

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 #12 of the 97th Senate
Tuesday, November 10, 2009

OPENING

Call to Order

President Ing called the meeting to order at 6:05pm in CC220.

Roll Call

Present: President Ing; Secretary Sakamoto; Senator-at-Large Inouye; Senators Aquino, Baker, Bastien, Fallon, Grimaldo, Jasper J., Koethe, Linden, Minami, Mooney, Pantzer [14]

Excused Absent: Senators Bressler, Millett, Nakanishi, Tabalno[4]

Unexcused Absent: Senator-at-Large Kron; Senators Ah Tou, Badua, , Cheng, Hagensen, Jasper JA, McKellen, Motoki, Payomo, Valenzuela[10]

Excused Late: Treasurer Zemljak; Senator-at-Large Chock, Senator Jasper JA [3]

Unexcused Late: [0]

Excused Early Departure: Interim Vice President Prellberg, Senator Lincoln, Phillips [3]

Unexcused Early Departure: [0]

Advisor: Bonnyjean Manini[1]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Senator Baker
Senator Lincoln

Motion to approve GSMM #11.
Second.
Motion passed viva voce with no objections.

Official Correspondence

REPORTS

Executive

President
President Ing

We are planning a rally at the capitol for December 1st. Our goal is 500 students. I was also planning on making flyers and bringing them to the meeting so that we can discuss it, but I didn't get to it. This will be discussed in detail in the committee reports.

I probably won't be able to attend the next Student Caucus meeting.

Vice President

Interim Vice President Prellberg

Thank you for those who attended the workshop this afternoon. The schedule for the rest of them is in the binders I and the office staff made for you. If you can't make it to any of the workshops, please let me know so we can schedule to meet so that you can learn how things run.

Treasurer

Treasurer Zemljak

No report. Not present.

Secretary

Secretary Sakamoto

No report.

Advisor

Advisor Manini

Secretary Sakamoto and Senator Cheng have been leading the effort on the U-PASS and they will be attending the November BOR meeting to get the board to approve the MOA. The meeting is on the 17th and we'll report to you after that. It's still scheduled to begin in Spring 2010. The goal is to have all the passes at the ticket and info office before finals and if you've paid the next semester's fee you can pick it up.

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Phillips

Thank you to everyone who helped with Homecoming. It was a fairly good turnout. We'll have a debriefing with the rest of the homecoming planning committee. Students have been giving us suggestions for next year and we'll be considering those. Next year I'll try to convince the administration to have free snacks and maybe a bigger headliner to draw students out. It was a good event after all is said and done.

Campus Sustainability

Chairperson Grimaldo

I had to cancel our meeting last Friday, but I do plan on meeting next week. I did want to say thank you to Interim Vice President Prellberg for the binder. I also have a couple more people on my committee so I'll try to contact them for their schedules so I can schedule future meetings.

Elections

Chairperson Fallon

No report.

External Affairs

Chairperson Koethe

There's no news on the website. As far as the rally, External Affairs and Student Affairs had a joint meeting. We worked on our goals and we started delegating tasks for this rally which we're going to do on Tuesday Dec 1 around noon. I have 2 special order documents, 1 resolution and 1 bill. We'll be looking at these later. The bill asks for money for buses and the resolution is on our views on the budget crisis. Also, Senator Mooney is taking the lead on having a table in Campus Center on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th for senators to get people excited about the rally.

Finance and Investments

Chairperson Linden

We had a meeting yesterday and we looked at SB 12-10. I didn't get an SCR done by today. We passed it through with all ayes, 2 with reservations. There were quite a few confusing parts to this that need explaining by the introducer.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Baker

I sent out an email for my committee members' schedules. Please give them to me if you haven't responded so I can schedule a meeting.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Millett

President Ing

A rep from the Zipcar was here but we didn't get to meet with him. We're going to have to put it up for bid if we're going to do this.

SAL Inouye

Senator Nakanishi checked in about the Bookstore initiative. She's seeing how the online ordering could be better for those on financial aid.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Inouye

PTA binders are due this Friday. The scores should be done in about 2 weeks and we can bring it to the senate floor and then notify the recipients. Senator Nakanishi is also working on a calendar for PTA next semester. Next week we have 4 or 5 grad test prep awards for next week. Regarding the Budget prioritization committee, they've been meeting every week on Fridays at 9 and sub committee meetings on Fridays at 8. They're at a road block right now and they're having trouble making recommendations since there's always backlash from departments that are mentioned. They've decided to take a 2 week break.

SPECIAL ORDERS

SR 04-10

Senator Lincoln leaves at 6:30pm

Treasurer Zemljak enters at 6:33

SAL Chock enters at 6:34

Interim Vice President Prellberg and Senators Linden and Inouye depart at 6:37

Senators Jasper JA, and Linden enters at 6:40

Senator Koethe

The reason that this is being special ordered is because it was presented to the Executive Committee last week and all we had to do was fill in the be it

resolved. It is time sensitive because of the date of the rally. The sooner we get this out the stronger our rally will be.

