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General Senate Meeting #10 of the 106th Senate
Wednesday, September 19th, 2018

OPENING

Call to Order

President Dela Cruz called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present:	President Dela Cruz, Vice President Simeona, Treasurer Honda, Interim Secretary Sakamoto, Senators-at-Large Chun, Kim, Li, Negrillo, Senators Balico, Galeng, Hortizuela, Juliano, Oshiro, Ramirez, Urasaki [15]
Excused Absent:	Senator Dunham [1]
Unexcused Absent:	[0]
Excused Late:	Senator Creadick [1]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	Senators Ganoy, Vargas [2]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	Senator Lao [1]
Advisors:	Advisors Manini, Sonoda-Pale [2]
Guests:	[0]

President Dela Cruz

Before we move forward, I just wanted to provide a few reminders for our Senate and our guests so that you're all familiar with the process, how we run our meetings, and Robert's Rules. For any topic on the agenda, folks on the Senate can have up to two speaking terms based on what the Chair decides. Your first turn can be up to two minutes, but your second turn and any turn after that is only thirty seconds. Please keep this in mind. If you want to speak at any point during this meeting you have to obtain the floor and the only way to do so is if the Chair calls on you. Make sure you wave me down or raise your hand so that I have an idea that you want to speak. Once I call on you, you may speak.

Micah Leval

President Dela Cruz

President Dela Cruz, is it two minutes or three minutes?

Micah Leval

President Dela Cruz

This is just for the General Senate regarding agenda items. I haven't gotten to the three minute thing yet.

You're just referring to the General Senate?

Yes. Since you brought that up, we do have a testimony portion. We did invite all of you to provide testimony if you would like. I'll have our Internal Affairs Committee Chair who also serves as our Parliamentarian facilitate the testimonies. He'll explain the process, but basically you will have three minutes to speak. If we need more reminders I'll bring it up and if there is anything I've forgotten I will also bring that up.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #9, 106th Senate - September 12, 2018
- VP Simeona* Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for GSMM #9.
- SAL Chun* Second.
- VP Simeona* Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.
- SAL Kim* Second.
- Motion carries.
- iSecretary Sakamoto* Move to add "Elisara" where it first says "CONFIRM NAME" in the middle of page eight under Senator Ramirez's comment and strike, "and CONFIRM NAME for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences."
- VP Simeona* Second.
- Motion carries.
- Motion carries.

Official Correspondence

Testimony

- SAL Negrillo* Welcome everyone and thank you for attending our meeting. For everyone testifying tonight, you will be given three minutes and I will notify you when you have one minute left. We will begin with Eugene Lao.
- Eugene Lao* Before I begin, may I request that the Senate give me extra time if I do need it. I think in five minutes I'll be able to say all that I need to say.
- SAL Negrillo* What we'll do is, is that we'll give you the allotted three minutes and if we feel that you need more time we will give it to you, but for now you have the three minutes.
- Eugene Lao* My name is Eugene Lao. I was serving as the Chief Elections Officer until the last Executive Committee Meeting where, I believe, you approved my request to be on-leave. My reasons for the request to be on-leave is due to all of the issues impeding our Elections process, which has taken a toll on my mental health, my physical health, and my academic performance. I have no obligation or responsibility to be here at this point, but I am here anyway because my Vice Chairperson, Cody Dunham, could not attend. I do not hold this against him because normally we would only have General Senate Meetings every other week with tonight being an exception. He has work and cannot make it. My second reason for being here tonight is what I believe to be my ethical obligation to those perspective nominees. Thus far you have known me as the Chief Elections Officer. I have been in contact with you all so I felt that it was my duty to answer all of your questions that you may have. Lastly, my reason for attending tonight is to defend myself because I have heard that there has been a lot of rumors going around surrounding my involvement in this Election. There has been some accusations regarding whether or not I have been fair or unbiased with my judgement. I would like to move onto a timeline of how these Elections have essentially preceded. On July 11th, I believe I forwarded to those who are currently on Senate a tentative calendar of the Elections and the seats available. On July 25th, this body approved a rule revision regarding the Election rules. Those rules that were specifically changed affect the nomination process and the voting process.
- President Dela Cruz* That is all the time we have for you. I know in the beginning you expressed wanting to extend your time. Did you still want to do so?
- Eugene Lao* Yes. Will the Senate be willing to let me do that?
- President Dela Cruz* It seems that Eugene still has yet to make his point.
- SAL Negrillo* Eugene, do you think you would be able to make your point in two minutes or even one minute?
- Eugene Lao* I'll try to speed it up.
- SAL Negrillo* Move to add a two minute extension for Eugene Lao.
- Senator Balico* Second.

President Dela Cruz

I just wanted to clarify for everyone, when it comes to extending time we have to do a two-thirds roll call vote because we would technically be going against our rules.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO EXTEND THE ALLOTTED TIME FOR EUGENE LAO'S TESTIMONY

Aye(s): Vice President Simeona, Treasurer Honda, Interim Secretary Sakamoto, Senators-at-Large Chun, Kim, Li, Negrillo, Senators Balico, Galeng, Ganoy, Hortizuela, Juliano, Oshiro, Ramirez, Urasaki, Vargas [16]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Motion carries.

