

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

General Senate Meeting #16 of the 108<sup>th</sup> Senate  
Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021

## **OPENING**

### **Call to Order**

President Albano called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM on Zoom.

### **Roll Call**

Present:	[17] President Albano, Secretary Gogue, Interim Treasurer Saari, Senators-At-Large Anuszezwska, Kaeo, Senators Baguio, Basim, Chua, Crowell, Garrett, Hokama-Paris, Keim, Lee, Pierce, Renteria, Sabandal, Shimizu
Excused Absent:	[3] Senator Columbres, Senator Rabang, Senator Regaspi
Unexcused Absent:	[3] Senator Kanemoto, Senator Taira, Senator Tong
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[2] Vice President Kim, Senator Kirwan
Excused Early Departure:	[0]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisors:	[1] Advisor Manini
Guests:	[0]

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes**

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #15, 108th Senate - January 21st, 2021  
*Senator Renteria* Move to accept the reading of minutes for GSMM #15.  
*Senator Baguio* Second.

*Vote is unanimous. Motion carries.*

*SAL Anuszezwska* Move to approve the minutes for GSMM #15.  
*Senator Renteria* Second.

*Vote is unanimous. Motion passes. GSMM#15 is approved.*

### **Official Correspondence**

**APPROVED BY THE 108TH SENATE THE 17TH OF FEBRUARY 2021**

**Testimony**

**REPORTS**

**Executive**

**President**

PM108 #23 Standing Committee Appointments (Spring)

*Senator Baguio* Move to accept the reading of PM108 #23 Standing Committee Appointments (Spring)

*Senator Hokama-Paris* Second.

*Vote is unanimous. Motion carries.*

*President Albano* Basically this PM updates some of the standing committee appointments. We have tried to move things and fill in with the changing chairs and vice chairs. For the most part we've gotten most of the committee filled with chairs and vice chairs, so just make sure if your name is on here twice. If there are any questions please feel free to let me know.

*Senator Chua* Move to approve PM108 #23 Standing Committee Appointments (Spring)

*Senator Garrett* Second.

*Vote is unanimous. Motion passes. PM108 #23 Standing Committee Appointments (Spring) is approved*

Student Success Center Steering Committee

*President Albano* Last thing on my report for today, I sent you all folks information about this in an email earlier this week about the representation if anyone on ASUH wants to serve as a representative of the student success center steering committee. They haven't met in over a year, but basically it is a committee of folks that deal with a lot of student services. They are trying to have conversations about the future of Sinclair Library and the area around it. If you folks haven't heard, they are trying to change the atmosphere a little bit more. So there is an opportunity to talk about things design wise, and what kinds of student services are going to be in the proposed areas. They haven't met in a while, since last year. If folks want to serve on this committee, we've been reached out to see if anyone wants to serve on it. I'm happy to attend the first meeting if not. I believe the first meeting is happening next week Friday, February 12th, I think for about two hours and it starts at 1:00. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee let me know. In the meantime, I'm happy to serve to at least give updates and things like that. For more information you can review the email that I sent out for this General Senate Meeting that has the documents attached. Such as reviewing designs and other things they would be talking about in the upcoming meeting.

**Vice President**

*Vice President Kim* No report

**Treasurer**

*Interim Treasurer Saari* Thank you to everyone who turned in their rate sheets. I apologize for the mistake in the subject line and the confusion that followed. I am working on finalizing the drop memo for Awards of Service for December, and I am planning on having that finished by Friday. I apologize for the delay, but I had a little bit of trouble understanding the procedure.

President Albano Thank you Treasurer Saari. We appreciate all of your work and your quick responses with sending out the rate sheets. Please feel free to reach out to myself or Healani if you have any questions about procedures for rate sheets and things like that.

**Secretary**

*Secretary Gogue* No report.

