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General Senate Meeting #9 of the 106<sup>th</sup> Senate  
Wednesday, September 12th, 2018

**OPENING**

**Call to Order**

President Dela Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM in CC 310.

**Roll Call**

Present:	President Dela Cruz, Vice President Simeona, Treasurer Honda, Interim Secretary Sakamoto, Senators-at-Large Kim, Li, Negrillo, Senators Balico, Creadick, Dunham, Ganoy, Hortizuela, Juliano, Oshiro, Ramirez [15]
Excused Absent:	Senators Galeng, Vargas [2]
Unexcused Absent:	[0]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	Senator-at-Large Chun, Senator Urasaki [2]
Unexcused Early Departure:	Senator Lao [1]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisors:	[0]
Guests:	[0]

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #8, 106th Senate - August 29th, 2018

<i>SAL Chun</i>	Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for GSMM #6.
<i>Senator Creadick</i>	Second.
<i>VP Simeona</i>	Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.
<i>Senator Urasaki</i>	Second.
	Motion carries.
<i>Senator Urasaki</i>	I just wanted to note that my name is spelt "Urasaki" and not "Urusaki."
<i>President Dela Cruz</i>	If you made a motion at the last meeting, please be sure that it's correct.
<i>Senator Oshiro</i>	Move to add "Senator Oshiro" under "Excused Absent."
<i>VP Simeona</i>	Second.
	Motion carries.
	Motion carries.

**Official Correspondence**

**Testimony**

**REPORTS**

**Executive**

**President**

a. UH Student Caucus Update - September

*President Dela Cruz*

For new Senators, I'm not sure if we have explained what Caucus is over the summer. There is a system-wide association that has two members of each student government from each campus under the University of Hawaii system. For example, Windward Community College and Hawaii Community College all have student governments and they all send two delegates, usually their President and Vice President, to serve on this Caucus. Vice President Simeona and myself sits on this body. This body is important because they meet to help address system-wide concerns. If the UH system ever needs feedback regarding student concerns, they would go to this body. Vice President Simeona and myself met with the Caucus this past Saturday. It was our training day and not an official meeting, but we did get to vote on different priorities that we want Caucus to focus on this year. If you were here last year, you should remember that our top priorities were implementing more open educational resources in classes, issues regarding transportation, increase mental health services, and affordability, which looked at food insecurity and housing. Coincidentally, those priorities are the same as this year's priorities, but there is a little more focus. It's actually moving forward from the steps Caucus took last year. Regarding open educational resources, Caucus actually passed a resolution last year and in response to that resolution, President Lassner of the UH System allocated \$240,000.00 to OERs. The next step Caucus is going to take is going to be to try and get a student delegate on the OER system-wide committee. They are also seeking student input on where students want to see this money put into the OER initiative. This isn't just good for Caucus, but specifically UH Manoa. We do have the person in charge of the OER initiative on our campus. We will be meeting monthly. If there are any issues that you think should be brought to the attention of Caucus, you can always let myself or Vice President Simeona know, so that we can bring those concerns or ideas to the body.

b. Future Guest Speakers & Presentations

*President Dela Cruz*

I just wanted to keep informing you folks of correspondence I receive in terms of inquiries about presenting at our ASUH meetings. Last time we got to hear from Commuter Services. I was recently contacted by UH Health Services as well as our Senator for Health Sciences and Social Welfare, Senator Vargas, and they are wanting to do a presentation on the health rate fee, which they are planning to do an increase on. I'm not sure if you all noticed, but in past years, they have been increasing the fee and this was an increase that was already approved by the BOR in the past. This time this is going to be a new proposal. They will be coming to our next General Senate Meeting on September 26th. If you folks know anyone who would like to speak to ASUH about any concerns or if you notice a concern and want ASUH to do something about it, you are more than welcome to reach out to them and get them to meet with us during our General Senate Meetings.

*VP Simeona*

For future guest speakers and presentations, can we please put a time limit on them? The last one went really overtime.

*President Dela Cruz*

I usually give them a time limit. I always tell speakers fifteen minutes. They would have five to ten minutes for their presentation and the rest of the time for question and answer, but we typically give them some leeway, especially if it is only one guest, for question and answer if you folks are passionate about the subject matter.

*VP Simeona*

I feel that we should enforce the fifteen minute rule.

