

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 #21 of the 96th Senate
Tuesday, March 31, 2009

OPENING

Call to Order

President Sohn called the meeting to order at 6:08pm in CC220.

Roll Call

Present: President Sohn; Vice-President Hite; Treasurer Chang;
Secretary Galarneau; Senators-at-Large Kron, Prellberg,
Sakamoto, Wagner; Senators Arena, Baker, Chock, Dillard,
Fallon, Inouye, Kelly, Linden, Militante, Millett, Nakoia,
Sandvig, Transfiguracion, Trinh, Zasada [23]

Excused Absent: Senators Anderson, Koethe, Miyat, Payomo [4]

Unexcused Absent: Senators Chang, Cheng, Lincoln, Walker [4]

Excused Late: []

Unexcused Late: []

Excused Early Departure: Senators Prellberg, Trinh [2]

Unexcused Early Departure: []

Advisor: []

Reading and Approval of Minutes

SAL Prellberg **Motion to amend GSMM20 to change CCB President's name from Mistuno to Itsuno.**

Senator Inouye **Second.**
Motion passes viva voce without objection.

SAL Prellberg **Motion to approve GSMM20.**
Senator Millett **Second.**
Motion passes viva voce without objection.

SAL Prellberg **Motion to fast forward to our guest speakers.**
Senator Millett **Second.**
Motion passes viva voce without objection.

Guest Speakers from Athletic Department on the proposal for a student athletic fee.

SAL Prellberg **Motion to recess to allow the Senate to read over their proposal.**
Senator Millett **Second.**

Motion passes viva voce without objection.

Recess at 6:30pm.

Senate called back to order at 6:37pm.

Roll Call:

Present: President Sohn; Vice-President Hite; Treasurer Chang; Secretary Galarneau; Senators-at-Large Kron, Prellberg, Sakamoto, Wagner; Senators Arena, Baker, Chock, Dillard, Fallon, Inouye, Kelly, Linden, Militante, Millett, Nakoa, Sandvig, Transfiguracion, Trinh, Zasada [28]

Excused Absent: Senators Anderson, Chang, Cheng, Koethe, Lincoln, Miyat, Payomo, Walker [4]

Unexcused Absent: Senators Chang, Cheng, Lincoln, Walker [4]

Excused Early Departure: Senators Prellberg, Trinh [2]

Unexcused Early Departure: []

Advisor: []

SAL Wagner You put money aside for travel and uniforms but there is a lot of money left over. Where is that money going? There are other universities who have done these fees and every year they came to the board and the student governments to show where their money went to have reviews, would you do that?

Carl Clapp We project that we could get \$2 million from student fees but we have more expenses than we can get from fees. For the second part, we will have to report to the BOR every year to show how the money was spent. Jim's policy is transparency. We'd be happy to share with anyone else how these funds will be spent.

SAL Wagner Is there a percentage of the fees that will be spent on the students?
Clapp All will be spent on students in the athletic program

Senator Linden The fees won't change between this year and last year? Will the 2 million we give you just subsidize 2 million that would've gone elsewhere?

Clapp We have 26.5 million per year in revenue and we have a 29.5 million dollar budget. In 2006 the difference at programs like ours between revenue and expenses was on average 7.1 million dollars.

Senator Fallon So you are currently operating with a loss of 3.8 million per year?

Clapp On the form is not our annual budget but we do have a deficit yearly of about 3 or 4 million.

President Sohn Is the athletic department's budget public information?

Clapp Yes because we have a financial audit every year with the BOR. You can come to me if you want the information.

President Sohn Is there a specific place we can go to review it on our own?

Clapp I'm not sure if it is online but I can help with that.

SAL Sakamoto The proposal with the numbers is supposed to explain where the money from the fee is going and if there is a left over amount then the fee board and everyone else assumes that is going to something else?

Clapp It should all be accounted for. What the paper shows is that if we just used the 2 million for travel for student athletes it still would not fill the 4.5 million dollar budget for travel. 2 million will go to student athletes' travel. We had asked for specific percentages for fees that will go to student athletes and non athletes. Is it correct from the proposal that 100% will be going to student athletes and 0% will go to non athletes?

Clapp Yes it will be going 100% to athletes. There is a question of creating things for non athletes. We would like to see this become a strong partnership.

SAL Prellberg Two million will be revenue? And all of it will go toward student athletes?

Clapp Yes.

