

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

General Senate Meeting #11 of the 105<sup>th</sup> Senate  
Wednesday, September 27, 2017

**OPENING**

**Call to Order**

President Dela Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:07PM in CC 310.

**Roll Call**

Present:	President Dela Cruz, Treasurer Hinshaw, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Finau, Hortizuela, Lieu, Ng, Nishihara, Petersen, Utashiro, Willis [14]
Excused Absent:	Senator Chun [1]
Unexcused Absent:	[0]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	Vice-President Urasaki [1]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	Advisor Manini [1]
Guests:	Louie Anthony Sicorsicon [1]

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #10, 105th Senate - September 20th, 2017	
SAL Chen	Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for GSMM #10.
SAL Leval	Second.
Senator Nishihara	Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical marks errors, add to the guests lists and correct the spelling of the names of all of the guests and testifiers, and have the totals reflect the changes.
SAL Chen	Second.
	Motion carries.
VP Urasaki	Move to add the draft watermark.
SAL Chen	Second.
	Motion carries.
Senator Nishihara	Move to move Senator Petersen to Excused Absence and every other senator to Present, and move to remove Advisor Sonoda-Pale, Monica Ghosh, Ronald Cambra from the

**THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE SENATE ON OCTOBER 4, 2017**

SAL Chen attendance, add Advisor Manini to the attendance, and have all of the totals reflect the changes.  
Second.  
Motion carries.  
  
Motion carries.

## **Official Correspondence**

## **REPORTS**

### **Executive President**

- a. Office Hours  
*President Dela Cruz* I'd like to remind everyone that we have office hours. Make sure that you sign in with the fingerprint scanner. If you are not registered, please do so with Advisor Sonoda-Pale. I will post a doc of what you can do for ASUH during your office hours if you do not have any tasks to work on.
- b. Chartered Student Organizations (CSOs) Updates  
*President Dela Cruz* With the issue of Sinclair Library, I reached out to other CSO's to see if they wanted to submit testimony on behalf of their CSO. You should have seen testimony from Campus Center Board, SAB came to listen to our meeting, GSO is currently working on their position, and I haven't heard back from SAPFB yet. Although the hours did change, it is important for other CSO's to share their stance because they have a highly valuable voice. You should have received an email that Ka Leo is officially going to announce the roster for the football team. They have a partnership with athletics, so you'll see more things about athletics.  
Chase and I will be meeting with the President and Vice President of GSO to get each other on the same page because we want to continue to unify the student voice on campus. Not only does the administration look at ASUH, they also look at GSO. In cases where issues or other things affect all students, it is important that we keep and maintain this relationship.
- c. UH Student Caucus - September  
*President Dela Cruz* Our second meeting of this year happened on September 16 at Windward Community College. The UH Student Caucus formed into committees to tackle each of the priorities of the Student Caucus. We are also working on plans for how we are going to get organized for the legislative session in the spring. Our next meeting is on October 7.
- d. Resolution Writing  
*President Dela Cruz* I'd like to give a general reminder that when you do write resolutions, to consult with the different groups that would help you so that they have an idea you are writing a resolution on that topic because it becomes a consultative process. It is also passing down the message so that it is not coming out of the blue.
- e. General Reminders
- Legislation & Agenda Item Request Deadline: Fridays, 5pm
  - Executive Committee Meeting: October 4, 2017 (6:30 pm, CC310)
  - Special General Senate Meeting: October 4, 2017 (7 pm. CC310)
  - General Senate Meeting: October 11, 2017 (New members join us!)

### **Vice President**

**VP Urasaki** There is an orientation for new senators after the student affairs meeting tomorrow night. Returning members are welcome to attend.

**Treasurer**  
*Treasurer Hinshaw* We have about \$91,855 left \$117,626 in our General Fund, which is the 3325232 account. I sent an email reminder to do your rate sheets, so please do your rate sheets.

**Secretary**  
*Senator Nishihara* I'll be looking over your committee minutes. Please upload your codified meeting minutes within four working days of the day they are codified.

