

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
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General Senate Meeting Minutes #12 of the 103rd Senate
Wednesday October 21, 2015

OPENING

Call to Order

President Zakimi called the meeting to order at 6:00pm in CC310.

Roll Call

Present:	President Zakimi, Vice President Kamoshida, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Tagaban, Senators-at-Large Callihan, Dela Cruz, Mitsui, Nishihara, Senators, Aki, Barrow, Bui, Candelario, Caramat, Chen, Garma, Hinshaw, Iwasaki, Kim, Jimenez, Lao, Lawi-an, Lopez, McLaury, Omokawa, Ryan, Simeroth, Tacey, Willis [28]
Excused Absent:	Senators Baxa, Bui Pham, Rafael, Sevilla [4]
Unexcused Absent:	[0]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	Senator Cheung, Crollard [2]
Unexcused Early Departure	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	Advisor Manini [1]
Guests:	Chancellor Robert Bley-Vroman, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Reed Dasenbrock, Jackie Scanlan, Kevin Harrison [4]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

i.	GSM #11- October 7, 2015
Senator Candelario	Motion to accept general senate meeting minutes #11.
Senator Garma	Second
Senator Candelario	Motion to add Senator Baxa's name under present, all instances of all roll call votes and adjust the totals.
Senator Lao	Second
	Motion carries
VP Kamoshida	Motion to fix all typographical and grammatical errors.
Senator Simeroth	Second
	Motion carries
Secretary Tagaban	Please check the minutes as well for all corrections or changes made from any bills.

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE 103RD SENATE ON NOVEMBER 4, 2015

VP Kamoshida Motion to change Dena Schizmar to Dean Chismar
Senator Lao Second
 Motion carries.

Senator Candelario Motion to change all instances of Chancellor Bley-Vronman to Bley-Vroman
Senator Lao Second
 Motion carries.

 Motion carries.

Official Correspondence

a. Chancellor Robert Bley-Vroman

Chancellor Bley-Vroman Summarize more briefly what Vice Chancellor Dasenbrock. Let me give you a summary is retention of students we are not doing so well. Affordability is one thing because some students are spending thousands of dollars. Anything we do make it affordable like textbooks. We can make things less expensive and more affordable. For graduation rates have increased. What can we do to stay? Not only to get our numbers up but good for our educational experience. There is a reason other then statistics not having people stay. Another thing is the ombuss office to create an office for all colleges.

Senator Ryan Is there is a drop box suggestion to the admin?

Chancellor Bley-Vroman I meet with Kelly often, so if you have questions you can

b. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Reed Dasenbrock

Vice Chancellor Dasenbrock We just got the new studies for the graduation rates. Our four year graduation rate went up three points from 24.6 % to 26%- 29%. The increase in five years went up to 10%. Our increase in the last five years have been equal for four year graduation rate. However, the data also show there is a lot of good news in the graph showing the last eight years. We had a enormous increase in getting six year graduations up form, five year graduation rates up. The student's graduating is staying the same. The more troubling thing is we have not made any progress in our third semester retention rate. The percentage for the last three years is 77-79%. For the graduation rate it has taken a lot of work form student affairs, academic affairs and so on. In one end we are losing students but, on the other we are having students graduate. So our new strategic plan, but basically the system directions we are trying to come up two of the four initiative directions. One is working initiatives to bring diverse students. Second is SERG which stands for, Student Engagement Retention and Graduation. So we want to increase the graduation rate. So let me describe the five areas as we brainstorm the different problems. First is affordability, students have a difficult time paying for school. The second is, buraucratic obstacles, there are certain things that this place works. In particular, is a new student environment with everything available online. The third is communication there is a lot of great things in the university we don't get the information needed. Probably because we do it through email, we don't get the resources out. There is a media problem communication because of what is said in the Star Advertiser. UH Manoa is ranked between 250- 300 in the world out of 2300 other universities. Graduation rate are a record for us. All professional schools ran through accreditation. Fourth is transitional issues,

