

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA
2465 Campus Road, Campus Center Room 211A
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822

General Senate Meeting #2 of the 97th Senate
Tuesday, June 2, 2009

OPENING

Call to Order

President Ing called the meeting to order at 6:03pm in CC220.

Roll Call

Present: President Ing; Secretary Sakamoto; Senators-at-Large Chock, Inouye, Kron; Senators Ah Tou, Aquino, Badua, Baker, Fallon, Grimaldo, Jasper, Koethe, Nakanishi, Phillips, Ragasa. [16]

Excused Absent: Senator Millett [1]

Unexcused Absent: Senators Militante, Miyatake, Payomo, Terranova, Valenzuela, Villegas.[6]

Excused Late: []

Unexcused Late:

Excused Early Departure:

Unexcused Early Departure: []

Advisor: Bonnyjean Manini [1]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

SAL Inouye
SAL Kron

Motion to approve GSMM 24 of the 96th Senate.
Second.

Discussion

Senator Baker

Motion to amend the motion to include the approval of GSMM 1 of the 97th Senate.

Senator Fallon

Second.

Discussion

Motion passed viva voce.

Motion passed viva voce. GSMM 24 and GSMM 1 approved.

Official Correspondence

REPORTS

Executive

President
President Ing

New Logo

So it seems that we cannot use the seal that we're using as the background of our logo should only be used on very official documents such as diplomas, even the Chancellor won't use the new 2006 one. To play it safe we should go with the new logo that uses the 2006 logo. We shouldn't be using it.

Senator Fallon

Also for t-shirts the new one would transfer a lot easier because the original one is too intricate.

Advisor Manini

Yeah, it was a matter of graphics that was the driving force between using the two seals.

SAL Kron

For the sake of uniformity we should convert.

Senator Fallon

Motion to accept new logo to use as official seal.

SAL Kron

Second.

Motion passes viva voce without objection.

New Website Mockup

President Ing

In the packet is a mock up of the new website that a webmaster will build and maintain since we included one on our budget. Does anyone have any suggestions?

Senator Koethe

Do you know when this will be up?

President Ing

By the end of the summer.

Advisor Manini

Did you make the corrections I told you about?

President Ing

They're just doing the background work so the text will be updated later. This isn't up for vote right now, but it's up for discussion.

SAL Chock

Are we responsible for doing the calendar?

President Ing

It will be updated by whoever is trained, possibly office staff.

SAL Inouye

I think it would be better for the office to update the website so they can update it as meetings are scheduled.

SAL Kron

If Campus Center Marketing and Graphics, or whoever, is training people then they should train office staff since they're more regular than External members or other senators.

ASUH Facebook

President Ing

I think this is a great idea, thanks for those who helped out with it. It seems to have replaced the ASUH website since it's more updated and it has most of the legislation on it. However, the effectiveness of it was limited because there are only 50 or so members. I've had some response on my President's forum group with 500 or so members and where one message garners many replies within a couple of hours. Facebook is an important tool and I want to look into putting Facebook advertizing into our budget. I feel that the Facebook should be controlled by External or myself.

SAL Inouye

I spoke to Prellberg, but since this is an online thing, it can tie into the website so the office staff can maintain it.

President Ing

I want a Page as opposed to a group on Facebook to appear on other peoples' feeds. Not to replace or be redundant of the new website but for direct updates and regular visibility. It doesn't take too much time so we can do it on our own, either me or Matt Prellberg. So I'd like to entertain a motion to transfer the responsibilities of this Facebook group to either myself or Matt Prellberg until further notice.

Senator Baker

So are you trying to make this a person or a group?

President Ing

It would be just like Obama's page or UH's page.

SAL Chock

In order to update it does it have to be through External?

Advisor Manini

Right now it's External's responsibility to speak to the public but they have no control over how we are projected. Administrators of the group can only update it.

SAL Inouye

I made all the chairs and execs administrators so they can all update it.

Senator Fallon

I think this can be decided in the External Affairs Committee so they can figure

it out.

President Ing

I'd like to update this as soon as possible because it reflects on our professionalism.

