

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
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General Senate Meeting #18 of the 102nd Senate
Wednesday, December 3, 2014

OPENING

Call to Order

President Nishihara called the meeting to order at 6:52 pm in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present:	President Nishihara, Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Sanchez, Shon, Wainwright [28]
Excused Absent:	Secretary Belisario, Senator-at-Large Onishi, Senators Baxa, Lawi-An, Schulz, Tagaban, Uyeda, [7]
Unexcused Absent:	[0]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	Senator Bui Pham [1]
Excused Early Departure:	Senator Sanchez [1]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	Bonnyjean Manini [1]
Guests:	[0]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Senator Grunenwald Motion to accept GSMM #17.

Senator-at-Large Omokawa Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Grunenwald Motion to fix all grammatical and typographical errors.
Senator-at-Large Lee Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Grunenwald Motion to add Roll Call Vote for the recess.
Senator Sanchez Second.

Motion Carries.

Official Correspondence

REPORTS

Executive

President

a. Legislative Matters

President Nishihara

The legislatures are asking us for an official stance (in a form of a resolution) but I want to know what the senate has to say in general on these topics I'm going to talk about. The first thing we mentioned was getting more student representation on the BOR board and they want to know if we want them to expand the board. The Faculty Senate also expressed that they want to add one member on as well. These board members are very distinguished members to run this university. Are there any comments?

Senator Nguyen

I was looking at BOR compositions at other universities and the one that stuck out to me was the UC system. They have a student member and they have an associate student member (regent elect for next year). It's two students. One votes and one doesn't. There's also two associate members that represent faculty. We should really look into looking at other universities and see how they run their BOR system.

Senator Grunenwald

How is the student representative chosen? If they are not chosen by the student caucus then they should be chosen that way to represent the whole entirety of the student population.

President Nishihara

They have to apply and a committee screens the list of candidates then sends them to the governor to choose.

Advisor Manini

Regarding the regent composition, I would hope that you would look at the fact that there are 15 members, 7 Honolulu County seats, 2 Maui County, 2 Kauai County, 2 Hawaii County, and then there's 2 at larges. If you're looking for another student regent, you should look at the Honoulu County or at large position and see if one can come from these seats since it's concentrated on Honolulu.

Senator Mandado

I say two from each campus with no voting rights. Student and Faculty.

Vice President Zakimi

I don't think we should expand the board. If we expand the board, it negates the greater student voice by having these extra people on the board.

Senator Grunenwald

We should advocate for voting rights for voting members and we should also look into getting a student rep from the community colleges and then one for each of the 4-year universities. So that would be four in total and we should take away from the Honolulu County seats.

President Nishihara

I want to note that the representatives specifically asked how would we feel about flights for these ex officio members. Will they have to find their own way or will they be paid by the system?

Advisor Manini

Ex officio members are welcomed in these experiences because the point is that they have value in contributing to these things. To suggest that they wouldn't be paid for would be crazy to me. I really think you should have more student representation.

- Senator Shon* I suggest that since we have 10 actual schools in the UH system that there should be 10 students. I don't think it's fair to have one student represent all the community colleges because they all have different issues.
- Advisor Manini* It's important to know that governing boards are not meant to represent everyone. They're there to look out for the institution so that a hundred years from now it's still here. It's not meant to be constituent based, it's meant to have the perspective at the table.
- Senator Mandado* I say four voting students on the board. Oahu, Hawaii, Kauai, Maui.
- Senator Wainwright* I think there should be one student representative from each county.
- Senator Grunenwald* The issue with per county is that Oahu has majority of the university campuses. But the county is an option.
- Senator Nguyen* I'm not sure if they would give us four but I think they would give us two. One from the Honolulu County and one from the neighbor islands. Then we can have two non-voting members who are elected for the next period.
- Senator Shon* How are the BOR interacting with the students currently?
- President Nishihara* They came to our executive committee meeting to talk to us about any issues we had.
- Vice President Zakimi* She also came to one of our caucus meeting last academic year.
- President Nishihara* If this comes up again in discussion, I can tell them our ideas. But what is our official stance?
- Senator Mandado* Motion to propose two voting student members, one from the Honolulu County and another from the neighbor islands, and two non-voting student members that will be elected for the next term of the current student members.
- Senator Wainwright* Second.
- Senator Sanchez* Will we all be comfortable if the representative is not from the Manoa campus?
- Senator Nguyen* It's open to everyone.
- Senator Grunenwald* It would be a good result if this happens.
- President Nishihara* Usually if we go with something we want, we should go with something a little more and then compromise.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Treasurer Takara, Senators-at-Large Lee, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bui Pham, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Kamakea, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, Sanchez, Wainwright [13]

Nays: Vice President Zakimi, Senator-at-Large Nishihara, Senators Callihan, Candelario, Elarco, Grunenwald, Kamoshida, Oshiro, Sanchez, Shon [10]

Abstains: Senators Kawagishi, M. Samiano [2]
Motion Carries.

- President Nishihara* Next is on Athletics. The UH system is adding athletics to the budget. They might ask to raise the student athletic fee.