graduation rate for out-state students is 15%. There are people who transfer out. We lose a fifth of our freshman ever year. Transitions if you come here you are from Hawaii or not. If you are from here you have to transfer to Manoa. Complicated transition because you came from community college. Fifth is recruiting loan, we have course that we have to take. How many did you take general chemistry? So basically 1 out of 3 will pass chem 161. Your possibility of graduating in four years has shrunk. General Chemistry is one of the highest failure classes. The second is World Religion. 20% who take the course do not complete it. If you do not do well unless you are a religion major. We are really concerned on how you can improve learning. It doesn't help we make general chemistry easier to pass. Our focus is to improve learning. How many you took Psych 100. It's a major decrease in the course. It was unit mastery and it didn't work very well. 25% who took it didn't complete it. Math 100 went down. There are many courses we resigned. These are the categories we are planning on redesigning. The strategic is a loose leaf folder. Kelly is on the committee and John Dial is on the committee. We want your comments. You know more about the university then anyone else. We need the best ideas.

- Senator Ryan* Do we do some type of survey to know why students are leaving the university?
- VC Dasenbrock* Student affairs, pass Vice Chancellor for Students did a exit survey. Affordability emerged form 2013 which is a number one issue
- Senator Garma* For Chem 161 and the all the fail rate classes. How are you going to restructure these classes?
- VC Dasenbrock* As faculty you are forced to think of ideas. What I intend to do is look at the list and hear your plans. For textbook less cost, what we are trying to do is MIT has all their materials online. In the other had a good choice. They tend to think out of their profession and expertise. There is a librarian working with faculty to get the textbooks online. If you have the material from day one it increases affordability.
- Senator Cheung* Barely have books, I read things online
- VC Dasenbrock* We know the course material available online it is easier for student and increases affordability
- Senator Chen* Most of the intro courses the books are loose leaf and students are hesitant if they should buy the material or not.
- VC Dasenbrock* If they don't buy the material they don't learn anything from the course, but if they do buy it then it just a waste of money. If it was free you would not need to make those types of decisions.
- VC Dasenbrock* This is an example what students needs. These are some of the things we have done. We are trying to bring a plan to work with faculty
- Senator Garma* Just to give feedback to include College of Arts and Sciences Senator in the meeting to give suggestions. The feedback on the piece of paper is not as helpful if its in person.
- VC Dasenbrock* I guess this is something we can do that.

- Senator Barrow* I guess to deal with advising and financial aid. I ran into two students a student was not able to take classes and had a hard time with advisors. One of the girls transferred here and is getting her second undergraduate she had trouble with financial aid. It maybe on there part.
- VC Dasenbrock* There are student who do not graduate on time make bad choices. We can't produce an environment with no failure, it is your responsibility. Our job is to make system to work with students. On our side to make things wrong better as possible and a reciprical obligation students need work with us.
- Senator Barrow* Some of the course available needed is not available here and they maybe they need to go higher up.
- VC Dasenbrock* There are a lot of things we need to do on this campus. If you have any ideas, you can just contact me.

c. Teach For America Campus Representative Jackie Scanlan

- Jackie Scanlan* I am Jackie the Teach for America UH representative. I reached out to some of you. I reached out to Kelly to share about TFA about those who have interest. I will keep this super short. I just wanted to give you a quick overview on the program. If you are interested or not. How many of you have heard of Teach for America? And my question to you again is what you have heard of us? So definitely you will get long-term experience. We have different regions all over the U.S. One way to have profession growth is deal with financial disadvantage. They can defer loans while working with TFA to make it feasible for you and us. We focus in on low-income communities. Cultivating you as your own leaders. TFA is meant to be a foundation and use your skills. I pass around the two handouts. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

REPORTS

Executive

President

- a. Welcome to the New Senators & Introduction
*Introductions
- b. CSO Networking Event
President Zakimi We had a CSO networking event. CSO stands for Chartered Student Organizations, that includes ASUH, GSO, Campus Center Board, SAPFB and Student Media Board. This was a networking event and we will have another one in early spring.
- c. Affordability Talk Story: Monday, October 26, 4:00- 5:00pm in CC309
President Zakimi There will be a talk sorry next week Monday, October 26 from 4pm-5pm. This is just to address student concerns, about affordability. I am in the surge committee this basically on about students, also VC Reed Dasnebrock will be there as well.
- d. Strategic Plan Matrix
President Zakimi I also included the plan the packet and Vice Chancellor Dasenbrock will be talking about it.
- e. Sustainability Ad-hoc Committee
President Zakimi This is not one of the eight committees. This will be focused on sustainability and the hope on researching and drafting sustainability issues. Please contact Senator Ryan.