SAL Inouye enters at 6:40
Senator Phillips **Motion to bring SR 04-10 to the floor**
Senator Koethe **Second.**

Roll Call:

Ayes: Treasurer Zemljak; Secretary Sakamoto; Senator-at-Large Chock, Inouye; Senators Aquino, Baker, Bastien, Fallon, Grimaldo, Jasper J., Jasper JA, Koethe, Linden, Minami, Mooney, Pantzer, Phillips [17]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions:[0]

Motion to bring SR 04-10 to the floor passed.

Senator Koethe **Motion to accept SR 04-10.**
Treasurer Zemljak **Second.**

Discussion

Senator Baker Could you explain this?

Senator Koethe It's talking about our current budget situation and it talks about the furloughs and how UHM is taking 36 furlough days worth of cuts. We're asking that we be given equal cuts as the rest of the DOE. UHM is a research institute and supplies Hawaii with the professional workforce. When the leg is cutting we're asking that they make the cuts fair.

Senator Fallon There are a lot of facts but no citations. I'm wondering if you can include citations so that we aren't questioned about our numbers. I also feel that the language is too passive, but I do agree with what it has to say.

Interim VP Prellberg **Motion to strike "that at the very least" from the 4th Be it Resolved.**
SAL Chock **Second.**

Motion passed viva voce with no objections.

Senator Bastien **Motion to fix all typographical errors.**
Interim VP Prellberg **Second.**

Motion passed viva voce with no objections.

Senator Fallon **Change the 2nd Be it Resolved to read "Fairness dictates that the University of Hawai'i system should sustain no more than 20 furlough days" etc.**

Interim VP Prellberg **Second.**

Motion passed viva voce with no objections.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Treasurer Zemljak; Secretary Sakamoto; Senator-at-Large Chock, Inouye; Senators Aquino, Baker, Bastien, Fallon, Grimaldo, Jasper J., Jasper JA, Koethe, Linden, Minami, Mooney, Pantzer, Phillips, Prellberg [18]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions:[0]

Motion to accept SR 04-10 passed.

Interim VP Prellberg Since this resolution is going to be sent out, if the bill drafters can write up a works cited sheet to send out with the resolution, we can solve that problem.

SB 14-10

SAL Inouye **Motion to bring SB 14-10 to the floor**
Senator Phillips **Second.**

Interim VP Prellberg and Senator Phillips leave at 6:57pm

Senator Baker **Motion to accept SB 14-10.**
Senator Koethe **Second.**

SAL Inouye Was this discussed in the Finance and Investments Committee?

Senator Linden No, this is a special order. In a second we'll have the numbers up for the totals in our accounts so we realize how much we're taking out.

Senator Linden **Motion to change, under section 4, May 15 2009, to May 14 2010.**
SAL Chock **Second.**

Motion passed viva voce with no objections.

Senator Fallon
Senator Koethe

What exactly is visual signage? Is this an appropriate line item?
It was supposed to include fliers and signs, and it would include getting fliers and things done for tabling at Campus Center.

Advisor Manini

As far as fliers are concerned, it doesn't need to be in the legislation because it's in our office budget.

Senator Koethe
Senator Grimaldo

Motion to change "Visual signage" to "Banners, Signs, and Posters"
Second.
Motion passed viva voce with no objections.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Treasurer Zemljak; Secretary Sakamoto; Senator-at-Large Chock, Inouye; Senators Aquino, Baker, Bastien, Fallon, Grimaldo, Jasper J., Jasper JA, Koethe, Linden, Minami, Mooney, Pantzer [16]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions:[0]

Motion to accept SB 14-10 passed.

NEW BUSINESS

SAL Inouye
Senator Baker

Motion to suspend the rules regarding the agenda.
Second.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Treasurer Zemljak; Secretary Sakamoto; Senator-at-Large Chock, Inouye; Senators Aquino, Baker, Bastien, Fallon, Grimaldo, Jasper J., Jasper JA, Koethe, Linden, Minami, Mooney, Pantzer [16]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions:[0]

Motion to suspend the rules passed.

Senator Baker
SAL Chock

Motion to reinstate the rules.
Second.

Motion passed viva voce with no objections.

SAL Inouye
Senator Baker

Motion to accept SCR 7-10.

Second.

Motion passed viva voce with no objections.

SR 03-10

SAL Inouye
Senator Baker
SAL Chock

Motion to accept SR 03-10.

Second.

The Student Committee for Innovation and Change was started by the VC of Academic Affairs. With the turnover of the VC, this committee could be turned over as well. I've been in contact with the office of the VC of AA who has asked us to make recommendations for recognizing this committee under the UAA committee. I wanted to hold this a little longer in committee so that I know what their plan is since they don't have one yet and so that I could have more dialogue with them. But this committee is a worthwhile one that should continue to exist.

Advisor Manini

I'm not clear on who is appointing this committee and if the VCAA is going to appoint people. Once you give it your stamp of approval the four items recommended on the resolution might be lost if we aren't overseeing this committee directly.