**Administrative**

a. Advisor  
*Advisor Manini* Your ad-hoc committee for Sinclair Library has been working hard. I worked with them and I wanted to thank them for their perseverance in advocating. I know the advocacy isn't over yet, but I wanted to thank you for modeling how committed you guys are. It makes work fun when I can see the passion, excitement and commitment that you guys have to do work for the students. So, thank you for your work.

b. Operations Manager

**Judicial Branch**

a. Student Court

**Standing Committees**

**Campus Life**

*Chairperson Finau* For homecoming, this is the t-shirt design. The print is going to be white. The Tank-top and dri-fits will be kelly green. Everything is finalized. We will be meeting tomorrow to set everything in stone. I will send out the volunteer list to you all so please sign up. Volunteers will get a free shirt, not tank top or dri fit. I'll have flyers to give out next week. The event will be on Thursday October 12 from 11:00am - 1:00pm. There will be raffle prizes.

**Elections**

*Chairperson Utashiro* Fall Special Elections email was sent out to students. We will have results by Monday. Next week in the Special General Senate Meeting the results will be finalized.

**External Affairs**

*Chairperson Leval* No report.

**Finance**

*Chairperson Honda* No report.

**Internal Affairs**

*Chairperson Lao* At this Monday's External Affairs meeting, we discovered that our website is not in compliance with our rules. Legislation that is supposed to be up there is not up there. To be specific, we are not in compliance with Rule 39-1 C, D, E and F. They indicate that Senate Bills and Resolutions should be on the website prior to the meetings they are seen in, and up two days after they have been codified.

*Treasurer Hinshaw* Whose responsibility is it to be sure that the website is updated?  
*Chairperson Lao* According to the rules, office staff is supposed to be trained, but the External Affairs Chairperson is responsible for the oversight of the website. We just found out about this this Monday.

- Advisor Manini* The documents can't go up if they're not available, so the Secretary has to be sure that all of the documents are available so that they can be uploaded.
- Chairperson Lao* It also has come to our attention that a lot of these documents are not on Kaulike as they should be, so please be sure that you upload all of your documents onto Kaulike so they can be codified and accessed by office staff.
- SAL Chen* Can you please clarify Rule 39-1 E? Doesn't our rule say four business days?
- Senator Nishihara* It's referring to after the minutes are codified. Minutes are codified within four working days after the meeting they are codified in. After that, there are two working days to upload the documents onto the website, so 6 working days.
- Chairperson Lao* Michelle Tom, the executive search coordinator for college dean positions, reached out to me and informed me that Nanea Lo, who is currently sitting on the Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of Hawai'iuniākea, is no longer a Hawai'iuniākea major. Due to the time sensitivity of this matter, I was wondering if we could have a vote in the Senate. I could go either way.
- Advisor Manini* Did Michelle say that a student could be changed out? Having a new student sit on the committee could be complicated. Is there a senator for the college or anyone else who has expressed interested?
- Chairperson Lao* Yes. They might still be interested.
- Advisor Manini* I would see if Michelle says if it is possible for a replacement to be put on. If that's the case, and your committee is prepared to make another nomination, then I would say that that's an option. Other than that, I would not just pull her out if she's the only student.
- President Dela Cruz* It seems like they're okay with it, but they just want to double check that we're okay with it.
- Chairperson Lao* I was just saying that there are other people who may still be interested if we remove her.
- Advisor Manini* I would recommend to double check that that is an option. I think it is premature for the Senate to decide on this because they need to know if they're going to have student representation on that committee. If Michelle Tom and the committee are not prepared to have another student sit on that committee, then she should not be removed, otherwise there would be no student voice.
- Chairperson Lao* It was not my intention to leave the seat empty. I have not confirmed with the other candidate if he would still be interested. I know he is still in the major because he is running for the seat for Hawai'iuniākea.

#### **Investments and Long Range Planning**

*Chairperson Ng* No report.

#### **Student Affairs**

*Chairperson Petersen* We have a meeting tomorrow at 6pm.

#### **Undergraduate Academic Affairs**

*Chairperson Chen* We are following up on the Sinclair Library Hour change. Also, please share the social media ads for the Scholarships and Awards. Grad Fair will be on October 26 and 27. Tabling information will be sent soon.