Eugene Lao

I'll make this quick. We had two rule changes. One being that prior to the rule revision, you would either be nominated by obtaining twenty-five signatures from students in your college and previously there were real no stipulations on when you would have to submit a floor nomination request, so a lot of candidates who knew a Senator had an unfair advantage over those who obtained the twenty-five signatures. After this rule revision, there was a stipulation included that floor nomination requests must be received one day in advance and must include the name, the position sought, and reason for requesting to be floor nominated. This backfired on us really hard, but I did not think this was a bad rule change by any means. I think this was a failure on the Senate members to know the rules and make them known. After we approved this rule change on July 25th, all Senate members, particularly those in the Elections Committee and the Internal Affairs Committee, should have known this. The packet was released on August 20th according to the ASUH Constitution. Perspective candidates who had to turn in the Elections Packet on July 12th had no excuse to not know the rules. If you turned in a packet, you signed a form that stated that you agree to abide by the rules included in the packet. Moving forward to the General Senate Meeting on July 12th, last week Wednesday, there were ten candidates who met the requirements that I stated originally, seven of which were running for Arts and Sciences. At the meeting, I brought up that we could suspend the rules to allow for five more Arts and Sciences candidates, making it twelve candidates running for ten seats. I was made aware of nine additional floor nomination requests at 6:14 PM, fourteen minutes into our General Senate Meeting. Seven of these were for Arts and Sciences.

SAL Negrillo

Micah Leval

The next testimony we have is from Micah Leval.

Good evening Madam President and members of the 106th Senate. For those who haven't met me yet, my name is Micah Leval, former Senator-at-Large, and Chairperson for the Committee on External Affairs. I am also a candidate for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences for this Fall Special Election. I'm here to express my views regarding the unfortunate situation ASUH has found itself in regarding the Fall Special Election. As a former ASUH Senator, it is really disappointing to hear that there has been so much confusion over a process that should have been relatively simple. It is important to point out that the only rule that was suspended at the last General Senate Meeting was the one that mandated floor nomination requests be submitted one day prior to the General Senate Meeting. This suspension of the rule does not change anything else. It does not change any rule that candidates are held to or the deadlines pre-defined in the Elections Packet. This is especially true considering that rule 49-2 states that the Elections schedule must be finalized prior to the nomination period, i.e. when the Election Packet is released. Suspending one rule does not change ASUH's obligation to uphold all other rules. This is aside from the fact that many Senators would not have voted in favor of the rule suspension if they knew all of the implications of their vote. This is also aside from the fact that rule 48-4 b states that ignorance of the rules is no defense for elections infractions. Even if this ignorance falls upon someone on Senate, it still falls on the candidate to know what is expected of them, especially since the Elections Packet was available since the first day of school. Therefore, all I ask of you tonight Senators is to follow the rules. Make a decision based on what is by the books rather than what people

may infer, desire, or assume. There is no doubt that the ASUH will have to honor the rule suspension it bound itself to last week, but that's where it needs to stop. All candidates should be held to all other rules and deadlines stated in the Elections Packet, which again, according to the rules, needed to be finalized before this all even happened. If the applicant followed the rules, they should be allowed to run. If they did not follow the rules, they should not be allowed to run. In other words, please respect the decision made at the unofficial Elections meeting this past Monday. Lastly, I want to take the time to remind every member of the Senate that they have the power to make their own individual decision on this matter. Please do not think that you have to act based off of one person's recommendation or opinion, including my own. Please consider all stakeholders and vote for what you think is right. During the Senate discussion of this matter, please feel free to ask me any questions you may have. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

SAL Negrillo
Raiyan Rafid

Thank you Micah. The next testifier is Raiyan Rafid.

My name is Raiyan and I am running for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences. I was interested in running for Senator and got an Elections Packet and went through the rules and followed all of them. I was happy with ASUH and was excited to get involved. This afternoon, I was made aware of changes that were made and it made me upset. I went around and got twenty-five signatures and talked to twenty-five people. After I found out that the twenty-five signatures that I got were not entirely from my college, I had to go back to the Elections Committee Chair and had to request to be floor nominated. I did that within the timeframe. When I heard that people requested someone and the Elections Committee is now making changes, I think it isn't fair. I like competition, don't get me wrong, but I don't think it's a fair competition.

SAL Negrillo
Ismael Salameh

Thank you. Now we have Ismael Salameh.

Good evening. I don't know anything, that's the truth, and that's really the instance of the problem here. I am a candidate. My name is Ish and I am a transfer from KCC. It was at KCC where I served on student government, hence why I am so passionate about this. If we take a break, we should realize that this is a good problem to have, the fact that students want to get involved and promote change. That's a good problem to have. At KCC, we were begging students to join. This isn't as severe as we thought it was.

