshida is working on a day for the Roberts Rules of Order Workshop.

Treasurer

Treasurer Takara May rate sheets are due.

Secretary

Secretary Tagaban

No report.

Advisor

Advisor Manini

I sent out an email on this the information on a documentary on what students are dealing with nationwide. It asks question on whether it is viable or justified for the tuition increases? It is a 90 minutes documentary.

President Zakimi

Even though BOR looked over the tuition reduction increases. This upcoming year we will be formulating the next tuition cycle. This something we have to look through this year.

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Bui Pham

There will be an upcoming meeting on Monday May 27 in CC307 at 6pm.

Elections

No report.

External Affairs

Chairperson Callihan

I sent out an email regarding senator profiles, please send me your profile by tonight. Next general before the meeting, we will be taking pictures for our profile. So please dress in business casual. I will be sending out a reminder again. Also, for my committee I will be sending out a goal sheet

Finance

Chairperson Baxa

I sent out google spreadsheet. Please fill it out. I'm planning to have meeting between June 4 and June 9 to talk about ASUH's budget.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Nishihara

Today we had a meeting regarding the external committee delegates

Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Mitsui

We had an unofficial meeting with Merrill Lynch. Our next meeting will be in 2-3 weeks. . We talked about divestment and the BOR's decision. We also talked about the transition over to our new advisors.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Lawi-an

I'm planning to have a meeting to gather new input from the new members.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Dela Cruz

Please fill out doodle.

SPECIAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

President Zakimi

Please everyone fill out the questionnaire I sent out from Campus Safety. I also have cake to celebrate people's birthdays.

SAL Mitsui So what prompted BOR to the renew tuition schedule?

President Zakimi There was a review on July 2014 to review the tuition to compare the average schools based on WICHE. Our tuition was a little bit higher.

Senator Lao When are rate sheets due for each month?

Treasurer Takara It is due at the end of each month.

CLOSING

Adjournment

Senator Lawi-an Motion to Adjourn

Senator Chung Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Lauren Tagaban
Secretary, 103rd Senate