**Administrative**

a. Advisor  
*Advisor Manini* No report.

b. Operations Manager

**Judicial Branch**

a. Student Court

**Standing Committees**

**Campus Life**

*Chairperson Hokama-Paris*

*Our Progress*

-E mālama 'ia ana kā mākou hālāwai CL 'elua o nēia kau hou i kēia pō'ahā (i ka lā 'apōpō) mai ka hola 12 a i ka hola 1 o ka 'auinalā  
-We will be holding our second CL committee meeting this semester this Thursday from 12-1

*Our Plans*

-Ho'olālā i kekahi hanana i kēlā me kēia kau  
-Hold an event once a month  
-E koho ana nā kenekoa i kekahi hanana e alaka'i ai no kēia kau  
-Senators will choose an event to direct or lead for this semester  
-Pepeluali-Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i  
-Hawaiian Language Month  
-Malaki- Mahina (no nā) Mō'aukala Wahine  
-Women's History Month  
-'Apelila  
-Sexual Assault Awareness Month  
-Mei-Mahina (no nā) Mo'omeheu Akia/Pakipika  
-Asian/Pacific Heritage Month  
-Ho'olālā i nā lā o ia mau Hanana  
-Finalize the dates of these Spring 2021 events  
-E mālama 'ia ana nā hanana a pau ma ka pūnaewele  
- All of the events will be held online  
-Ke 'imi nei mākou i nā hanana 'ē a'e ma waho o kā Campus Life mau hanana i mālama mua 'ia.  
-We are currently looking to find other events outside of the events previously held by Campus Life

*Issues*

*President Albano*

Mahalo for taking this approach with Campus Life with the circumstances that we are in. I really appreciate you folks planning to engage each month. If folks have ideas about events that can be hosted or topics related to the things that Campus Life is wanting to work on, feel free to share your mana'o with them.

**Elections**

*Vice-Chairperson Crowell*

*Our Progress*

- Email blast was sent today at 8:00 p.m.
- Applications were due today at 4:00pm
- Nominations period today
- All candidates are floor nominated
- List of Candidates [HERE](#) Tuesday at 5:30pm

*Our Plans*

- Candidate Orientation at 4:30pm on Monday and Tuesday next week
- Campaign period began on

*Issues*

- N/A

Donavan could you please walk me through the floor nomination process?

*President Albano*

Sure Advisor Manini if you could please correct me if I am wrong. We can open it up to see if folks want to floor nominate others and based off of that we can add it to the candidate list, but there would need to be a motion to approve the candidates on this list. Advisor Manini is this correct?

*Advisor Manini*

Yes that is correct and additional names plus these would then be approved with that final motion you are talking about.

*President Albano*

I guess we can open it up to see if folks have any floor nominations.

*Senator Hokama-Paris*

Kala mai. How do we nominate from the floor? Can you explain the process please?

*President Albano*

I believe you would say the name of the person and say I would like to floor nominate this person.

*Advisor Manini*

You would ask to add their name, and for which position they would be running for. Be sure after the candidate list is approved this evening, that you check with the chair of elections to make sure that those people follow through with what they have to do because they will still have to turn in paperwork to the elections committee. If they don't, they are technically not going to go on the ballot. Basically you are just adding names at this point.

*President Albano*

Thank you, does anyone have anyone that they would like to nominate for this list?

*Senator Sabandal*

I would like to floor nominate Marc Rollon for the Senator of the College of Arts and Sciences.

*Vice President Kim*

Just to clarify this is a list of people that are being floor nominated and not just the people we have to make the motion for, or the people we are floor nominating?

*President Albano*

If you want to add anybody to this list here then we're doing that right now. Once all the nominations are done, we'll make the final motion to approve the list.

*Advisor Manini* You have an interim treasurer, but I don't see any treasurer candidates on this list. I think you guys need to decide if you guys are going to nominate a treasurer candidate or not.

*Senator Chua* Can I please nominate Blake Saari for the position of Treasurer?

*President Albano* Interim Treasurer Saari, is that okay with you, adding your name to this list?

*Interim Treasurer Saari* Yes.

*Senator Hokama-Paris* Move to approve the Spring 2021 special candidates list.  
*Senator Crowell* Second.

*Vote is unanimous. Motion passes. Spring 2021 Special Candidates list is approved.*

*Vice Chairperson Crowell* The people who were floor nominated tonight, make sure that they fill out all of their paperwork. I can have Chairperson Columbres followup with those individuals, and they will need to attend a candidate orientation next week.

### **External Affairs**

*Chairperson Chua*

*Our Progress*

- Working on legislative session
- COVID info page website update

*Our Plans*

- Possibly working on creating newsletter to be sent out to undergraduate students to update folks on important info, ASUH transparency, advocacy, calls to action

*Issues*

### **Finance**

*Chairperson Anuszczyk*

*Our Progress*

- First meeting held last Thursday
- SCR created for Bill 03-21

*Our Plans*

- Continue working on RIO Funding Cycle

*Miscellaneous*

- Need new vice chair!