REPORTS

Executive

President

a. Future Guest Speakers and Presentations

i. 9/26 Health Services

President Dela Cruz

Just a reminder that at our next General Senate Meeting, University Health Services will do a presentation on a proposed increase in the health service fee. I encourage you folks to look at the linked presentation, and prepare a question/comment/concern you'd like to share. As a way to keep our discussion concise and prevent it from being lengthy, is it all right with everyone that I create a document where you all can jot down your 1 question/comment? That way we eliminate any repeat questions, and if we run out of time, I can forward your questions and comments to UHS after the meeting.

Senate shows general agreement.

President Dela Cruz

Okay, I will send out the document with the agenda when the day comes.

ii. TBA Athletics

President Dela Cruz

In addition to the guest speakers we will have, Athletics Director David Matlin will be meeting with the Senate. Further information on what this will be about and when will be announced later on. However, he did express interest in meeting within the next 2-3 weeks, so be prepared for that.

b. Reminders

i. Individual Picture Taking

President Dela Cruz There are still several Senate members who need to get their photo taken. I will reach out to all of you to get that scheduled.

ii. Senate Bios

President Dela Cruz I've sent out the link previously that will direct you to the form for your Senate bios. Please fill this out so we can have something to put up onto the website.

iii. NEW Deadlines for Agenda Items - Exact Wording of Title/Subjects and Legislation #s: **Fridays 4PM**, Final Documents: **Mondays 8AM**

President Dela Cruz Please be sure you are following the deadlines I have set for agenda items. Titles/subjects and legislation numbers should be sent to me by Fridays at 4:00 PM and documents by Mondays at 8:00 AM.

iv. Executive Committee Meeting Reminder: *Wednesday, October 3, 2018*

Vice President

a. Workshops

VP Simeona I am continuing to work on organizing workshops for the Senate so please be sure to look out for emails from me regarding that.

b. ASUH Team Bonding

VP Simeona October will be all about pumpkins! I will be coordinating that. Please be sure you're looking out for my email regarding that.

c. Committee Reports *due September 24*

VP Simeona Just a reminder to Chairs and Vice Chairs, Committee Reports are due next Monday, September 24th by 11:59 PM.

Treasurer

Treasurer Honda No report.

Secretary

iSecretary Sakamoto No report.

Administrative

a. Advisor

Advisor Sonoda-Pale The June cash award will be out probably tomorrow. July is with the Chancellor's office.

b. Operations Manager

Judicial Branch

a. Student Court

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Chun I'm going to send out the final action plan tonight. If you haven't signed up and you want to, sign up right now so I can put you in the action plan. Everyone who signed up has a task on the action plan. Please take a look at that tomorrow. If you volunteered, your t-shirts are in your mailboxes. Thank you to Advisor Sonoda-Pale for picking up the raffle prizes. The "big boy" prizes are AirPods and speakers. We also have Amazon gift cards and Starbucks gift cards. Everything is set. Tell your friends to repost the Homecoming flier to their Instagram and tag ASUH for a chance to win one of these raffle prizes. The reason why I'm doing this is because we kind of steered away from using our social

media so I want to bring that back again. Please make sure you show up tomorrow if you signed up for a shift. I know a lot is going on right now within the Senate, but please don't let that affect tomorrow's Homecoming event. Our committee worked really hard on this.

Elections

a. For Approval: Fall Special Elections Schedule - REVISED

President Dela Cruz Unfortunately, we do not have a Chair right now and Vice Chairperson Dunham could not make it tonight due to work. First under Elections is for approval the Fall Special Elections Revised Schedule.

VP Simeona Move to accept the Fall Special Elections Schedule - REVISED.

SAL Chun Second.

President Dela Cruz Everything after the part where it says "Candidate packets made available," is different from the original schedule. This was worked out with Vice Chair Dunham and Elections Advisor Sonoda-Pale. Feel free to take a look at this. Should you folks want to approve this, we will have to take a two-third roll call vote as this change would be against our rules. With the two-third roll call vote this could be passed or denied.

Senator Juliano Just for clarification, if we do approve of this new schedule, everyone who wants to be floor nominated will have extra time to turn in their packet?

President Dela Cruz If we approve of this, whoever gets floor nominated tonight will have until Friday to turn in their packet.

Advisor Manini Normally when floor nominations happen, everyone gets an additional two days to get their packet in if they were floor nominated. This has been going on for years. That's why there's a change in the calendar. Last week, you all decided to postpone the decision and move the floor nominations to this week. In doing that, there's a need to adjust this. When you get to floor nominations, you can make the decision on whether or not you want to add names. That's a different conversation. Those who will be floor nominated will have the additional two days to turn in their packet.

VP Simeona How far off does this divert from the original calendar?

President Dela Cruz Instead of all of the Elections results being ratified at the October 10th meeting, which is the General Senate Meeting prior to what is listed on here. That would be two weeks. The Elections results can only be ratified at a General Senate Meeting, which only happen every other week.

