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General Senate Meeting #3 of the 108<sup>th</sup> Senate  
Wednesday, June 17, 2020  
Zoom

**OPENING**

**Call to Order**

President Albano called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM via Zoom.

**Roll Call**

Present:	President Albano, Secretary Gogue, Treasurer Oshiro, Senators-At-Large Bowersmith, Kaeo, Williams, Senators Chua, Columbres, Crowell, Heslia, Hokama-Paris, Keim, Kim, Lee, Pierce, Regaspi, Renteria, Saari, Sabandal, Seals, Shimizu, Smith, Tong, Vogt [24]
Excused Absent:	SAL Anuszcwska, Senators Basim, Garrett [3]
Unexcused Absent:	Senator Kanemoto [1]
Excused Late:	Vice President Ogata-Tambua [1]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	[0]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	Senator Baguio [1]
Advisors:	[0]
Guests:	[0]

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

1. [General Senate Meeting Minutes #02, 108th Senate - June 3, 2020](#)

*Senator Vogt* Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for GSMM #02.  
*SAL Kaeo* Second.  
*Voting was unanimously in favor; Motion carries.*

*Senator Vogt* Move to change wording of "it's been really frustrating to see that systemic change is what takes other people's lives to it's been really frustrating to see that systemic change takes people's lives."

*Senator Kim* Second.  
*Voting was unanimously in favor; Motion carries.*

Senator Kim There is a typographical error in New Business. It says “it is as safe as and as peaceful as possible, and I believe this is covered under the typographical error rule, but correct it to say “from a safety perspective it is as safe and as peaceful as possible.”

Senator Regaspi Motion to approve GSMM #02.  
SAL Kao Second.  
*Voting was unanimously in favor; Motion carries. Minutes approved.*

## **Official Correspondence**

### **Testimony**

## **REPORTS**

### **Executive**

#### **President**

1. Committee Steering Meeting (Friday, June 19, 4:00 PM)

President Albano For the chairs and vice chairs, I sent you all an email, in addition to the 107th chairs and vice chairs about the Committee Steering Meeting, which is going to happen this Friday at 4:00 p.m. If you are able to make it, I'm hoping that this will be a time for the chairs and vice chairs to come up with some goals and get some insight from the 107 chairs.

2. PM #2: Standing Committee Appointments (Summer)

Senator Kim Motion to accept President's Message #02: Standing Committee Appointments.

Senator Hokama-Paris Second.  
*Voting was unanimously in favor; Motion carries.*

President Albano This is the updated version of the Committee Appointments. If you recall that the first one had some TBA for vice chairs, but some of them have now been filled.

Senator Hokama-Paris Motion to approve President's Message #02: Standing Committee Appointments for the Summer

Senator Kim Second.

*Motion passes. President's Message #02 is approved.*

#### **Vice President**

1. Chair and Vice-Chair Workshop (Tuesday, June 23, 2:00 PM)

President Albano For the chairs and vice chairs, the workshop has been scheduled for next week Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. I believe that two of the 107 Senate Senators will be leading this workshop. They both approved and are working on the powerpoints now. If you are not able to attend for any reason, please email VP Ogata-Tambua.

2. One-on-One Meeting (Deadline: July 3)

As she mentioned at the last General Senate, if you could fill out the doodle by July 3rd to schedule a time to meet with VP Ogata-Tambua. Just to get a little more insight on the things that you want to work on and since her duties revolve around leadership development within the Senate.

#### **Treasurer**

*Treasurer Oshiro* No report.

**Secretary**

*Secretary Gogue* No report.

**Administrative**

1. Advisor

*Advisor Manini* No report, but I hope you guys are enjoying your summer.

2. Operations Manager

**Judicial Branch**

- a. Student Court

**Standing Committees**

**Campus Life**

*Chairperson Seals*

So far everything has been pretty good. We are just trying to get communication set up and plan our first meeting. The plan is that we're just going to get all of our members together, get communication down, and we're going to start working on next semester. A lot of people have been telling me they are pretty excited about what we're going to do next semester. I've been talking with my vice chair and a few committee members, so it's getting there. We're making good work.