#### **OTHER COMMITTEES**

a. "Save Sinclair" Ad-hoc

i. Updates Regarding Sinclair Library Hours of Operation

*President Dela Cruz* I just wanted to update the entire Senate. To summarize this past week and a half, the committee has met nearly every day to decide on alternative solutions and how to approach this issue with meeting with administration, and seeing what we could do regarding the previously made changes. I arranged a meeting with the Interim Chancellor Lassner to negotiate possibly repealing the announced changes, and if not, compromising on a change. The result ended up being that he was truly sorry on his behalf and on behalf of Vice Chancellor Bruno for the lack of student consultation. There was also some

*SAL Leval*  
*President Dela Cruz* miscommunication within the administration which led to this point. President Lassner read through the student testimony and he agreed on having the hours changed to close at 2 am instead. ASUH's position on this is that we are grateful for this compromise. Do you mind elaborating on Interim Chancellor's goal to create a 24/5 study space? While they have this proposed change to take effect on October 1st, President Lassner also mentioned that UH Administration will be working on a plan to establish/ensure a 24/5 space for students to study. In his email, he talked about looking into better places on campus and identifying what could be a 24/5 space that has access to food, as well as possibly having just the first floor of Sinclair Library open.

*SAL Chen* I'd just like on the minutes that we will be confirming with them to make sure that their office does follow through on that with a timeline, etc. so we know what page they are on and we have open communication with the administration.

*President Dela Cruz* Yes, the ASUH will be following up with administration to ensure that there is student representation involved with this plan to work on a 24/5 space. There has been an update sent to the student body so you should have gotten an update. There has been an update posted on Facebook and I'm working on replying to the testifiers with the same update. Thank you to the committee and the Senate for spreading the word on the issue and garnering student testimony! We got a lot of testimony and a lot of students involved. I hope we can continue doing this in the other initiatives we have through the year.

### **SPECIAL ORDERS**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Senate Resolution 01-18: In recognition of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's College Rankings
  - i. SCR 11-18

*SAL Leval* Move to accept SCR 11-18.  
*SAL Chen* Second.

*SAL Leval* Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting, and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.  
*SAL Chen* Second.  
Motion carries.

*Treasurer Hinshaw* Could the introducer please clarify under comments/recommendations: "To insert a BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED..."

*SAL Leval* We'll get to this later, but the original "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED..." statement stated that the ASUH commends the administration. The resolution is about commending the rise in rankings, so the committee felt that the BE IT RESOLVED statement should relate directly to the report itself, and if we want to be more general and commend the UH Administration, it would be better as a BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED statement.

*Treasurer Hinshaw* Regarding the recommendations, how does this contradict what we wrote in the Sinclair resolution? It's not stating that UH is a horrible school and shouldn't be commended for its achievements.

*SAL Leval* The BE IT RESOLVED statement of the resolution says that we are commending the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for their educational effectiveness, but in the Sinclair resolution, we specifically state that we are disappointed with the UH Administration's management and effectiveness. So, the committee has suggested that it is okay to commend the UH Administration and give credit where credit is due, but we recommend that that be done in ways and using language that is not contrary to UH's stance in other legislation.

Motion carries.