Senator Ramirez Just a reminder, last week we were not able to nominate those who are running for colleges who had no candidates like Business and Education.

VP Simeona Advisor Manini may correct me on this if I'm wrong, but the Elections Chair can extend the deadline for vacant seats.

Advisor Manini That sounds like a floor nomination discussion instead of a schedule discussion.

iSecretary Sakamoto Just another question, where does the written request to be floor nominated fall on this schedule?

Advisor Manini At this point, it would just be based on what's in the rules. It would still be the twenty-four hours before floor nominations, but when we get to floor nominations, who knows if you all are going to suspend rules or not. It's going to be based on what you guys decide.

President Dela Cruz Although it's not on the schedule, we would still have to follow the rules that states it has to be in one business day in advance, which would have been yesterday.

Senator Juliano Would voting to approve this go against what was testified earlier?

President Dela Cruz That might be more a matter of your opinion.

VP Simeona Just to remind the Senate to vote what you think is right.

Senator Hortizuela If this schedule does not get approved, what happens?

Advisor Manini If this schedule does not get approved then the old schedule stands. If we cannot follow the old schedule because we are already late, then you will be in violation of your own calendar. An entire week has gone by and in that week I'm sure there were things that were already supposed to be happening that didn't. If this doesn't pass, you will probably be in violation. I recommend looking at both this calendar and the old calendar so that you can all be as informed as possible before you vote.

SAL Li I would like to look at the old schedule before we vote “no” on this and would have to follow the old schedule.

President Dela Cruz What’s being projected now is the old schedule.

SAL Li I see that it says that the nomination period ends on September 14th. Currently, the nomination period is over. Is that correct?

Advisor Manini Yes, but because you postponed the nominations to this week, the candidate list, which should have been posted, did not get posted. The reason that the candidate list has to get posted is because it has to be public so that the people voting can get information about the candidates that are running. I don’t believe that is currently on your bulletin board. We are already in violation of the current calendar. You have to change the calendar so that you’re not in violation.

SAL Li I would like to make it clear that if we vote “no” on this new calendar, that would mean we won’t be able to nominate anybody.

Senator Juliano If we vote “no” on the new schedule and go back to the old one, could we motion to change the dates we missed?

Advisor Manini You could use the old schedule as your template and amend date by date, but in the rules sometimes it says that there needs to be so many days between one thing and another. If you start picking one date at a time, you may be in violation of these rules. In this revised schedule, it should be consistent with the rules. If you start changing dates one by one and violate the rules, you all are going to have bigger problems.

Senator Oshiro Are we able to view the rules that state how many days need to be between each date?

President Dela Cruz Yes. Our Internal Affairs Chair can verify whether or not we would be in violation of the rules or not.

Advisor Manini If there are people who want to amend certain dates of the old calendar instead of switching over to the revised one, I would recommend taking a recess so that you can sit with the Internal Affairs Chair and see whether or not the dates are aligned with the rules.

The Senate took a recess at 7:59 PM.

Call to Order

President Dela Cruz called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present:	President Dela Cruz, Vice President Simeona, Treasurer Honda, Interim Secretary Sakamoto, Senators-at-Large Chun, Kim, Li, Negrillo, Senators Balico, Galeng, Hortizuela, Juliano, Oshiro, Ramirez, Urasaki [15]
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Guests: [0]

President Dela Cruz Thank you everyone for your patience. To be sure that we are following all of our rules and since we did approve of an Elections schedule earlier in the summer, it would only be proper to recall the previous Elections schedule. With a two-third roll call vote, we can accept it, open it up to discussion, and the Senate can amend, replace, etc.

Senator Galeng Move to recall the 2018 Fall Special Elections Schedule.

VP Simeona Second.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO RECALL THE 2018 FALL SPECIAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULE

Aye(s): Vice President Simeona, Treasurer Honda, Interim Secretary Sakamoto, Senators-at-Large Chun, Kim, Li, Negrillo, Senators Balico, Galeng, Ganoy, Hortizuela, Juliano, Oshiro, Ramirez, Urasaki, Vargas [16]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

SAL Kim Move to accept the Fall Special Elections Schedule.

Senator Galeng Second.

SAL Negrillo Move to replace it with the newly created Elections schedule.

VP Simeona Second.

Motion carries.

SAL Chun Move to add "Candidate floor nominations will end at the General Senate Meeting" under Wednesday, September 19th.

SAL Li Second.

Motion carries.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO RE-ADOPT WITH AMENDMENTS THE 2018 FALL SPECIAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULE

Aye(s): Vice President Simeona, Treasurer Honda, Senators-at-Large Chun, Kim, Li, Negrillo, Senators Balico, Galeng, Ganoy, Hortizuela, Juliano, Oshiro, Ramirez, Urasaki, Vargas [15]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): Interim Secretary Sakamoto [1]

President Dela Cruz ASUH should now be operating with this revised Elections schedule.

b. Fall Special Elections Approval of Candidate Nominees

President Dela Cruz We weren't able to do this last time due to the nature of our meeting, but this part of the agenda is to approve of those who completed the twenty-five signature requirement to become a candidate.

