

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
2465 Campus Road, Campus Center Room 211A  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

General Senate Meeting #13 of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Senate  
Wednesday, October 15, 2014

**OPENING**

**Call to Order**

President Nishihara called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm in CC 310.

**Roll Call**

Present:	President Nishihara, Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Onishi, Senators Baxa, Borge, Callihan, Coria, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Mandado, Nguyen, Oshiro, Samiano, Sanchez, Schulz, Tagaban, Uyeda, Wainwright [26]
Excused Absent:	Senators Kwon, Lawi-An, Mitsui [3]
Unexcused Absent:	[0]
Excused Late:	Senator Elarco [1]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	Senator Borge, Coria, Mandado [3]
Unexcused Early Departure	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	Bonnyjean Manini [1]
Guests:	Jacqueline Chang [1]

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

*Senator Sanchez* Motion to accept GSMM #12.  
*Senator Kamakea* Second.

*Secretary Belisario* Motion to strike President Nishahra's line in open forum.  
*Senator-at-Large Lee* Second.  
Motion carries.

*Secretary Belisario* Motion to add Hawaiian diacritical marks.  
*Senator Grunenwald* Second.  
Motion Carries.

*Senator Oshiro* Motion to amend my motion to "Motion to strike Genevieve Bradley as an introducing

Secretary Belisario member.”  
Second.  
Motion Carries.  
Motion Carries.

**Official Correspondence**

a. Teach for America, Jacqueline Chang

*Jacqueline Chang* My name is Jacqueline Chang from Teach for America. I am the local representative. I brought cookies for all of you. I’ve been teaching at Campbell High School for 3 years as an algebra I teacher.

*Ryan Mandado* I really want you all to apply. When I graduate, I have a position for Teach for America. The reason why I decided to do Teach for America is because I like how the program works. It’s a 2 year program where you are placed in a school that is low income. Within that 2 years you get helps from mentors in the school and you get certified as a teacher and you get help to pay for your graduate school through Teach for America. I tell people to apply because in Hawaii in general, people of color don’t have the proper education to be up to par. It’s basically teaching for justice. Students work better when teachers look like them. It’s important for students to learn for them. Please apply. I’m here if you have any questions.

*Jacqueline Chang* I’ve posted flyers around campus about the deadline for Teach for America. We exist because of the idea of education inequity. We believe that there are amazing kids out there with amazing families but even with those things in place, these kids still need aid to a better education. We have a very competitive application process. We only admitted 15% of those who applied last year because we want the best of the best in the classrooms. Some of the perks of being a part of Teach for America is being in the DOE system so you get the benefits as well as being in the classroom. Please spread the word about this program.

*Senator Samiano* So all the schools that you’re with are title 1 schools?

*Jacqueline Chang* I’m not sure but we do have title 1 schools within our program. It’s a federal program so if you work for 5 years with us, you get the benefit of the loan forgiveness. If you have loans while in the program, our program defers it.

*Senator Schulz* What would you say about the controversy about this program? It’s an interesting program but a lot of teachers get upset with the fact that these people do not have an education background or degrees going to schools where students might not be privileged enough to get a good education. I’m interested in the program but the controversy deters me from that.

*Jacqueline Chang* Teach for America is not a substitute for a teaching degree. We agree that teaching is a craft that builds over time. We see ourselves as an extra pipeline for those who sees themselves as leaders. One of my biggest criticism is that it’s only a 2 year program. The other side of that is that the impacts you have with these kids are significant. We are very cautious that we are only choosing those who are in this for the right reasons. Not just to build their resumes.

*Senator Samiano* Is there specific tests for different states?

*Jacqueline Chang* Yes. For example, California. Their tests are a lot more rigorous. If we are going to get into details, I am available all week to meet with you.

*Senator Garma* When is the deadline for Teach for America?

*Jacqueline Chang* October 24, December 5, and January 23. I will be around so please let me know if you have any questions.

## **REPORTS**

### **Executive**

#### **President**

- a. Change in Share of Tuition Revenue Set Aside

*President Nishihara* I will read to you what I got informed about in regards to financial need and merit based aid.

*President Nishihara reads the information.*

*President Nishihara* If you want to look more into it, please let me know. I will look into this myself.

*Senator Grunenwald* Is the return to the 2014-2015 merit based aid is a dollar amount or percentage?

*President Nishihara* Percentage.

*Senator Grunenwald* So the total of that aid is the minimum.

*Senator Schulz* Can we testify?