Senator Fallon

I think the policy regarding media applies to this, where only the President and the External Affairs Chairperson can speak on behalf of the senate. This is a form of media.

President Ing

Then we can make this part of the External Affairs Committee's duties.

Out-of-State Undergraduate Cap

President Ing

The idea of lifting this cap is to increase revenue. Originally they were planning on only lifting the graduate cap, which makes sense to make our program a premier international program, but for the undergraduates, if we want to bring in-state leaders back to our state, we should keep the cap because this is the premier institution for our instate students.

Senator Fallon

Do you know if other universities have a cap?

President Ing

I don't think that's relevant to Hawaii as most states have more than 1 public University and many other options in nearby States.

Senator Fallon

It would be a good guideline to follow if we know what other institutions are doing.

SAL Kron

Can we get a bit more context on this?

President Ing

I can send you the ppt.

Advisor Manini

Jonsrud has information on this that shows national averages etc. I recommend you ask her to present to you so you can ask more questions and get more information from her extensive presentation.

President Ing

We should take a position but I'll send you the Powerpoint and we can leave it at that for now.

Athletics Fee

President Ing

I spoke to Chancellor Hinshaw about the athletics fee and she said that it's not on their agenda for the summer and there's no way it will be implemented in the Fall or Spring. I said that we should at least relieve tension between ASUH and Athletics and she said that she would like to continue to be the go between for us.

SAL Inouye

Is there any more discussion between us and Athletics?

President Ing

No one has come to us recently.

SAL Kron

We don't need to talk further; we have standing resolutions.

Senator Phillips

Are they going to conduct a survey or talk some more?

Advisor Manini

It's sitting on her desk right now and if she sends it back, dialogue may begin again. We just have to wait on her.

President Ing

She's busy right now so I'd be surprised if she wanted to take this up again.

SAL Kron

Is that the chain of command that it has to follow?

Advisor Manini

It's usually through the Chancellor and the President. There's no June meeting so there's no worry about them sliding it in in June. Their next meeting is in July.

Prioritization of cuts: ASUH's stance

President Ing

We need to look at the Prioritization of Cuts and take a stance.

Senator Fallon

We need to look over this more carefully. The thing that concerns me is cutting the Hawaiian Language certificate. There won't be anywhere else in the world except Hilo that will have this. That concerns me.

President Ing

Yeah. I was sent an email from the DOE about hiring teachers for the elementary schools and most of them aren't qualified. The ones who were went through our elementary education masters program.

SAL Chock

Should we be concerned about the masters program since we represent the undergrads?

Advisor Manini
President Ing

We can open up dialogue with GSO.
Another one that I'm concerned about is the Music Department cuts. I guess all this is for UAA since it's regarding academics or student affairs?

SAL Chock
President Ing
SAL Inouye

Do you have any contacts?
Reed.

SAL Megan

UAA has a lot of work with research, test prep, and partial tuition awards so you may be overloading the committee.

Advisor Manini

I had proposed within the committee that we can split UAA into partial tuition and awards to split up the work, but there wasn't any commitments when I was chair. Maybe we can look into this so that work gets done more efficiently.

President Ing

Do you know if they have any descriptions where they've spelt out justifications as to why these programs are up to cuts?

That's what I'm looking for I think it's with Dasenbrock the VCAA? I'm trying to keep in contact with Cutshaw, Hinshaw, and the VCAA.

Parking Fee Increase

President Ing

Attached is a matrix of what was proposed and passed at the BOR. I contacted the BOR regarding some concerns we had, but I don't know if they got it in time for the meeting.

SAL Inouye
President Ing

Sandvig did a lot of work on the parking so you should contact her.
We agreed, but talking with Cassandra, I don't think she had the full understanding of the proposal. Attached is what I sent to the BOR which they passed, but they did agree to discuss this further to differentiate between students and event-goers, but in reality it will be the students that take the burden who pay everyday.

SAL Inouye
President Ing
Senator Ah Tou
Advisor Manini
Senator Ah Tou

That's why they have student rates for the semester.

But I know a lot of people use the daily rates.