SAL Kim Move to accept the Fall Special Election Nominees.

Senator Galeng Second.

SAL Li Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting, and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.

Senator Ramirez Second.

Motion carries.

Motion carries.

President Dela Cruz All of these people are now candidates. Moving to the third item on the agenda under the Elections report, according to our rules, our Senate does have the opportunity to floor nominate.

Advisor Manini Did all of the names on our list of floor nominations meet the twenty-four hour deadline that is in the rules?

President Dela Cruz I'm not sure. Vice Chair Dunham compiled this list.

Senator Oshiro Do you happen to have the list of names of people who submitted a request to be floor nominated?

President Dela Cruz This is the list.
Senator Oshiro So all of these people submitted a written request on time?
President Dela Cruz I'm not sure about it being on time.
Advisor Manini If anyone could edit this document, we need the Vice Chair to verify that each person submitted the request on time. We need to get confirmation unless you folks suspend the rules so that anyone can be floor nominated.
SAL Negrillo We can actually see the revisions made on this list. We can see what names were added by Vice Chair Dunham.
SAL Chun If you look at the history, you can see that Senator Ramirez added ten names today at 3:00 AM.
SAL Negrillo If Senator Ramirez can confirm that Vice Chair Dunham has received written requests from these people.
Senator Ramirez Vice Chair Dunham sent us an email yesterday at 4:00 PM telling us to add the names of anyone being floor nominated.
Senator Hortizuela That doesn't confirm that these candidates sent in their written request twenty-four hours ahead of time. I feel like you should have proof that your candidates sent in the written request ahead of time.
Senator Ramirez Please recall the meeting minutes from last week. These are the majority of these names.
VP Simeona Interim Secretary Sakamoto, were those names inputted in the minutes last General Senate?
iSecretary Sakamoto Even if it is in the minutes, that doesn't confirm if they turned in the written request or not. I think the issue is if whether or not they turned in the written request so I don't think checking the minutes solves anything.
SAL Chun Who actually has these written requests so we can check if they were submitted twenty-four hours in advance?
Advisor Manini We should go down the list, name by name, and figure out if we have a written request that was submitted on time by that person. If we do, I would recommend their name be added to the ballot. If we don't have that evidence, I would recommend you don't add them to the ballot.
Senator Hortizuela Was there an email that the written requests had to be sent to?
President Dela Cruz It either had to be sent to the asuhelec@hawaii.edu, asuh@hawaii.edu, or the acting Chairperson of the Elections Committee. I did want to verify that while Eugene was Chair, he did make a list of those who turned in the requests so we would be able to verify some of these names on here. Whatever Vice Chair Dunham added to this is based on what he received.
Advisor Manini So that we're all clear and that we accomplish what needs to be done tonight, is it too much to ask to go person by person and see if they have the necessary documents?
SAL Li Do we have all of the written requests compiled?
President Dela Cruz I have a list of names of people who submitted the written request.
SAL Li Up until what point?
President Dela Cruz The list that I have is up until Wednesday and this was made by Eugene Lao. Any requests Vice Chair Dunham would have received, their names should appear on this list.
SAL Li Can we get the actual documents to confirm? Right now we're going off of assumptions and lists that other people have made. We need to know for certain who sent them in.
President Dela Cruz I apologize SAL Li, but I don't think we can do that considering these documents have been sent to multiple emails and not everyone on Senate has access to those emails.
Advisor Manini If Eugene compiled a list and because he was the acting Chair at the time, I think we should respect that he would not put a name on the list that did not turn in the requests. This is the best we are able to do. With Eugene going on-leave, anything that happened from the 17th would be the Vice Chair's responsibility and we should respect those names that he added. If we can get those names approved for the ballot and then deal with the other names afterward, I believe we'll be taking a step in the right direction.
Senator Oshiro I know we have been discussing this document as if Vice Chair Dunham is the only one inputting information, but he sent an email saying, "To streamline the process, I started a Google Doc that you all can fill out to be submitted at the meeting. Make sure you have

all necessary information filled out in the document!” I thought this meant that we input the names of people we plan to floor nominate.

President Dela Cruz If you put someone’s name on this list that didn’t turn in the written request by yesterday, which was one business day in advance, then we would, currently, be in violation of our rules. If they have turned in some sort of written request to ASUH then they are eligible. I know Vice Chair Dunham sent that email, but we need to be in compliance with our rules.

Senator Oshiro I instructed the person I added onto the list to submit the written request, but she never confirmed with me that she did, so I can’t verify.

Senator Juliano So Eugene compiled a list of candidates that submitted the written request. Do we know if Vice Chair Dunham went off of that list first and then added anyone else?

SAL Li Vice Chair Dunham only added the top five names on the list.

Advisor Manini Are the first five names that were added by Vice Chair Dunham from Eugene’s list?

President Dela Cruz Yes.