**Elections**

*Chairperson Columbres*

For the google forms I sent out next week, my committee members voted on having our group chat on text message, and for our vice chairperson it is Senator Crowell. I just made a text group message today with all the members. Sometime this week I will send out the When-to-Meet, so we can determine the meeting date for our committee. I will try and find a day to meet with Senator Crowell, and possibly schedule a meeting with Advisor Manini to ask about what we can talk about for our first meeting.

**External Affairs**

*Chairperson Chua*

Just right now we are introducing ourselves. I, myself and vice chair Kaeo will try to set up a meeting to discuss goals for EA with everyone else. We're also hoping to choose the best method of communication beyond just emails, so for all my EA committee members, let me know or let Sarah know what you prefer.

**Finance**

*Chairperson Williams*

I sent an email out about a week and a half ago just getting the introduction things out of the way and also to discuss the first meeting to get communication going. One senator mentioned that a basic group message would be fine, so I'm looking into that. Other than that not much else to report from my side. I need to work on being proactive and maintaining communication with my vice chair and other committee members.

**Internal Affairs**

*Chairperson Keim*

Right now we are still in the process of figuring out a vice chairperson for this committee. I sent out an email a few days ago with all the information, so all my

committee members please take a look at that and let me know if that is a job that you could potentially do. Other than that, this week I am planning on sending out a when-to-meet, so we can get the ball rolling on everything and meet as a group. That's about it.

Senator Kim

Not a question but more of a comment. Last time we didn't have a vice chair, we kind of split the minute duty among the committee members, and rotated until we found the vice chair, so that's something you could do.

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

*Chairperson Regaspi*

We've done introductory emails and first communication. I've continued correspondence, I just sent out an email last week Friday updating them. Some upcoming plans are we anticipate having our first steering meeting within the second week of July. We're taking this month until July to steer ourselves to the committee steering meeting. I have yet to set up a meeting with Advisor Manini and I will be doing so for next week. We're just getting a little bit acquainted, so I will be sending out more emails regarding communication moving forward.

### **Student Affairs**

*Chairperson Kim*

We pretty much worked on the Resolution and the SCR, but we've mentioned that we are interested in the establishment of the CSO of student diversity associations. The idea behind that is although ASUH is supposed to be the face of the student body, there have been concerns that ASUH is not regularly by default community based. We are currently researching into different Universities and seeing how their chartered student diversity organizations function, how it's structured, and how it got started up. So far we have discussed this and we are considering this to be our primary target goal for this year. Next thing, continuing on from what we've done last year, Senator Chua has done an amazing job with environmental affairs in general and we're looking forward to continuing that work, the same goes for mental health. I'm adding on LGBTQ advocacy, which I believe is an important thing that we should work with and on with the student services that are available.

Another senator mentioned pushing for more sanitary products for bathrooms, so the Women's Center and Generation Action have been working on that. The senator that mentioned it, I will be sending out an email and have them talk with the Women's Center and Generation action and work on that with them.

For BLM, pushing for resolutions that are more locally based, pushing for the defunding or abolishing of police depends on whichever angle we decide to approach it from as a Senate. Another thing that the chair of UA and I have talked about was pushing to incorporate African American studies or Queer studies or something like that into the UHM graduation requirement. When we discussed this we also agreed that it would be ideal to separate it from Hawaiian Asian and Pacific Issues, because as settler colonialists we do need to live up to our responsibilities and make sure that when we bring national issues into the spotlight that we make sure that we don't over shadow local efforts either. Generally we are looking for more cross collaboration with UA, Campus Life, and Externals. With Campus Life, we haven't talked to them yet, but what we are hoping to achieve is more regular town halls, so not exactly meetings but town halls where we allow students to talk to us. This would function similarly

to how the office hours were in the 105th Senate, but instead of any senator being in the ASUH office waiting for students to drop in, we will have publicized events like the town halls regularly. With UAA we are looking to, and we'd have to work with the Finance Committee and treasurer on this, but definitely pushing more funding for the scholarship that deals with special circumstances. Considering the situation with the pandemic to alleviate student issues. With externals prepping for Legislative work more earlier this year. That's about it for collaborative work.