- Advisor Manini* That department asks every year. But Chancellor Apple made them start on a new slate. They are looking at about needing \$3 million more each year to stay out of debt.
- Senator Mandado* Why don't we just cut sports?
- Senator Kwon* The football team is struggling and that's why donations will decrease. Manoa students shouldn't be paying more for the athletic fee.
- Senator Nguyen* Raising fee is not a legislative decision. I would be careful about mixing the two together.
- Advisor Manini* You should be prepared either way.
- Vice President Zakimi* When the athletic fee was proposed, ASUH shut it down but they went through it anyway.
- Senator Grunenwald* Motion to recommend that if the state legislature increases funding for the Athletics program, that they do not support an increase in the student fee.
- Senator Shon* Second.
- Senator Mitsui* We should make a resolution for this.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mitsui,, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Shon [22]

Nays: Senators Mandado, Wainwright [1]

Abstains: Kamakea, Nguyen, Sanchez [3]
Motion Carries.

- President Nishihara* Next is the Daniel K. Inouye Center.
- Senator Grunenwald* We had them present to us at the executive meeting and they are getting funding from donations and the state legislature. They are not considering a student fee to pay for this. There's no issue with funding.
- President Nishihara* They never gave us a clear response on how much money they have for this project.
- Senator Mandado* The Dean didn't even know what she was talking about from that presentation.
- President Nishihara* We can ask her to come back to the next general meeting.

b. Future Caucus

- President Nishihara* The Hawaii Future Caucus is open to ASUH senate members. It's happening at the state capitol this Friday at 4:00 pm in Conference room 423. Let me know if you have any questions.

Vice President

- Senator Mitsui* Next Wednesday we will be having a potluck and Secret Santa.

Treasurer

- Treasurer Takara* No report.

Secretary

Senator Mitsui No report.

Advisor

Advisor Manini I got a call from the state legislature and they are looking for someone to work for them.

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Oshiro We have a meeting on Tuesday. For angel tree all angels have been adopted!

Elections

Chairperson Grunenwald We are working on creating a timeline for the spring elections.

External Affairs

Chairperson Nguyen We have the business cards design to choose. The bids for promotional items ends this Friday. Next Wednesday at 5:30 pm, we are having an ASUH photoshoot with UHP. Also, send your senator profiles to Senator Kawagishi.

Finance

Chairperson Kawagishi We have the RIO Funding calendar for next semester.

Internal Affairs

Vice-Chairperson Nishihara No report.

Investments and Long-Range Planning

Chairperson Lee No report.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Mandado The nursing students want to ban soda. I'll set up a meeting with my committee.

Undergraduate and Academic Affairs

Vice-Chairperson Elarco We are having some discrepancies with the scholarship awards.

SPECIAL ORDERS

- i. Senate Bill 30-15: VITA & FAFSA Campaign Through The Financial Literacy Program

Senator Mandado Motion to bring SB 30-15 to the floor.

Senator Kamakea Second.

Senator Oshiro FAFSA application is available on January 1. Instead of waiting to fund it next semester, may as well fund it now.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Sanchez, Shon, Wainwright [26]

Nays: Senator Grunenwald [1]

Abstains: [0]

Motion Carries.

Senator Mandado Motion to accept SB 30-15.

Senator Kamakea Second.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Kamakea, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Sanchez, Shon, Wainwright [24]

Nays: Senators Grunenwald, Kawagishi [2]

Abstains: Senator Oshiro [1]

Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

i. Senate Act 20-15: Fall 2014 RIO Funding

Senator Nguyen Motion to recall SA 20-15.

Senator Mandado Second.

Senator Oshiro In the printing of the individual packets, there were two errors. For CTAHR Student Ambassadors and the Engineering Ohana had different monies awarded. There are other discrepancies as well.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Sanchez, Shon, Wainwright [27]

Nays: [0]

Abstains: [0]

Motion Carries.

Senator Kawagishi Motion to change the amount for CTAHR Student Ambassador for food from \$400 to \$500 and motion to remove Lovers of South Asian Cultures from the list and motion to reflect these changes to the total amount. My other issue is with the Honors Student Organization. They only asked for \$300 but on their award packet, they were given \$450. We over awarded them.

Senator Grunenwald Second.

Motion Carries.

Advisor Manini Contact HSO and see if they spent more than what they asked for. If they did, we would need to make the change. If not, we could send them a revised packet.

Senator Mandado Motion to call the question.

Senator Kwon Second.

Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Shon, Wainwright [26]

Nays: [0]

Abstains: [0]

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS

i. SB 15-15: To Appropriate Funding for Reimbursement for Marc Ouye

Senator Grunenwald Motion to accept SCR 42-15.

Senator Mandado Second.

Senator Mandado Motion to fix all grammatical and typographical errors.
Senator Grunenwald Second.
Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Treasurer Takara, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Shon, Wainwright [25]

Nays: [0]

Abstains: [0]

Motion Carries.

Senator Grunenwald Motion to discharge this bill from the UAA committee.
Senator Mandado Second.
Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Treasurer Takara, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Shon, Wainwright [25]

Nays: [0]

Abstains: [0]

Motion Carries.

Senator Mandado Motion to accept SB 15-15.
Senator Nguyen Second.

President Nsihahara This bill was just sitting and UAA didn't have time to review it.

Senator Mandado Motion to call the question.
Senator-at-Large Lee Second.
Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Treasurer Takara, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Shon, Wainwright [25]

Nays: [0]

Abstains: [0]

Motion Carries.

OPEN FORUM

Senator Grunenwald On the FAFSA bill, even though Senator Oshiro introduced it, she abstained from voting.

Senator Shon I mentioned in the last meeting about the Moore Hall construction. For the people in my department, please sign this memo to the construction company.

CLOSING

Adjournment

Senator Mandado Motion to Adjourn.
Senator Candelario Second.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassandra Belisario
Secretary, 102nd Senate