f. Student Athletic Fee Committee

- President Zakimi* All you know that you pay a \$50 athletic fee. This goes into a pot that goes into athletics and 8% goes to SAFC and this organization was created because students wanted input on how the fee was spent. The athletic fee was created without any student backing. This is a way for students to say if they are going to be paying this fee they should be part of the decision making power on how the money is spent. SAFC has 8% of this pot and out of the 4% goes to Manoa Maniacs and this groups main purpose is to get students out to the different athletic games. Last meeting we discussed the future of SAFC as a committee, we came to a decision to disband SAFC because of multiple reasons. For SAFC we decided to move the fee back to athletics. By changing the responsibility from students to athletics. The remaining 4% will be separated into the CSO's.
- Senator Ryan* So your saying the 4% of what is going to Manoa Maniacs will be going back to athletics?
- President Zakimi* Yes. The idea is the money will go back to athletics, but if they want to keep Manoa Maniacs they can. But it is up to there jurisdiction of they want too.
- Senator Ryan* So athletics will be determining what to say about Manoa Maniacs?
- President Zakimi* Manoa Maniacs primary responsibility is to get students to games. We are moving it back to athletics to make it their responsibility and take that control.
- Senator Ryan* Who mandated Manoa Maniacs to bring students to games?
- Advisor Manini* It is in the SAFC charter. The students in SAFC who helped with creating the charter and approved by administration.
- Senator Ryan* The students who helped with creating the charter said they wanted students to be part of bringing students to games.
- Advisor Manini* It was part of the discussion with students, athletic department and student affairs professional.
- Senator Ryan* So now you are saying we no longer have the responsibility but, its now on athletics?
- Advisor Manini* Yes this is one of the five opinions that might be presented.
- President Zakimi* We as execs came up with consensus. I will be meeting with the CSO's this Friday. The decision will not be finalized on Friday, but as the five CSO's we just wanted to get the ball rolling among us five.
- Senator Ryan* Will this take effect soon?
- President Zakimi* We are hoping to get it solidified next school year, but nothing super tight.
- Senator Iwasaki* What was the issue moving 4% from Manoa Maniacs back to athletics?
- President Zakimi* There are a few reasons because SAFC original intent was to give students who were not in athletics to get funds like for health and wellness. I think over the years the intent has changed and there are multiple reasons. But, specifically the 4% is give back to athletics because, the SAFC is comprised of CSO's and if Manoa Maniacs responsibility to get students to games. This makes SAFC responsible since Manoa Maniacs is under them because CSO make up SAFC and this means that if student don't go to games. The finger

can be pointed back to us for not doing our jobs. As CSO's we have different purposes and focuses that we are too busy to determine that aspect and other avenues.

SAL Mitsui After SAFC is resolved will the athletic fee still be \$50?

President Zakimi It will not change. This is not talking about fee change but, more of the structure.

SAL Mitsui 4% is \$2 and \$48 will show, maybe paying a little more.

President Zakimi I'm not too sure.

g. PM#23: Relating to ASUH Student Court Delegates

Senator Candelario Motion to accept PM#23.

Senator Cheung Second

President Zakimi Motion carries.

h. PM#24: Relating to Manoa Assessment Committee Delegate

Senator Candelario Motion to accept PM#24

SAL Mitsui Second
Motion carries.

i. PM#25: Relating to Strategic Planning Committee Delegate

Senator Candelario Motion to accept PM#25

Senator Hinshaw Second
Motion carries.

j. PM# 26: Relating to Strategic Planning Admissions and Recruitment Committee Delegate

Senator Candelario Motion to accept PM#26

Senator Lao Second
Motion carries.

k. PM#27: Relating to Native Hawaiian Advancement Taskforce (2.0) Delegate

Senator Candelario Motion to accept PM#27

SAL Dela Cruz Second
Motion carries.

l. PM#28: Fall Committee Placements (Updated)

SAL Callihan Motion to accept PM#28.