### **Internal Affairs**

*Chairperson Keim*

*Our Progress*

-N/A

*Our Plans*

-N/A

*Issues*

### **Investments and Long Range Planning**

*Chairperson Pierce*

*Our Progress*

- Had a meeting with Mr. Peter Backus yesterday (Feb 2)
- Quarterly Report

*Our Plans*

*Miscellaneous*

- Our portfolio has ~10.6 million (feb 2, 2021) -Previously was ~9.6 million (sep 17, 2020)
  - We did not vote on any changes to the portfolio; Mr. Peter Backus will continue to adjust the portfolio as we voted on during our previous meeting.
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| Cash       | S&P 500          |
| (-)200k →  | (+)200k          |
| Index Fund | Emerging Markets |
| (-)100k →  | (+) 100k         |

**Student Affairs**

*Chairperson Crowell*

*Our Progress*

- Working with ad-hoc committees to pass resolutions & support their work

*Our Plans*

- Meeting sometime in the next two weeks (look out for an email)

*Issues*

**Undergraduate Academic Affairs**

*Chairperson Renteria*

*Our Progress*

- The ASUH Scholarships opened January 15th, 2021.
- New Vice Chair! Welcome Amirah!

*Our Plans*

- Senate Bill 03-21: Textbook Fund Giveaway
- Planning next meeting

*Issues*

**Other Committees**

**Legislative Session Updates**

*President Albano*

They are a couple of opportunities to provide updates to the General Senate. First we have Legislative Session Updates.

*Senator Keim*

Right now I am working on a basic email template to send out to legislators to break the ice and kind of begin some basic communication. Other than that, I am creating a google template with important bills that we are going to eventually share with the student body on the Instagram to have it be a resource for people who want to be involved and be other advocates. Other than that things have been going great!

*President Albano*

Be on the lookout for emails about that. I believe Senator Keim, as she just mentioned putting together a spreadsheet tracking different bills that are relevant for students and the community. That are also public for folks to submit testimony on if hearings are happening. It is a great way for folks to get more civically engaged, and if they just want to be part of the legislative process. We have already shared updates on our social media sites about how to submit testimony and some bills we are kind of looking at. If anyone has any bills that

could be of particular issue for us to pay attention to. Please feel free to send them to Senator Keim, Senator Chua, or myself.

*Vice President Kim*

Just to let you all know, I've emailed them maybe six bills none of which directly have to do with students. Most of the ones I have submitted are ones that I am tracking personally that have to do with LGBTQ rights and education in public schools in Hawai'i. My justification for that one is that since 50-60% of the students here are in-state residents, assuming that they went to public schools here. By pushing for that bill we will be pushing for the students that come here to be more equipped in those kinds of social understandings. If you can justify it helping UH, I think there is nothing y'all should hold back.

*President Albano*

I second that. Thank you very much Vice President Kim we appreciate you sharing those bills. We will definitely include them on the spreadsheet.

Ad-Hoc Committees

*President Albano*

I also wanted to provide an opportunity if any of the ad-hoc committees wanted to share maybe some updates or things that if you've already had your first meeting as I sent out in the email. If anyone wanted to provide any updates about priorities or initiatives that you folks are hoping to pursue then I wanted to give this space to share.

*Senator Renteria*

Sustainability ad-hoc committee met this past Sunday with Rian, a former ASUH member. We basically just talked about, he wanted our opinion if students would want AC or no AC in the future graduate student housing. He wanted our opinion because undergraduates are the future graduates. That was pretty much it. He kept us on our toes and it was a good session.

*President Albano*

Thank you, and yes Rian had reached out to me requesting that he talked with you folks.

I guess I can share a little bit about what the anti-racism and intersectionality ad-hoc committee is hoping to work on. Senator Kirwan was going to give the report but she is not here. Basically it is an initiative that was brought up to us by members of the Black Student Association, and they were interested in seeing if we could push administration to rename one of the buildings on campus, so we are planning to have a meeting with them to learn a little bit more on the issue and collaborate with them. Especially since we put in that first resolution Senate Resolution 01-21: In Solidarity With the Black Lives Matter Movement, and also talking about amplifying and supporting students, faculty, and staff members of the black community and their work. We will be trying to schedule a meeting with them and other folks to see if we can organize something around this. If you would like to be a part of this, please reach out to me.