We are also going to assign some committee members to attend meetings of different student organizations and bring reports back. Kind of like how we send delegates out to the campus wide committees, so that we're not just working with administration, but working that more into the ASUH framework and normalizing that.

Another thing we're trying to approach is the affordability of tuition. That is pretty much all of our plans so far. We're going to try and come up with a coherent generalized plan by the end of June to mid July and by the end of July early August, we are hoping to have a set plan.

There was a survey that was sent out by the University regarding what we should do with Varney circle, so make sure you look into that. Voice your opinions and send it around to your friends.

*Advisor Manini*

In terms of Varney circle, I hope that you all think about how much it would cost to implement a vision that is already out there even though a survey is coming out. When they are trying to already move on a project, and there are hiring freezes already. Plus there is not enough money and we anticipate that the State Legislature will be cutting more money from the University. If the administration is trying to push a redevelopment of the Varney Circle area, I would highly recommend that you guys think about the priorities right now and what we really should really be investing in the resources that the University has. If there's extra money laying around, I'm sure there are classrooms and other things that should be fixed. You have to think about the big picture. I haven't looked at the survey yet and I will be taking it, but I think that you have to think about it might be presented in a way as a wonderful plan, but you have to think about the money it is going to take to build it, the money it is going to take to maintain it, and do we have enough landscaping and custodial staff to handle more work that they have to do in terms of the over 200 acre campus that exists. In terms of Varney Circle please be careful and mindful when you take the survey and think about the big picture.

In terms of the organization sending people to different groups to meet with. I want to caution you because there are close to 300 RIOs, and if you guys start picking your favorite RIOs or RIOs that you are already involved with, you can create serious conflicts of interest based on your own personal interest as elected senators. So I'm going to ask that if this committee starts thinking about reaching out to specific student organizations, and attending their meetings, and they are just selected RIOs that you think about potential conflicts of interest. Especially if said RIOs are RIOs that come to the Senate for RIO funding because it could be seen as you guys giving special treatment or special attention or putting extra value in the voices of certain students or certain organizations.

Equity is extremely important, so I'm going to ask for you to really think that through as you guys make plans for that.

In terms of CSO, it is common sense that it should not be coming only out of ASUH because you guys are already in a CSO. It should really be coming from the grass roots, to create an organization that doesn't exist. If you guys are in both camps again it can create a conflict of interest because in ASUH you should be able to look at a request objectively, not be the ones leading the charge and have that there's not other students that are leading that effort to be able to create something that they feel that you aren't meeting right now. Those stuck out to me as things you guys should think about. Please let me know when your committee is meeting so hopefully I can join you at that level for this discussion.

*Chairperson Kim*

As a response to that, I personally don't see an issue with delegating certain senators from the committee to go to certain RIOs if they are related to the initiatives that we are working on at the moment. We will make sure to keep an eye out to make sure that we are covering as much ground as possible regarding what our visions are.

And of course we are going to be approaching the CSO idea with building it from the ground up. What we are trying to do—we are not trying to make decisions for people without consulting them. We are trying to organize and help enable students who feel that their voices have not been heard. I do agree that this is on paper what ASUH should be doing in the first place, but we've seen other Universities, where they have successfully implemented this, and students have felt that their voices are more heard. Also thank you for the context on Varney Circle, I really appreciate it.

*Treasurer Oshiro*

I just had a quick suggestion about a Student Affairs meeting with other RIOs. I know that chairperson Kim, what you are saying to get direct input from the constituents we are serving, but it is a big burden on the Student Affairs committee itself. Because I know we all have school, jobs, and life happens, so it might be difficult to commit to involving, for us going out to all these RIOs, what you might consider is communicating more with the RIOs on that RIO contact list and sending out emails inviting them to give input on issues they are concerned about. Then it puts it on them to come to you instead of you having to go out and communicate with them. It creates the open communication without putting as heavy a burden on your committee

*Senator Pierce*

I think that the extra graduation of requirements are a good idea, but I am horrified with the thoughts of having extra requirements and classes to take, so I think maybe having that be optional may be best. I know that other people would not like to have another graduation requirement in the future.