Why is the summer rate going down but semester rates are going up?

It will dip down at first, but then it will go up and up.

I know before, when you purchased the ticket to park, if you leave and you come back after 4:30, you can use the same ticket to reenter, will that still be in effect?

Advisor Manini

That's a good question. ASUH had advocated for that so we should keep an eye on that to make sure that stays intact.

Senator Ah Tou
Advisor Manini
Senator Ah Tou

Will there be any changes to the policies for people that have parking passes?

That's a good question, maybe you should get involved in this discussion.

I know that a lot of students get turned away from Zone 20 even though they have passes. Students are forced to park on the streets which affects the neighborhood residents.

President Ing
SAL Inouye

I expressed that in my letter to the BOR.

We have to remember that the parking office is their own entity. They're raising fees in order to build more parking for the students.

SAL Kron

I know there's a lot of students that will commute with the U-Pass so there might be a change in the amount of usage.

President Ing

Either way, this matrix passed for the next two years so we should keep in contact with Shito if we have any more concerns.

Vice President

Vice President Wagner

Not present.

President Ing

Vice President Wagner is not here, but if you have to leave for the summer let me know.

Senator Ah Tou

I applied for a summer retreat but I don't know if I was accepted. Should I schedule leave now or wait?

President Ing You should wait until you find out.

Treasurer
Treasurer Zemljak

No report. Not present.

Secretary
Secretary Sakamoto

No report.

Advisor
Advisor Manini

No report.

Standing Committees

Campus Life
Chairperson Phillips

We'll be having a meeting soon to fill you in about everything going on with homecoming planning.

Campus Sustainability
Chairperson Ah Tou

I haven't held any meetings but will Sustainability stay and Cultural and Ethnics be scratched?

President Ing

It has to go through the Internal Committee first so it's Sustainability for now.

Elections
Chairperson Fallon

We're talking about changing the election rules so we can get a higher turnout.

External Affairs
Vice Chairperson Koethe

I haven't called any meetings on behalf of Prellberg, but we have to work with NSO since we need people to work the booth. As far as the Athletic Fee, we do have an agenda is anything happens. I'll let you know.

Finance and Investments
Chairperson Linden

No report. Not present.

Internal Affairs
Chairperson Baker

I need your information ASAP, we'll be holding a meeting. We'll be working on a committee proposal from Ing and anything that elections is doing. We also have to work on external committees.

Senator Fallon

I've been on the student conduct for 2 years, is my appointment still effective?

President Ing

You were recommended.

Secretary Sakamoto

I was on the Academic Grievances Committee and they said want continuity and would like those that were on it last Senate to be on it again.

President Ing

You were recommended.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Inouye

No meetings have been scheduled yet. We'll work on Parking Fees and we'll keep in touch with External and we'll work with UAA on department cuts.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Ragasa

We had a meeting but it was unofficial. We talked about awards.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SPECIAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

Graduate Test Prep Awards

Senator Inouye

We only needed the meeting minutes to be passed so we don't need to discuss it.

Summer Standing Committee Revisions

President Ing

It doesn't make sense for us to constantly change it so if you are chair and can't make it, tell your vice to attend.

Student Caucus Appointment

President Ing

Contact myself or Baker if you want to be appointed to Caucus.

Senator Ah Tou

What is caucus?

President Ing

They represent the entire system as opposed to just one campus.

SAL Chock

Can we get your contact info if we're interested?

Senator Baker

ckbaker@hawaii.edu

President Ing

marking@hawaii.edu

Homecoming Event

Senator Phillips

We're working on it.

OPEN FORUM

SAL Inouye

What's going on with UPASS?

Advisor Manini

It's up with VC Hernandez and he's delegated someone on his staff to deal with it and send it to relevant groups so they have the opportunity to scrutinize everything we've worked on. I don't know the timeline and I emailed VC. I didn't get a reply, but we're still shooting for 2010.

CLOSING

Adjournment

SAL Inouye

Motion to adjourn.

Senator Fallon

Second.

Motion passed viva voce with no objections.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

APPROVED BY THE 97th SENATE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009.