*President Nishihara* Definitely. The way it stands is if the amount awarded in the academic year 2013-2014 is continues to rise, then it will be less than 10%. It's going to be up to the chancellor to decide if he wants that to go up. For those of you who came to our retreat, advisor Manini talked about change and what's already happening. I think a resolution would be a great route to go. I will send you the email with the details.

#### **Vice President**

*Vice President Zakimi* Thanks to those who came to retreat. You all should've gotten an evaluation sheet if you went to retreat. Please submit that at the end of this meeting. It's completely anonymous. We have encouragement bags in the office. It will be there until the end of this week. We have a office fiscal procedures workshop on October 29.

#### **Treasurer**

*Treasurer Takara* We have about \$200,000 in the C account.

#### **Secretary**

*Secretary Belisario* No report.

#### **Advisor**

*Advisor Manini* No report.

## **Standing Committees**

### **Campus Life**

*Chairperson Oshiro* We had a meeting today and 5. We are already getting things done for Homecoming. I want to remind everyone that I will be asking you to volunteer for time slots for Homecoming. Every volunteer will get a shirt.

### **Elections**

*Chairperson Grunenwald* We are doing elections this week. I know a lot of you have been polling but if you have signed up, please go to your set time.

*Senator-at-Large Lee* Did you send out the excel time sheet?

*Chairperson Grunenwald* Yes I did. I sent out two emails.

*SALe Nishihara* When I went to my tabling time, there were no tables.

*Chairperson Grunenwald* If that happens, go to MES and complain.

### **External Affairs**

*Chairprson Nguyen* We will be meeting next week Thursday. We will also be having a meet and greet at the state capitol. We are finalizing the Ka Leo ads and the promotional items. Building off of what Senator Oshiro said, this Saturday at 3:00 pm, we will be designing carnival games for the homecoming event. We will be meeting down by the old gym. Please be there if you want to help out.

### **Finance**

*Chairperson Kawagishi* We are having a meeting tomorrow and we will also go over one bill. RIO packets will be released next week Wednesday instead of this Friday.

### **Internal Affairs**

*Chairperson Schulz* We will have a meeting next week Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

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

*Chairperson Lee* No report.

### **Student Affairs**

*Senator Tagaban* We will be meeting on Tuesday October 25. Members, please come with 3 ideas.

### **Undergraduate and Academic Affairs**

*Chairperson Onishi* No report.

## **SPECIAL ORDERS**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Senate Bill 05-15: Reimbursement to Alyssa Fujii

*Senator Sanchez* Motion to accept SCR 24-15.

*Senator Grunenwald* Second.

*Senator Sanchez* Motion to change the date at the top right corner to October 15.

*Senator Oshiro* Second.

*Senator Schulz* Motion to accept SCR 33-15.

*Senator Grunenwald* Second.

*Senator Sanchez* Motion to accept SB 05-15.

*Senator Nguelyn* Second.

Senator-at-Large Onishi It's pretty straight forward.

*Senator Oshiro* Motion to change the title to "To Appropriate Funding for Grad Test Prep Reimbursement."

*Vice President Zakimi* Second.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Onishi, Senators Baxa, Callihan, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Nguyen, Oshiro, Samiano, Sanchez, Schulz, Tagaban, Uyeda, Wainwright [22]

**Nays:** [0]

**Abstentions:** [0]

Motion Carries.

b. Senate Bill 20-15: ASUH RIO Funding

*President Nishihara* We are scheduled to release award packets on Friday but the Finance committee did not have time to meet to review this bill.

*Senator Nguyen* Motion to discharge SB 20-15.

*Senator Oshiro* Second.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Onishi, Senators Baxa, Callihan, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Nguyen, Oshiro, Samiano, Sanchez, Schulz, Tagaban, Uyeda, Wainwright [22]

**Nays:** [0]

**Abstentions:** [0]

Motion Carries.

*Advisor Manini* For every instance of the word venue, change it to venue rental. I'm hoping senator Kawagishi would know what to change them as.

*Senator Kawagishi* There is only one instance of this.

*Vice President Zakimi* Motion to add in SECTION IV. PROVISIONS, "Lodging will only be funded through reimbursements."

*Senator Kawagishi* Second.

Motion Carries.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Onishi, Senators Baxa, Callihan, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Nguyen, Oshiro, Samiano, Sanchez, Schulz, Tagaban, Uyeda, Wainwright [22]

**Nays:** [0]

**Abstentions:** [0]

Motion Carries.

**OPEN FORUM**

**CLOSING**

**Adjournment**

*Senator Oshiro* Motion to Adjourn.

*Senator Grunenwald* Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Cassandra Belisario  
Secretary, 102<sup>nd</sup> Senate