*Chairperson Kim*

Thank you for voicing that, I just wanted to add that what we're looking for isn't to add another graduation requirement because one of the issues we are trying to tackle this year is affordability, so we don't want to add on any financial burdens to our student body. What we are trying to do is work with the University to find

ways to incorporate this into people's curriculum without increasing the burden. I am sorry for not clarifying that in the first place.

*Advisor Manini*

Based on what Paige said, in terms of reaching out to RIOs that is the complexity of it. Unless you sit and read 300 Constitutions and charters for 300 RIOs, you're going to be selecting based on the member's of the committee's interpretation of which RIOs care about or are interested in specific issues and that is the issue. If you send out an open email and have them contact you if they are interested in certain issues or working on certain issues, then it is a more equitable way of reaching out to the constituents than hand selecting based on your interpretation of which groups make sense to send people to.

*SAL Williams*

I have concerns about additional requirements. I understand what Senator Kim said about having the University implement it with other current classes that we have to take, but I'm worried since our classes are quite short. I'm worried about not necessarily diluting, but taking away from other courses. The courses are usually spread pretty thin like for history and a lot of things because there is not a lot of time. So while I think it is good in theory, I wouldn't support that in practice. As it is not practical especially with affordability issues or making our professors work more and they are already overworked because a lot of our instructors are grad students themselves who are also our fellow students.

*President Albano*

In the interest of time, if you have any more comments or questions about this, you are welcome to attend the Student Affairs meetings as well, so feel free to go there and give your input.

*Senator Vogt*

I just wanted to say exactly what you said. Please feel free to hop on our zoom calls or reach out to any of our committee members to talk about this because as much as this is what is being reported today, this is a collaborative process and it is in pursuit of better advocacy of our constituents and for ourselves. So I love this conversation, and I would love for it to continue outside of Gen Sen sometime.

### **Undergraduate Academic Affairs**

*Chairperson Bowersmith*

So far we have introduced ourselves through email and in the future we are looking to set up a time for our first committee meeting. Which I'm thinking will be sometime in early July. So I will be sending out an email for a when-to-meet on that soon. We're also going to determine the best method of communication, right now we have a Senator who is not in the country, so I'm thinking of postponing a form of text communication until they return. We will also need to plan for scholarships to open up for the first week of fall classes, but that will probably be our biggest priority. As previously mentioned we are considering collaborating with SA. Obviously there are lots of concerns around that, and I would love to hear more about that because they are all valid and important, so at this time we will see where that goes.

### **Other Committees**

### **SPECIAL ORDERS**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. [Senate Resolution 01-21: In Solidarity with the Black Lives Matter Movement](#)  
[SCR 01-21 Regarding Senate Resolution 01-21](#)

**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

*Senator Regaspi*

Motion to accept SCR: Regarding Senate Resolution 01-21.

*Senator Bowersmith*

Second.

*Voting was unanimously in favor; Motion carries.*

*Senator Vogt*

Student Affairs was referred to Senate Resolution 1-21, which was titled Solidarity with the Black Lives Matter Movement for our discussion and to look over a little bit. We had a pretty lengthy discussion about it and ultimately we want to lift up the introducers as well as the movement. Because we think it is very timely and appropriate above all, and a good instance of Senators leveraging their position to contribute to the pursuit of justice. That being said we do have some amendments that we would like to suggest. We separated that from its specific clause because we didn't have appropriate statistics to include, so it was more general. Following that it is a lot of language change because we felt that some language was more coherent at a basic level and we felt that some language was more appropriate to the point of this Resolution which was to stand in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement. Also all of these points are listed as comments and suggestions on the actual resolution.