Advisor Manini Okay, so the first five names are verified. If there is no opposition to that then I think we should approve these names and get them onto the ballot.

Senator Ramirez I sent in all of the documents to Eugene last week.

SAL Kim I don’t know if this is true or not, but Eugene mentioned last week that the timestamps on the screenshots you sent him only said “Today” and we aren’t able to tell the actual date.

Senator Ramirez Those were all sent last week so I added the names of those people.

Senator Hortizuela Your floor nominations sent in the written request to you?

Senator Ramirez Yes, on Wednesday.

Senator Hortizuela Did they send it to Chair Lao or the ASUH email?

Senator Ramirez No they did not give it to them.

Treasurer Honda I just wanted to remind everyone of the testimony that we heard earlier. I don’t think this is fair to the candidates who met all of the original requirements. I recommend we stick with the nominations that we already approved. I would love to see more people running in the Election, but I don’t think this is setting good precedent. We can’t bend the rules whenever things don’t go our way.

President Dela Cruz I know you all are concerned with the verification of all of this. We do have Vice Chair Dunham on the phone. We’re going to confirm that we can put him on speaker so that he can help us verify the names.

Senator Urasaki If we can verify that these people turned in their written request one business day in advance, we would not be in violation of our rules and the calendar that we just approved.

SAL Li Because of that schedule we just passed, everybody who turned in a written request up until yesterday should be able to be floor nominated.

Senator Oshiro I know we’re accepting floor nominations for people who sent in their written request up until yesterday, but there’s still a rule that states that if there’s a completely vacant seat we can floor nominate someone for it?

VP Simeona Yes and that is up to the decision of the acting Chairperson of the Elections Committee.

Advisor Manini If we can hold that off until after we finalize this list, that would be good. If we insert that right now then things could get confusing. Don’t let the meeting end without bringing that up.

President Dela Cruz Vice Chair Dunham is on the phone and I would like to give him the chance to speak. To Vice Chair Dunham, people may or may not have questions to ask you. Everyone please have your questions ready and please be concise.

SAL Li Vice Chair Dunham, do you happen to have a list of the people that submitted to you their floor nomination requests up until yesterday?

VC Dunham The names that were submitted by yesterday at 4:00 PM are all the names up to Chachi Abara. All other names were added starting September 19th at 3:00 AM.

Advisor Manini Does he know if the other names submitted the written request before yesterday 4:00 PM and they were just added to this document late?

VC Dunham I do not have anything besides from the first five names on the list. I don’t know if anything was submitted to Eugene. I am only sure about the first five people on the list.

President Dela Cruz On this spreadsheet that Eugene Lao made, he added names that neither submitted a floor nomination request on time, according to the old schedule, nor did they submit signatures. Do you know if they did submit a written request, but it just wasn't sent in on time according to the old schedule?

VC Dunham He used color coding. If their name is highlighted in yellow then they would be okay to floor nominate if we changed the schedule. Everyone in green and yellow should be fine.

President Dela Cruz Great, I think that's all we needed to know.

Advisor Sonoda-Pale I have the written requests from Senator Ramirez and some of these people are on this list. I think we should go down the list one by one.

President Dela Cruz I am going to work on verifying this list and whatever Advisor Sonoda-Pale can verify we'll verify. I also want to note that there are people who are not on this list that submitted the written request, so we can verbally nominate those people. I'm going to confirm all of the names of those who submitted the written request. Nicolas Regaspi, Raiyan Rafid, Matthew Easter, Camille Dahmen, Tiana Elisara, Kylie Johnson, Justin Friedman, Karimah Bunn, Michelle Yim, Tristan Ross, Jaclyn Sakamoto, and Chachi Abara are all verified.

SAL Li What were you reading these names off of?

President Dela Cruz The list that Eugene made. Vice Chair Dunham confirmed that those highlighted in green and yellow submitted the written request. Sarah Onishi, Marcus Patterson, Luavaasiitia Esera, Ryan Su, Lauren Kobayashi, Laura Lenhart are all also verified. On this document presented to us, all names that are highlighted in yellow may be floor nominated because they sent in a floor nomination request on time.

SAL Chun Are we able to see these written requests?

Advisor Manini Please have these documents sent to the Senate.

iSecretary Sakamoto I would like to strike "Senator for Arts and Sciences" where my name is found on this document so that it only has "Secretary" under the "Position(s)" column.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE OF THE FLOOR NOMINATIONS LIST

Aye(s): Vice President Simeona, Senators-at-Large Li, Negrillo, Senators Galeng, Ramirez [5]

Naye(s): Treasurer Honda, Senators-at-Large Chun, Kim, Senators Balico, Ganoy, Hortizuela, Julianio, Oshiro, Urasaki [9]

Abstention(s): Interim Secretary Sakamoto, Senator Creadick [2]

President Dela Cruz This means that none of these people are able to participate in the Special Election.

Senator Oshiro Does this mean that we have to floor nominate people individually?

SAL Negrillo That would be an option, but we could also have a discussion and go through the list to find some sort of middle ground.