Senator Kelly Through this proposal are you going to get rid of tickets and if so will you lose money there?

McNamara The revenue from student tickets is very fluid. It varies from year to year.
Senator Linden Do you have current student attendance numbers?
McNamara The ticket office tracks what they sell on a seasonal basis but not per game.
Senator Linden If we're not filling the seats, perhaps free tickets is not the way to remedy that.
McNamara If there were free tickets and now with free bus rides students might be more inclined to come to the games. In this situation if the tickets are free and we can work with a student committee to create events before or outside an athletic event we can increase attendance.

SAL Kron How would you answer questions for students who don't attend games or meetings?
McNamara We're not asking for something and giving nothing back. We're giving an equal amount back to the students, in seats. We hope they would take it upon themselves to fill those seats. We're going to augment that with corporate partners to provide more benefits as well.

Treasurer Chang How many student athletes are there?
Clapp Over 400.

Senator Militante How do we know you won't increase the fees 3 years down the road?
McNamara We would have to propose it through the same process that this is going through.
President Sohn What is your time frame for this?
Clapp That is controlled by the groups we have to meet.
President Sohn When do you want to go to BOR?
Clapp We presented this to Chancellor Hinshaw, so we would like to do that within 30-45 days.
Senator Sandvig What is its purpose?
Clapp The purpose is to do the best we can with where we get all our funding. Our purpose is to offer best athletic program we can to represent the university and the state.

Senator Sandvig Can you not cut costs? Like hotels?
Clapp We are looking at cutting costs that don't affect athletes or competitiveness. We are not hiring anyone right now and looking at our travel budgets.

Senator Sandvig What are personal expenses?
Clapp Coaches, tutors, personnel.

Senator Sandvig Is it fiscally responsible to provide a hotel room for athletes?
Clapp We've been discussing this and will be discussed for next year.

SAL Sakamoto You are meeting with the GSO on Thursday. Have you had any prior talks with them?
Clapp Our first meeting produced a mixed reaction. Some support it and some are cautious.
SAL Prellberg Because we have approximately 30-45 days, we have time to mull this over and draft an official resolution. However, I don't want to waste our time or our guests' time right now when we can get their answers later. We owe it to them and to the students to have a draft resolution by the next general Senate meeting.

President Sohn Is there a number of how much the other colleges receive from the school not the students?
Clapp It wasn't in the presentation but all those schools do receive funding from the school. UH gives us 3.5 million for scholarships and 1.5 million for personnel.

Senator Transfiguracion Have you looked into any strategies to gain student support?
Clapp We want to try to get as much support as we can.

Senator Chock How will you ensure for open feedback?
McNamara We talked about a student committee to review and give feedback and ideas.
Clapp We will continue to be committed to the students.

Senator Inouye You said you accepted ideas submitted by the committee? Which ones did you consider and add?
Clapp Prices were moved around, costs moved around, we listened to ideas but if this goes forward we will have to continue to work together.

President Sohn In the interest of time I will suspend discussion for now.
Clapp Thank you for having us.

SAL Sakamoto **Motion to move back to Executive Reports.**
Vice President Hite **Second.**

Motion passes viva voce without objection.

Official Correspondence

REPORTS

Executive

President

President Sohn

TIM Dean Search

We recently submitted our recommendation to the Chancellor.

VCAA

There is a new Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Commencement Speaker

If you want to apply to speak at commencement, you still have time.

Student Leadership Award

I am still following up with that with Vice Chancellor Hernandez.

Vice President

Vice President Hite

Please do not forget to vote in the Spring General elections.

Treasurer

Treasurer Chang

Advisor Manini said that we could complain about our stipends on the 31st and today is the 31st so we can file a complaint tomorrow.

Secretary

Secretary Galarneau

No report.

Advisor

Advisor Manini

No report.

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Anderson

No report. Not present.

Campus Sustainability

Chairperson Fallon

No report.

Elections

Chairperson Trinh

The campaign period has begun so if you see any infractions please let me know. If there are any Senators who are not running for re-election who can help out with tables starting the 9th, let me know.

Treasurer Chang

If there is anyone who is in an RIO who received RIO funding let your RIOs know to help out.

External Affairs

Chairperson Prellberg

The website is still being worked on. Marketing and Graphics is a little behind. We will talk about it during our meeting on Friday.

Legislative Agenda

One of the bills we had a position on is in a coma, one is dead, SB504 passed committee, SB1674 has a hearing tomorrow at the Capitol at 12pm.