*Treasurer Oshiro*

Motion to approve the SCR: Regarding Senate Resolution 10-21.

*Senator Hesla*

Second.

*Voting was unanimously in favor; Motion carries.*

**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MEASURE**

*Senator Vogt*

Motion to accept Senate Resolution 01-21: In Solidarity with the Black Lives Matter Movement.

*Senator Hokama-Paris*

Second.

*Motion passes.*

*Senator Vogt*

I would like to say that myself, or chairperson Kim, or any of our committee members would be happy to walk through any of the language amendments if needed.

*President Albano*

Advisor Manini, do we need to add all of these comments, right now so we can discuss it?

*Advisor Manini*

Because you guys approved the Standing Committee Report, all of them apply already, but for the people who are new to the Senate, it can be confusing because now the pink document has been amended with what the committee had in their report, so be careful that you understand that the pink document has now changed and reflects what is in the yellow document.

*SAL Bowersmith*

I was wondering if we could possibly send out the version of the document that has been edited to show all the crossing out and additions in green text.

*Senator Kim*

In the chat, I sent the working document, all the comments and suggestions have been left on there for people to look at.



*President Albano*

Please take some time to see the changes that were made. If you would like to make any motions or discussions, please raise your hand.

*Senator Vogt*

I just wanted to say that a lot of the changes that were made were regarding specific word choice and the nuisance that goes with that. A critical look is necessary in any resolution that we do because it is a long standing statement from ASUH. What might be a seemingly simple language change might be a different or expanded meaning.

*President Albano*

Thank you, I would like to say thank you to everyone who took the time to work on this. I am really proud to see this work happening, and for all these people to take time out of their schedule to do this. I'm very impressed and proud. Thank you everyone who worked on this.

*Advisor Manini*

What is amazing about this for me is that you pulled together and collaborated, so no matter how you vote on this document, people put together and collaborated, and the strength of the document, the clarity of the document and support. Whether you're for or against it, you can make a solid decision based on the efforts that people put together and put in it. Your working together really shows through. So you should really feel proud of yourselves. Those of you who have invested your time and made the time for something you believe in, so good job you guys.

*Senator Kanemoto*

Just a quick question. It looks good, just some of the parts have statistics in them, so I was wondering if we need to cite them.

*Senator Kim*

They are cited, they are in the footnotes.

*Treasurer Oshiro*

I just had a tiny comment on the footnote on page two, there are two footnotes named footnote five. I tried to fix that earlier, and I couldn't do that, so if anyone could fix that would be great.

*Senator Heslia*

Motion to approve Senate Resolution 01-21: In Solidarity with the Black Lives Matter Movement.

*Senator Vogt*

Second.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE RESOLUTION 01-21 WITH AMENDMENTS**

**Aye(s):** Treasurer Oshiro, Secretary Gogue, SAL Bowersmith, SAL Kaeo, Senator Chua, Senator Columbres, Senator Crowell, Senator Heslia, Senator Hokama-Paris, Senator Keim, Senator Kim, Senator Lee, Senator Pierce, Senator Regaspi, Senator Renteria, Senator Saari, Senator Sabandal, Senator Seals, Senator Shimizu, Senator Smith, Senator Vogt **[21]**

**Naye(s):** SAL Williams **[1]**

**Abstention(s) [0]**

*Motion passes.*

**OPEN FORUM**

*Senator Kim*

With everything that we discussed in the committee report, that is just everything we discussed in our committee meeting so we could be transparent about it. So if you have any comments on that as President Albano said, bring it

up at the next Student Affairs meeting. I will forward the when to meet but we generally meet on Mondays at 6:00.

*President Albano*

I would just like to mention that I sent out an email a little before the meeting. I had attended the Black Student Association discussion and panel who sent out a resource list, so I emailed that to all of you. Feel free to take a look at it, its for everyone.

**CLOSING**

**Announcements**

**Adjournment**

*Senator Vogt*

*Senator Hokama-Paris*

Move to adjourn.

Second.

*Voting was unanimously in favor; Motion carries.*

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



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