Advisor Manini If you don't have a floor nomination list, you are in violation of the Constitution. By voting against this list and not allowing people who submitted everything to be floor nominated, you are in violation of the rules. Are there people who are highlighted yellow that people feel do not meet the requirements?

Senator Oshiro Normally when we have floor nominations, don't we normally just verbally say who we want to floor nominate and then those people will get added to the list?

SAL Negrillo That used to be the process, but now because of the rule revision, we have a premade list based off of who submitted the written request.

Senator Urasaki I'm under the impression that the written request is only a request that has to be approved by us.

SAL Li What used to be the process for floor nominations?

Advisor Manini Before, anyone could be floor nominated. Anyone who wanted to be floor nominated would get added to the list and that would be it.

SAL Li In theory, if we suspended the rules, would we be able to floor nominate anyone?

Advisor Manini If the rules are suspended, that would open up the floor nominations to anyone and we would be able to add any names that aren't already on this list.

SAL Li I would like to explain why I voted in favor of this floor nomination list. I do believe that it is unfair that some people did not turn in packets on time, but what we don't see is that

there has been a gross failure on us to really do our due diligence to make sure that the rule that was passed this summer was followed. I do not feel that it is fair for us to punish those who want to run for us not making it clear of our deadlines. We just spent thirty minutes looking for a list that we couldn't find. There is disorganization on every level. Because we could have done a better job, we should not be punishing these people.

Senator Oshiro I know we rejected this list, but if no one has an issue with it, are we able to go back and re-approve it?

Advisor Manini Someone who voted with the prevailing side would have to recall the motion and there would have to be a second then you could discuss the list then vote on it again.

SAL Negrillo For those who still haven't spoken, why did you vote no? Even though it took thirty minutes, we were still able to go through the list and verify and highlight the names that we deemed certain were eligible. What is the problem?

Senator Urasaki In rule 50-4 c, it says that the disposition of all floor nomination requests shall be left to the discretion of the Senate. I was under the impression that we were going to be able to see the requests and the reasons why people were requesting to be floor nominated.

Advisor Manini The Constitution states that you must have floor nominations. I don't think people provided long narratives in their requests about why they are seeking floor nomination. I'm sure they just provided what the Elections Committee asked for. You all are expected to act fairly.

Treasurer Honda In my prior discussion with Eugene, he told me that he was going to go through the list and explain his reasoning for whether or not we should approve them. However, he was not given time to do his full talk and give his reasoning. As a recommendation, I feel we should give our testifiers more time. I talked to Eugene and he was actually going to do an explanation for reasoning.

Senator Juliano I think it's unfair that we had to give people that extra time to allow people to be nominated, but I would like to move to recall the floor nomination list.

Senator Urasaki Second.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO RECALL THE FLOOR NOMINATIONS LIST

Aye(s): Vice President Simeona, Treasurer Honda, Senators-at-Large Chun, Kim, Li, Negrillo, Senators Balico, Creadick, Galeng, Hortizuela, Juliano, Oshiro, Ramirez, Urasaki **[14]**

Naye(s): **[0]**

Abstention(s): Interim Secretary Sakamoto **[1]**

Senator Oshiro Move to accept the Floor Nominations List.

Senator Juliano Second.

Senator Juliano I'm still upset that these people did not get what they needed in on time, but because we did change our schedule, would we be able to accept these people but maybe give an advantage to the people who turned it in on time?

VP Simeona We can't give any advantages.

SAL Kim I voted no for reasons similar to Senator Juliano, but if we're looking strictly at the rules then I guess there isn't really any other option but to be for it.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE FLOOR NOMINATIONS LIST

Aye(s): Vice President Simeona, Treasurer Honda, Senators-at-Large Chun, Kim, Li, Negrillo, Senators Balico, Creadick, Hortizuela, Juliano, Oshiro, Ramirez, Urasaki **[13]**

Naye(s): **[0]**

Abstention(s): Interim Secretary Sakamoto **[1]**

Motion carries.

President Dela Cruz Therefore, all names listed and highlighted are now candidates in the Special Election in addition to the candidate list that we approved earlier.

External Affairs

Chairperson Ramirez I'm sorry, but going back to the Elections. There is someone on the list who was running for TIM and there is no one currently running for that position, but we did not approve this person.

SAL Negrillo The rules says that we can nominate someone who wants to run for a position that there are no candidates for, but we still have to follow the rules that state that they have to submit the written request in and that person did not.

Advisor Manini No rules were suspended to allow this person to run without the written request.

President Dela Cruz If there are more vacant seats, it is the Elections Committee's job to have another Special Election.

Chairperson Ramirez For External Affairs, some of us met yesterday. SAL Li will be taking over the promotional video project for ASUH. There are two bills submitted that will be looked at by the Finance Committee for our uniforms and for promotional items.