- ii. SR 01-18
- SAL Chen* Move to accept SR 01-18.  
*SAL Leval* Second.  
*Senator Ng* This resolution is commend UH's rise in its ranking based on criteria. It's important to potential students to see how UH is improving its academics.
- Treasurer Hinshaw* Can we discuss why the BE IT RESOLVED statement should be changed?  
*SAL Leval* I'll just reiterate the committee's consensus. It is okay to give credit where credit is due in general words, but that should be done as a BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED statement, but the BE IT RESOLVED statement should be explicitly focused on the rankings itself. The committee also recommended that the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED statement should not use words that contradict ASUH's other stances.
- SAL Chen* I personally don't see a contradiction because I see academic achievement as student achievement. I see that our Sinclair resolution is based on the administration and their lack of information to the student. I see it as two different things.
- Senator Ng* I agree with her. Although the Sinclair issue is a big issue, this resolution is focused on the overall university. We can't say that the university is bad because of this one issue. Everything cannot be based off of just Sinclair library.
- SAL Lao* I disagree with the educational effectiveness statement based off of the actual Times ranking that Treasurer Hinshaw and I went over. There are subcategories that the overall score is based on, and one of its lowest scores is actually in teaching. What caused the rise in rank is mostly the citation score and international outlook.
- Treasurer Hinshaw* I also added suggestions to the resolution.  
*SAL Chen* For the BE IT RESOLVED, we could remove the items we are lacking in, such as what SAL Lao mentioned.
- SAL Leval* That was reflected in an amendment in the SCR, "the ASUH commends the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for rising six positions in the 2018 Times Higher...."
- SAL Leval* Could you please go over the added WHEREAS statements?  
*Treasurer Hinshaw* They are just suggestions that I just jotted down continuing off of the WHEREAS statement.
- SAL Chen* Should these suggestions be added through a motion?  
*SAL Leval* Is the wording the intended wording?  
*Treasurer Hinshaw* They were done to give a basic idea. It is also fine to change the format. They are here to address the SCR.
- SAL Lao* If we start to flesh out these WHEREAS statements, I'd rather go with the SCR's recommendation to table this.
- Advisor Manini* If you work on addressing the recommendations in the SCR, it might be ideal to refer it back to the committee so they can be further discussed there. The resolution would still come back here. If you include score that don't look very good, I think you should also positively encourage the university to keep improving in those areas.
- SAL Leval* Advisor Manini, one of the reasons the committee recommended to table this resolution is we weren't sure how to amend the resolution to make it better. So, we thought that the introducers would have the best hand in amending the resolution and make it more clear and concise. Other than tabling it, would there be a way to send this back to the introducers in order for them to flesh it out?
- Advisor Manini* You could table it until the next meeting with the intention that the introducers work on it and redraft the portions of concern.
- SAL Leval* Based on that and the recommendation of the committee, I move to table this resolution.  
*SAL Willis* Second.  
*SAL Lao* Advisor Manini also recommended that it could be referred back to the committee. If it is possible, I would love for the External Affairs committee to see this again as well.
- SAL Leval* I would prefer the introducers to work on the resolution as opposed to have the External Affairs Committee work on it because I would not like for us to step on the work that the

introducers have already put into the resolution. Move to amend my motion to table this resolution until the next meeting.

*SAL Chen* Second.

*SAL Lao* Motion carries.

*Advisor Manini* My intention was for it to go back to the introducers, then go back to the External Affairs Committee.

*SAL Leval* Procedurally, you would say send it to the committee, then the committee would take the time to work with the introducers.

*Advisor Manini* If we decide to send it back to the External Affairs Committee, and we were to meet next Monday, could the introducers amend the resolution between now and next Monday?

*SAL Leval* It is up to them.

*SAL Chen* Move to amend my motion to send this resolution back to the External Affairs Committee for further review.

*Treasurer Hinshaw* Second.

*SAL Leval* Motion carries.

*SAL Lao* I think the resolution is clear. We have done this in the past, and the ranking can simply be added from the source itself. I don't see the need to go into this in further detail.

*SAL Leval* Based on what the committee discussed, thank you for including the additional information the committee requested. With the new development, I think it would be best to send it to the External Affairs Committee to polish it.

*SAL Lao* Move to call the question.

*SAL Leval* Second.

*Division of the House* Motion carries.

*Resolution is referred back to the External Affairs Committee*

b. Senate Bill 15-18: Funding for ACE Bash 2017

i. SCR 10-18

*SAL Leval* Move to accept SCR 10-18.

*Senator Willis* Second.

*Senator Nishihara* Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting, and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.

*Senator Willis* Second.

Motion carries.

Motion carries.

ii. SB 15-18

*SAL Leval* Move to accept SB 15-18.

*Senator Ng* Second.

*Louie Anthony Sicorsicon* Aloha, my name is Louie Anthony. I'm one of 40 members of the ACE program, which caters to about 400-500 freshmen at the University. We have about 50 learning communities tailored to different majors that our students are interested in not just from our local population, but from the continental US as well. The purpose is to ask for funding from ASUH to fund our end of the year activity - the ACE Bash. The goal is to provide recognition for our freshmen who are in the process of completing their first semester here. As a program, we are big on keeping our students here, and we believe that by creating students that are engaged and active on campus, as well as creating opportunities where they are celebrated, the ACE Bash is one thing where we can help students feel engaged. We are asking for \$4000 for our ACE Bash event, for the most part food and supplies. We are in the process of completely securing our vendor and

menu options, as well as decorations and marketing. We hope our student government can help support our program.