SAL Dela Cruz Second
Motion carries.

Vice President

a. ASUH Fall Retreat

VP Kamoshida This years fall retreat will be on Kualoa Ranch. There are two dates of choice for retreat Saturday November 7 or November 21. I will pass around a sheet, so please put your name on which date you are available to attend. If you can attend both dates please put your name on both dates and it is a mandatory retreat.

Treasurer

a. Rate Sheet Deadline

Treasurer Takara If you have any questions please ask me.

Secretary

Secretary Tagaban For the new senators please let me or President Zakimi know if you will be absent, late, or early departure an hour before the meeting.

- a. Codification of Standing Committee Reports

Secretary Tagaban For the new senators please let me or President

Advisor

Advisor Manini No report.

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Candelario I just sent out an email please fill out the doodle for your availability so we can figure out the best time to meet. However, our next meeting will be scheduled next Tuesday.

Elections

Chairperson Cheung We are working on rule revision for campaign rules.

External Affairs

Chairperson Callihan We have presented to RIO's for five minutes. We went on a Capitol visit last Tuesday Vice Chair Simeroth will explain more about it.

VC Simeroth President Zakimi, Senators-at-Large Callihan, Dela Cruz, Senator Lopeze and I went attended the capitol visit. We had a good talk with the different offices. I will coordinate another capitol visit.

Finance

Chairperson Omokawa The RIO packets will go out on Friday

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Nishihara No report.

Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Mitsui No report.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Lawi-an There will be a meeting at 6 Friday. The Athletic Survey is up please tell your friends to take the survey. We will also table to have people take the survey.

Secretary Tagaban Where is the survey available?

Chairperson Lawi-an The survey is available on UH Portal.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Dela Cruz Update on scholarship there is 100 applicants and we will also be having interviews in the next couple weeks. Thank you to those who helped out during grad fair.

Vice Chair Samiano Meeting Dr Kiana Shiroma Council on Academic QLC 012

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Senate Act 20-16: Mahalo Manoa

Senator Candelario We are recalling this act to make a change on one line item change t-shirts and the purpose.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO RECALL SA 20-16

Aye(s): Vice President Kamoshida, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Tagaban, Senators-at-Large Callihan, Dela Cruz, Mitsui, Nishihara, Senators Aki, Barrow, Bui, Candelario, Caramat, Chen, Garma, Hinshaw, Iwasaki, Kim, Jimenez, Lao, Lawi-an, Lopez, McLaury, Omokawa, Ryan, Simeroth, Tacey, Willis [27]

Naye(s): [0]

AbstentionI(s):[0]

Motion carries

Senator Hinshaw Motion to accept Senate Act 20-16
Senator Lao Second

Senator Candelario Motion to strike t-shirts with and replace with sweatshirts. Under purpose, strike 5 canned goods to 10 canned goods. And add Senator Gabriel Candelario as a introducer.

Senator Samiano
Senator Kim Second

SAL Mitsui How many sweatshirts are we printing?

Senator Candelario 170 sweatshirts.

Motion carries

Senator Hinshaw Motion to fix all Hawaiian diacritical marks, typographical and grammatical errors
Senator Candelario Second
Motion carries.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO READOPT 20-16

Aye(s): Vice President Kamoshida, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Tagaban, Senators-at-Large Callihan, Dela Cruz, Mitsui, Nishihara, Senators Aki, Barrow, Bui, Candelario, Caramat, Chen, Garma, Hinshaw, Iwasaki, Kim, Jimenez, Lao, Lawi-an, Lopez, McLaury, Omokawa, Ryan, Simeroth, Tacey, Willis [27]

Naye(s): [0]

AbstentionI(s):[0]

Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS
OPEN FORUM

Senator Candelario If you are not doing anything tomorrow at 6pm to the unofficial ASUH social, please come out to play tennis at the tennis courts.

VP Kamoshida Please sign up on the fall retreat

Senator Ryan

If anyone interested in the sustainability ad-hoc committee please stay after the meeting for a brief discussion.

CLOSING

Adjournment

*Senator Candelario
SAL Mitsui*

Motion to adjourn
Second.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lauren A. Tagaban".

Lauren Gaile A. Tagaban
Secretary, 103rd Senate