Finance

Chairperson Li We have just finished the RIO interview process. The bill is for \$35,195.55 and was referred to the Finance Committee that we will be reviewing this Friday along with several other bills. If you are one of those introducers for the bills, please come to our meeting this Friday so that you can answer questions we may have for our bill. For RIO funding, we did use a little more than the 50% of our allocated budget, so we will be moving the Spring funds and putting it into the Fall. Our meeting this Friday is from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in Hemenway 211.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Negrillo No report.

Investments and Long Range Planning

VC Creadick We will be meeting next week.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Kim We have a meeting next week Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00 in Campus Center 203C.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Hortizuela Most of our faculty reviewers have been confirmed for this semester. We have a little more than half of the graduate programs attending Grad Fair. We need to find seven more so I just sent an email out to ten programs. Our next committee meeting will be this Friday at 4:00 in CC 307.

Other Committees

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

SAL Li I have spoken with the Surfrider Organization about the reusable utensil campaign. They are planning to form a student coalition. If you are interested in joining that let me know.

Senator Ramirez I want to encourage everyone to perhaps consider creating a procedure that would allow the person wanting to run for the TIM seat to be nominated.

VP Simeona As stated in the rules, that would fall under the Elections Committee.

Advisor Manini Because SAL Li brought up the issue of sustainability, I just wanted to mention that the Office of Sustainability is proposing to put PVs on part of the roof to help with the electric costs of the Campus Center Complex. CCB is going to actually be considering that at their meeting next week Tuesday. If this is something you have an opinion on, you

might want to give your input to CCB. CCB will have to put in some money to have the PVs installed. There is a possibility for this project so I encourage you, as students, to offer your input. I also wanted to mention that this has been one of the hardest meetings I've had to sit through as part of ASUH. I wanted to let you all know that there would have been no perfect solution tonight where we would make everyone happy. It was made clear to me from the start that we would be opening ourselves up to a series of complaints and grievances. We are just going to have to deal with whatever comes our way, but this does not mean that you all can't effectively move forward. Thank you for sticking it out and I hope we have a good year.

iSecretary Sakamoto

Last week, President Dela Cruz brought up the issue of UH Athletics controlling tailgating at the football games and it seemed that only one student group was allowed to participate in that tailgating event. Today I spoke to the Marketing Director with UH Athletics, his name is Brad Motooka, and he told me that if any student group wants to be involved with organizing that event, you can contact him. He is open to working with other student groups, but TKE and Kappa Sigma were the only two student groups that contacted him. If you know of any student groups who want to be involved with this event, you can ask me for his contact information and you can have the student group contact him.

President Dela Cruz

Just to continue what Interim Secretary Sakamoto mentioned, this is specifically so that student groups can perform and what not. TKE and Kappa Sigma have had DJs. If you're wondering what it means for student groups to be involved with the tailgates, it basically means to give a performance.

SAL Li

I just want to reiterate that I was extremely appalled in the organization at tonight's meeting. Just because we did not have a few people here, we spent thirty minutes speculating before we got an actual concrete list. I think an issue ASUH has is Senators not passing on their knowledge to other people. I understand that some committees are very top heavy and the Chairs do a lot of the work and the committee members are just there to vote and don't really know what's going on. This is a major problem. Just the absence of two people tonight stalled us. If you're a Chair or Vice Chair of a committee, take the initiative to be transparent and upload things into your committee folder on Google Docs. If there were any questions about my committee, you would be able to look into my folder. I've looked into other committee folders and its very barren and it leads to this situation where people don't know what's what and speculation.

Treasurer Honda

I just wanted to note that one of the people who could have answered our questions was here and I feel that he should have been given the time to explain what he had to say. We should really consider time we give testifiers, especially if the testifier is involved in what we're talking about.

VP Simeona

I do agree with SAL Li's comments and that there was disorganization. I have repeatedly told the Chairs and Vice Chairs and even the Senate to upload all of your documents. I have also told the committees to upload dates to the calendar. My advice is to please do everybody a favor and upload everything and to fill out your documents in full detail.

SAL Kim

Going off of what SAL Li said, it is also for the health of the Chairs and Vice Chairs. We have Chairs who are overwhelming themselves. Maybe it is on them for not delegating, but it is also up to the committee members to step up.

Advisor Manini

Since we started the Team Drive, people are not uploading things to both the Team Drive and Kaulike and I can't find things I need to help those who come to me. We need to figure out how we are going to get things that are on Google Docs onto Kaulike. I was directing Treasurer Honda to documents, but he couldn't find them. The Secretary and the Vice Chairs should really make sure that documents are being uploaded. Also, a lot of responsibility falls on the advisors when the Chairs are overwhelmed. Let's all do our part to do our work.

President Dela Cruz

I wanted to thank you all for your patience and your ability to work with one another. I know for some of you folks that you were directly impacted. If you ever need to talk to anyone, you can always come to me or our advisors.

CLOSING
Announcements

Adjournment

SAL Kim

Senator Oshiro

Move to Adjourn.

Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jaclyn Sakamoto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jaclyn Sakamoto
Interim Secretary, 106th Senate