*Senator Kirwan*

I just want to add that I think it a really great opportunity to improve the school. I believe that Alice Ball is a very big part of why I wanted to go to this school. Because a female bachelor's science major and as a bachelor's science major myself, I really appreciate the work that she has done, and I believe it would be really wonderful to give her the honor she deserves in naming this hall in her honor.

*President Albano*

Thank you very much Senator Kirwan. I really appreciate your mana'o. I think this is really important when we think about things that are happening in current

events. Renaming Dean Hall to honor the legacy of Alice Augusta Ball, I think is really important. If folks want to be part of this conversation please let us know. We'll try to schedule that meeting sometime next week.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SCR 12-21: Related to Senate Bill 03-21 (Finance)**

*Senator Hokama-Paris* Move to accept SCR 12-21: Related to Senate Bill 03-21 (Finance)  
*Senator Baguio* Second.

*Vote is unanimous. Motion carries.*

*Senator Pierce* We reviewed Senate Bill 03-21: To Appropriate Funding for ASUH Textbook Fund. We approved it and amended two things. The \$100 refund was changed to up to \$150 refund, so that the \$7500 would make sense mathematically. The second change was the date. The winner will be announced February 15th instead of February 1st.

*Senator Baguio* Move to approve SCR 12-21: Related to Senate Bill 03-21 (Finance)  
*Vice President Kim* Second.

*Vote is unanimous. Motion passes. SCR 12-21: Related to Senate Bill 03-21 (Finance) is approved.*

**Senate Bill 03-21: To Appropriate Funding for ASUH Textbook Fund**

*Senator Renteria* Move to accept Senate Bill 03-21: To Appropriate Funding for ASUH Textbook Fund  
*SAL Anuszezwska* Second.

*Vote is unanimous. Motion carries.*

*President Albano* Thank you SAL Anuszezwska for putting the changes here from your committee. It should be on the comments on the side. The date and the amount was changed, so fifty winners can get an amount so it adds up to \$7500.

*Advisor Manini* I think that refund is a poor choice of a word because refund is usually looked at as when someone is dissatisfied so they take it back to the business that they purchased the item from.. I'm thinking call it an award..I think an award is the safe term like a textbook award. I think textbook fund or award in place of refund makes more sense. Overall I believe if you pass this your constituents would be extremely happy. I'm trying to look at the bill while I am talking to you because I haven't looked at it yet. Usually there is language in bills to be clear that ASUH, current ASUH members and past ASUH members are not eligible. In the provision there is usually language so it is clear that you are not being self-serving. So senators, staff, or people who have previously served in the Senate can benefit from it, and I don't see that provision on this bill. I am



wondering if that is something that should be inserted. With your scholarships or anything you guys have, there is verbiage that Senate members are not able to apply for it.

*President Albano*

Thank you advisor Manini, and I apologize I forgot. Senator Renteria, as the introducer of this Bill would you like to explain a little bit about it?

*Senator Renteria*

Those were great points that you brought up. I was having an issue as well with the title for it. I was looking back at it and trying to figure out a better way to phrase it.

As for making it more clear that current senators or past alike are not able to do that, I will look at the provisions for our scholarships and see if we can add that in here.

This bill is basically similar to our scholarship awards, most similar to the graduate test prep. It is where students can enter the giveaway, and all they need is their name and contact info like student id number so we can check if they are a full time student at Mānoa. If they are chosen they have to provide receipts showing the textbooks they bought as well as a copy of the classes that they are taking, so we can verify that those books are what they need for the Spring semester. The giveaway will last a week starting this Friday if approved and then the winners will be announced the following Monday. That is when we will be contacting everybody. The total bill is \$7500, and students can get up to \$150 depending on the receipts they show us.

*Vice President Kim*

In terms of the issue with the term refund, would reimbursements suffice? Because that would mean any amount of money they spent up to that amount listed in the bill would be given to cover that expense.

*Senator Renteria*

I think with the reimbursement some people might also interpret that as the full amount. If they bought \$200 worth of textbooks, they'll think that we'll give \$200 instead of the \$150. One of our members brought up the word relief instead of fund and I like the word award so maybe ASUH Textbook Relief Award or just award.

*Advisor Manini*

I think like grant or you brought up the research award and the graduate test prep award. It has been kind of consistent using the term award. That is why I would recommend to just stick with that and try to stay away from these terms that you use with RIO funding. We use reimbursement as a fiscal process versus what you guys are giving away and allowing students to apply for. That to me is more of a process we use fiscally instead of a process of giving away a reimbursement. That doesn't sound really exciting compared to giving away a reward and they can receive it. That is just my opinion.