*Senator Finau* I pulled up the Senate Act from last year that funded the ACE Bash, so I'm curious why the food/supplies increased by \$500.

*President Dela Cruz* There has been an increase in the amount of freshman involved and the learning communities, so the increase is due to the increased amount of participation.

*Senator Finau* Another thing is that the food line item would have to be super-quoted. Move to change the Food line item to \$2499.99, and have the total reflect the changes.

*SAL Chen* Second.

*SAL Leval* Would this amount be enough for 400-500 students? It is approximately \$5 per person.

*Louie Anthony Sicorsicon* We are not planning on providing a full meal, but pupus and refreshments such as tacos and churros. We are going with a Day of the Dead theme.

*SAL Chen* Are there any other fundraising efforts or funding sources?

*Louie Anthony Sicorsicon* We are working at the different stands where they are offering us to work. Right now, with only 40 mentors and 400-500 students, it is a high number that we are trying to reach. We have gone to different fundraising opportunities, but since we are not a nonprofit entity, they would not allow us to fundraise.

Motion carries.

*Senator Finau* Advisor Manini, is there a fee for the special event?

*Advisor Manini* I don't think there's a fee for it, but I also don't think that groups such as this understand that the Department of Health is now cracking down on what we feed people on this campus. I don't think it's also realistic that you guys are funding everything. It should be noted for your program that there is Department of Health paperwork for special events. The Department of Health has been coming to campus to double check that events have the appropriate paperwork.

*SAL Chen* In that case, move to change Section III to "ASUH shall be recognized as a co-sponsor of this event."

*Senator Finau* Second.

Motion carries.

*Senator Utashiro* Are all the participants full-time undergraduate students?

*Louie Anthony Sicorsicon* Yes.

*SAL Chen* Could you clarify the decorations, as mentioned in the SCR?

*Louie Anthony Sicorsicon* We are going with a Day of the Dead theme. We wanted to keep this frugal assuming that we might not get the full amount. The decorations committee hasn't completely finalized the decorations. Our centerpieces would be comprised of handmade stuff, we would have streamers, banners, balloons, and goody bags. We are also looking at getting wall-lighting. Each of the wall-lights will be about \$50, but this is still not finalized until we have something provided for us.

*SAL Lao* I think that \$750 is a lot to decorate the ballroom.

*Louie Anthony Sicorsicon* Right now, it is safer for us to go with a more frugal budget because we do not know the funding we will have.

*Senator Finau* I think this is a good number, based off of the decorations we have done in the past. I think this is the same amount we allocated last year as well.

*Senator Finau* Move to call the question.

*SAL Chen* Second.

Motion carries.

## **ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 15-18 WITH AMENDMENTS**



**Aye(s):** Treasurer Hinshaw, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Finau, Hortizuela, Lieu, Ng, Nishihara, Petersen, Willis, Utashiro [13]

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

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

Motion carries.

*Louie Anthony Sicorsicon* Thank you for funding us! There are only 40 of us fundraising for 400-500 students.

### **OPEN FORUM**

*Senator Finau*

Last meeting, I mentioned I would write a resolution in support of the DACA students. After talking to some of the senate members, I don't believe it is an issue per se to our constituents. I found out we have 4 to 5 DACA student. Although the number is low, they are still our constituents, so I am in support of it, but I think there are other measures we can do besides writing a resolution. I will see if I can get in contact with Clement Bautista who wrote the RP 6.209 if there is anything we can do.

### **CLOSING**

#### **Announcements**

- a. Special Election Campaign Period - *Begins 9/18, ends 10/2*
- b. Special Election Voting Period - *Begins 9/25 and ends 10/2*
- c. Scholarships & Awards - *available 8/14, due 10/6/17 4:30 PM*

### **Adjournment**

*SAL Leval*

*Senator Willis*

Move to Adjourn.

Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Scott Nishihara  
Senator of the College of Engineering, 105<sup>th</sup> Senate