I was contacted by a group called United 5 which is the head of a local union of hotel workers and care home workers. They are having a student leadership conference on April 10th and 11th. If you interested, email me.

President Sohn

SAL Prellberg

Is there any news on the Legislature scooping student fees?

I did not go to the meetings but Vice President Hite and President Sohn submitted testimony against the bill. It was deferred to the Finance Committee. For reference it is SB292 sections 56.1 and 56.3 regarding to us.

Finance and Investments

Chairperson Linden

I have not heard from Merrill Lynch in a while.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Baker

No report.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Wagner

There will be a meeting on Friday at 3:00pm.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Inouye

SAL Kron

Motion to suspend the rules regarding the agenda.

Second.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Vice-President Hite; Treasurer Chang; Secretary Galarneau; Senators-at-Large Kron, Prellberg, Sakamoto, Wagner; Senators Arena, Baker, Chock, Dillard, Fallon, Inouye, Kelly, Linden, Militante, Millett, Nakoia, Sandvig, Transfiguracion, Trinh, Zasada [22]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion passes 22-0-0.

Senator Inouye

SAL Kron

Motion to add UAA Chair's Report to New Business.

Second.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Vice-President Hite; Treasurer Chang; Secretary Galarneau; Senators-at-Large Kron, Prellberg, Sakamoto, Wagner; Senators Arena, Baker, Chock, Dillard, Inouye, Kelly, Linden, Militante, Millett, Nakoa, Sandvig, Transfiguracion, Trinh, Zasada [21]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]
Motion passes 21-0-0.

Senator Inouye
SAL Prellberg

Motion to reinstate the rules.
Second.
Motion passes viva voce without objection.

I interviewed 3 applicants for research awards but did not make quorum.
We are getting the Grad Test prep awards this week and getting something scheduled with Ka Leo.

U-Pass Ad Hoc Committee
SAL Sakamoto

Thank you for your help and support. As Advisor Manini said, the work is just beginning. I have not heard from Vice Chancellor Hernandez when he wants to start hearings on contracts but Jan Javinar says we should start talks to get the ball rolling. No meeting tonight.

Athletic Fee Ad Hoc Committee

President Sohn

There has been a lot of discussion on the fee proposal but it is important that we first look it over and we could invite them back to solely answer questions if we can be specific and not repetitive.

SAL Kron

I feel that our standing resolution should remain as is and we should take a poll of the students. We did it for U-Pass and should do it for this too.

Senator Sandvig
Senator Linden

I agree. Also, I would like to see an in-depth budget sheet and if they are cutting costs. The Fee Advisory board would send this form right back to him if it says that they are losing money by 3 million dollars. This proposal also offers no means to measure any improvement or progress after a few years.

Treasurer Chang

The money should not just be spent on athletes. It could be spent on more classes and professors. How would a better athletic program improve the university?

Senator Dillard

They used the words "students" really loosely, mostly meant student athletes. Why don't we have the athletes pay the athletic fee?

SAL Sakamoto

I am personally against this because students I've been talking to don't support it. He dodged some important questions.

Senator Inouye
Vice President Hite

I am against the proposal because I don't think they should charge part-time students. We are giving money to this department if this goes through and we're facing cutbacks. It could open the floodgates for other departments to come to us with proposals. It could show we value one department over another.

President Sohn

We were talking about increasing SAPFB fee so that they can decide which department gets what amount of money.

SAL Wagner

I am in favor. A lot of things need to be changed with it. But most universities do have this. As long as there is accountability I am for it.

Senator Fallon

I mentioned to Clapp and McNamara how there will still be a deficit. Look at this like a business loan, would you want to fund a business like this?

President Sohn

I will suspend discussion but please keep thinking of questions and let me know.

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SAL Sakamoto
SAL Sakamoto
Senator Inouye

Senate Act 26-09
I am recalling this Act to account for money we forgot to put in it.
Motion to recall Senate Act 26-09
Second.
Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Vice-President Hite; Treasurer Chang; Secretary Galarneau; Senators-at-Large Kron, Sakamoto, Wagner; Senators Arena, Baker, Chock, Dillard, Fallon, Inouye, Kelly, Linden, Militante, Millett, Nakoa, Sandvig, Transfiguracion, Trinh, Zasada [21]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]
Motion passes 21-0-0.