SAL Chock

That's actually one of the reasons I wanted to hold this in committee. I wanted to be able to talk with those on the committee. Interested undergrads apply and are selected by current members, but I wanted to make sure that ASUH would have a seat on the committee. Would we be able to table this until I can find out more and amend this?

Advisor Manini

You can table it to the next general.

SAL Chock
Senator Fallon
Senator Baker

Motion to table to the next general meeting.
Second.

If you don't get things done in time before the next general, you can just table it again or refer it back to committee.

SB 12-10

Senator Aquino
SAL Inouye
Senator Linden

Motion to accept SB 12-10.
Second.

Earlier we discussed that we wanted to pull this from committee since I didn't turn in an SCR so we'll have to discharge it first.

Senator Aquino
Senator Aquino
Senator Baker

Motion withdrawn.

Motion to discharge SB 12-10 from Finance and Investments.

Second.

Motion passed viva voce with no objections.

Motion to accept SB 12-10.

Second.

Senator Aquino
SAL Inouye
Senator Aquino

I know there is going to be confusion so I brought two speakers to give a short explanation on this bill. If you have any questions for them you can ask.

The Director of Student Services for the Hawai'i Nui Akea, the Enrichment Coordinator, and students speak.

Senator Fallon

What are these line items about? The bill is about technology, but it's asking for furniture.

Speaker 1

We have to take this up to bid so it's hard to get specific line items for you. The amount that we're proposing is just a part of that space. We thought it would be good to have a student place paid for by students.

Senator Inouye
Treasurer Zemljak
Senator Baker

Would this be coming out of the "other" category in our account?

Yes.

You spoke about getting grants for this. Have you found any other sources of funding?

Speaker 2

We are trying to buy as much as we can with the money we've earned. We're open to and welcome all students, but the grants came based on helping native Hawaiian students.

SAL Chock
Speaker 1

Realistically, How many undergrads can this serve?

We've already served 1600 students within the year and most of those were non-Hawaiian. We wanted to serve a broader pool of students and it's way more accessible now. I see it as a benefit for everyone.

Senator Linden

Do you have the dimensions for the lounge area and study area? I'm interested in how many things we're buying for what space?

Speaker 1

We're buying quality furniture that will last and we'd like this to be a really nice space. We also want furniture that is flexible and moveable.

Senator Pantzer
Speaker 2

How many students will this serve and how many things are we buying?

We'll be getting 20 laptops but we can't tell you exactly how many we will serve. Our hope is that the numbers will increase as this is better known.

Senator Koethe

I support this, but these number is really large. Is there any way we can cut this down by helping fund only what you really, really need?

Speaker 1

This is for you. In terms of priority, it's up to you. I feel like we've already done a good job getting the space and things, but it's really up to you.

SAL Inouye
Speaker 1
SAL Inouye

So you've had student assistants giving you what they wanted?

We have regular students that we serve that have given us recommendations. Is it possible to table the bill so that your assistants can help us prioritize what you need?

Speaker 1
Advisor Manini

This is all up to you since you are the students' governing body.

I think the problem here is that there aren't enough copies of the numbers for everyone. It's the introducer's responsibility to have this for everyone.

SAL Inouye
Speaker 1

Does the grant cover computer tables?

It's a technology grant so we've been trying to get as much as we can with this.

SAL Inouye **Motion to table SB 12-10 so that we can get a prioritization list of what your students feel they need the most.**

Senator Koethe **Second.**

Advisor Manini **Motion passed viva voce with no objections.**

I'd like to see a more specific breakdown of line items. It doesn't have to be extremely detailed in regards to the exact type of furniture listed, but maybe just "chairs" and "tables" so that it's more specific than what we have now.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 07-10

Senator Aquino **Motion to bring 07-10 back to the floor.**

SAL Inouye **Second.**

Senator Linden This definitely had amendments and those amendments are not on this copy. We amended this in the Finance Committee and they are not on the bill. At the time of introduction there was an SCR. We can't bring this to the floor without knowing the amendments

Senator Baker Can we still do this even though the event has already happened?

Senator Aquino That's why I was hoping to make amendments. The reception was cancelled. VP Cassandra had asked me to find support from other ASU's which I got. We're not going to have a reception, we're just going to make the directory.

Senator Fallon Do you have the amendments ready to make tonight or do you need time? Are you comfortable with moving forward and making the amendments.

Senator Aquino Yes.

SAL Chock As Senator Linden said, this is not the version that was amended and I'd like to see the one that was.

Motion failed. SB 07-10 remains on the table.

Advisor Manini What I recommend is that you go to the office and make sure they include all SCRs in the packet. Otherwise we'll be in the same place next meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Senator Koethe When the meeting is over can you give me your binders with the name tags in the front pocket.

Senator Linden One of the RIOs we funded is having speakers come and talk. We paid for their airfare and you will all get an email as to when and where this will be.

Jasper, J. leaves at 7:56pm

CLOSING
Adjournment

Meeting was unofficially adjourned at 7:56pm.