*Senator Garrett*

I'm trying to look for the provisions that Advisor Manini said we should put in, and I think that is a really great idea. Is there any way that we can find that easily so we can make that comment or change, of course not now, but so we can vote to make that amendment.

*Advisor Manini*

I'm going to start looking on your website. If it is not in your budget act in the University Programs Account around the scholarships, I think that the chair of the academic affairs committee should be able to pull language from a document

that they used. It used to get put on the applications etcetera for the various awards that that committee oversees from the c part of the budget act. From the Budget act itself, under C1 that undergraduate test prep and research awards, there is some language that you'll be able to pull to insert in the language of this bill.

The verbiage said "Past and present ASUH Senators, Executive Officers and ASUH student employees are not eligible to receive these awards"

*Senator Renteria* Motion to add the verbiage, "Past and present ASUH Senators, Executive Officers and ASUH student employees are not eligible to receive these awards" under provisions  
*Vice President Kim* Second

*Vote is unanimous. Motion is approved.*

*Senator Renteria* Motion to change the verbiage from "ASUH Textbook Fund Giveaway" to "ASUH Textbook Relief Award"  
*Senator Kirwan* Second

*Vote is unanimous. Motion is approved.*

*Secretary Gogue* Motion to change all instances where it says refund to say relief award.  
*Senator Garrett* Second

*Vote is unanimous. Motion is approved.*

*Senator Garrett* So that we're able to stick to the timeline that was put in by UAA and the finance committee, is there any way that we can accept these amendments now and have the bill passed?

*President Albano* If there are no other motions we can go ahead and approve the bill itself. The bill and its entirety with the amendments that have been made so far.

*Secretary Gogue* I think maybe what Senator Garret is trying to say because it takes a while to approve because of the codification of the minutes before the codifying of the bill, it would still take longer than the bill that they want February 15th. Because it wouldn't officially be good until the 17th.

*President Albano* I see what you are saying, The next general senate meeting is February 17th, two days after the announcements for the giveaway itself like the results for those who have received it. What will need to happen is with the minutes of this, we will need to approve the minutes from this general senate meeting in order for this bill to be codified, so it can be sent for fiscally processing. So Healani and folks in the ASUH office can go through the process if students need to fill out any forms or anything.

*Advisor Manini* The committee would be able to promote it in all of that stuff, but the earliest the fiscal documents would start to get processed would be after the senate would approve the codified minutes.

*Senator Garrett* So the date should change that is on top of this bill right now? I'm not too familiar with this kind of timeline. What would be the suggested to do?

*President Albano* In terms of the timeline, it says the winners will be announced on February 15th, but it doesn't say there is verbiage that they would be awarded on the 15th. I understand the timeliness of this.

*Senator Renteria* Looking at the calendar, we could leave it open another week, so it would close on the 19th. Which is two dates after the next general senate meeting. Then the winners would be announced on the 22nd.

*Advisor Manini* I think as long as the awards would be processed after the 17th then it's fine. You can do the other processes pending the payouts which is after those dates.

*Senator Garrett* Move to approve Senate Bill 03-21: To Appropriate Funding for ASUH Textbook Fund with amendments

*Senator Hokama-Paris* Second.

*Vote is unanimous. Senate Bill 03-21: To Appropriate Funding for ASUH Textbook Fund with amendments is approved.*

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE BILL 03-21: TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR ASUH TEXTBOOK FUND GIVEAWAY**

**Aye(s): [18]** Vice President Kim, Secretary Gogue, Interim Treasurer Saari, Senator-At-Large Anuszcewska, Senator-At-Large Kaeo, Senator Baguio, Senator Basim, Senator Chua, Senator Crowell, Senator Garrett, Senator Hokama-Paris, Senator Keim, Senator Kirwan, Senator Lee, Senator Pierce, Senator Renteria, Senator Sabandal, Senator Shimizu

**Naye(s): [0]**

**Abstention(s): [0]**

**OPEN FORUM**

*Senator Renteria* I would like to thank everybody who has helped me with this bill and the wording. That was really tricky.

*President Albano* Thanks Senator Renteria and everyone for their work.

**CLOSING**

**Announcements**

**Adjournment**

*Senator Baguio* Move to Adjourn.

*Senator Garrett* Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Mikaelyn Marie Gogue  
Secretary, 108<sup>th</sup> Senate