SAL Sakamoto

Motion to amend promotional items to \$850, Transportation to \$483.88, change Signs to Advertising and amount to \$920, and change Food amount to \$136.02, and to amend totals to \$2,389.90

SAL Kron
Second.
Discussion
Senator Militante Why should we add money to this Act if they went over their budget?
Motion passes by show of hands.

SAL Sakamoto
Senator Inouye

Motion to readopt Senate Act 26-09.
Second.
Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Vice-President Hite; Treasurer Chang; Secretary Galarneau; Senators-at-Large Kron, Sakamoto, Wagner; Senators Arena, Baker, Chock, Dillard, Inouye, Kelly, Linden, Militante, Millett, Nakoa, Sandvig, Transfiguracion, Trinh, Zasada [20]

Nays: Senator Fallon [1]

Abstentions: [0]
Motion passes 20-1-0.

Senator Linden

Senate Act 28-09
One of the RIOs we were supposed to fund was not on the bill. The total will remain the same, however. Also one RIO would like to change their line items.

Senator Linden
Senator Inouye

Motion to recall Senate Act 28-09.
Second.
Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Vice-President Hite; Treasurer Chang; Secretary Galarneau; Senators-at-Large Kron, Sakamoto, Wagner; Senators Arena, Baker, Chock, Dillard, Fallon, Inouye, Kelly, Linden, Militante, Millett, Nakoa, Sandvig, Transfiguracion, Trinh, Zasada [21]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]
Motion passes 21-0-0.

Senator Linden

Motion to amend to add Sisters of Sophistication: line item, venue \$350, line item, advertising \$300, and line item, equipment rental \$600 and to change CEJE cultural festival to strike food amount to \$581.25, advertising to \$329.38 and add line item venue for \$170.62 and add line item technician for \$135.00, add line item equipment rental to \$33.75.

Senator Baker

Second.
Motion passes viva voce without objection.

Senator Baker
Senator Sandvig

Motion to readopt Senate Act 28-09.
Second.
Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Vice-President Hite; Treasurer Chang; Secretary Galarneau; Senators-at-Large Kron, Sakamoto, Wagner; Senators Arena, Baker, Chock, Dillard, Fallon, Inouye, Kelly, Linden, Militante, Millett, Nakoa, Sandvig, Transfiguracion, Trinh, Zasada [21]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]
Motion passes 21-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Inouye
Senator Baker

UAA Chair's Report
Motion to award Rebecca Anne Marbardy \$605.00 for research.
Second.
Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Vice-President Hite; Treasurer Chang; Secretary Galarneau; Senators-at-Large Kron, Sakamoto, Wagner; Senators Arena, Baker, Chock, Dillard, Fallon, Inouye, Kelly, Linden, Militante, Millett, Nakoa, Sandvig, Transfiguracion, Trinh, Zasada [21]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]
Motion passes 21-0-0.
Motion to award Wayne W. Liang \$124.69 for research.
Second.

Senator Inouye
SAL Kron

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Vice-President Hite; Treasurer Chang; Secretary Galarneau; Senators-at-Large Kron, Sakamoto, Wagner; Senators Arena, Baker, Chock, Dillard, Fallon, Inouye, Kelly, Linden, Militante, Millett, Nakoa, Sandvig, Transfiguracion, Trinh, Zasada [21]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]
Motion passes 21-0-0.
Motion to award Sebastian DeAngelis \$550.00 for research.
Second.

Senator Inouye
SAL Kron

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Vice-President Hite; Treasurer Chang; Secretary Galarneau; Senators-at-Large Kron, Sakamoto, Wagner; Senators Arena, Baker, Chock, Dillard, Fallon, Inouye, Kelly, Linden, Militante, Millett, Nakoa, Sandvig, Transfiguracion, Trinh, Zasada [21]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]
Motion passes 21-0-0.

OPEN FORUM

Treasurer Chang

Please recall your Acts and Bills if you have money that you did not use so we can put that money back into the account. Also for new senators, please fill out the WH-1 form.

Senator Sandvig

Thank you to everyone who helped out with March Madness.

Senator Inouye

Do not forget about the CSO networking event!

Senator Fallon

There will be an Earth Day planning meeting tomorrow.

President Sohn

Please keep questions for the Athletics Department coming.

CLOSING

Adjournment

Senator Inouye
Vice President Hite

Motion to adjourn.
Second.
Motion passed viva voce with no objections.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

APPROVED BY THE 96TH ASUH SENATE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009.