*President Dela Cruz*

I think instead I'll try to email you folks earlier and have you all type your questions so that we can have a couple of you ask your questions and for those who didn't get to ask

their question, we'll already have them written down so that I can send it to them and have them respond later.

c. Reminders

i. ASUH Vision and Mission

*President Dela Cruz* The link is there for the ASUH vision and mission. If you're starting to forget why you are on ASUH or why you love ASUH then you should definitely read the card I gave to you all during the summer. You should also read through the things you expect of yourself as a Senator.

ii. Individual Picture Taking

*President Dela Cruz* We updated the bulletin board. If you notice that your picture is not up there, it's probably because I don't have a picture of you. Please contact me. We can try to figure something out, whether it be me photoshopping your picture or taking your picture, we can do something to get your face on the wall.

iii. Senate Bios

*President Dela Cruz* I did send out a link in my last email that came with the recap of the last General Senate Meeting. Please be sure to fill out this short form. It's just so that there's a fun bio that our constituents can read so that they know who their representatives are.

iv. NEW Deadlines for Agenda Items - Exact wording of Title/Subjects and Legislation #s: Fridays 4PM, Final Documents: Mondays 8AM

*President Dela Cruz* Please follow my legislation deadlines.

v. Executive Committee Meeting Reminder: Wednesday, September 19, 2018

*President Dela Cruz* Just a reminder that our next Executive Committee Meeting is next Wednesday, September 19th.

**Vice President**

a. Workshops

*VP Simeona* Thank you to everyone who came to our last workshop. I really wanted you to have the opportunity to ask your questions now because I know sometimes there's confusion about whose responsibility is it to do certain tasks. If you have any questions, please ask Advisor Sonoda-Pale for any clarification on this last workshop. I will keep you guys informed of other workshops. I'm in the process of planning the fall retreat. I just need to look back on the Elections timeline to see when those elected will be joining us, so the retreat will probably be shortly after that. I'm still working on our meeting with Regent Higa and Chairperson Putnam from the BOR.

b. ASUH Team Bonding

*VP Simeona* My apologies, September is really crazy. I'm going to be pushing this back to October. I'm thinking of doing two socials for the month of October. I'm hoping we can all go to the pumpkin patch and have a pumpkin carving contest.

c. Committee Reports due September 24

*VP Simeona* Everyone please remember to turn in your Committee Reports in a timely manner. There are still Chairs and Vice Chairs who are turning these in late.

*VP Simeona* I also want to remind you all to please upload important dates for your committees. Sometimes there's a meeting scheduled and a workshop scheduled all at the same time. I would really appreciate it if you all upload your dates as soon as possible so we don't fall into that issue.

**Treasurer**

*Treasurer Honda*

I just wanted to remind everyone to check the Cash Award Memo, which is on the clipboard in the office, if you're interested in whether or not you received your stipend. In the notes section, if you didn't receive your stipend, I put a note explaining why you didn't receive it. It could be due to minutes or not codifying something, so please pay attention to that. I wanted to talk briefly about the budget, which we looked over at our last meeting. When we went over the budget at the last meeting, we talked about how we had a lot of money leftover, but I want to remind everyone that although we had a lot that we didn't use, we should still be careful about what we're spending. We talked about our "Other Current Expenditures" account, which we had \$77,000.00. I know this seems like a lot, but this account is actually our backup account because we never know how the stock market is going to do. Every year we expect to spend the same amount of money. For example, last year for RIO funding we spent \$67,000.00, this year we're spending \$67,000.00, and it's going to be expected that next year we're also going to spend \$67,000.00, but that does not take into account the fluctuation of the stock market. This is why we have that backup account. If the stock market doesn't do good, that number is going to go down. As I have been keeping track of the stock portfolio, there are days when we do gain and some days that we lose that much money. That goes to show, this isn't that much money as a leeway. I just wanted to clarify the "Other Current Expenditures" account and how that's a backup for situations like that. Although it seems like a lot, it really isn't that much.

**Secretary**

*iSecretary Sakamoto*

Just a reminder to everyone to be sure you're uploading your documents and if you're uploading legislation that I'll eventually need to codify, please upload the word document so that I can actually edit it.

**Administrative**

a. Advisor

*Advisor Sonoda-Pale*

I'll just give an update on the cash awards. You should be getting the June ones next week and the July one is currently with the Chancellor, so we're waiting on that. I'm trying to catch up with all the cash awards by this month. You should be getting your June ones next week and July hopefully next week or the week after.

b. Operations Manager

**Judicial Branch**

a. Student Court

**Standing Committees**

**Campus Life**

*Chairperson Chun*

The t-shirt design is done. We're just waiting for the invoice from the graphic printer. I'm still waiting on the table layout from MES because I'm changing the layout again. I should have the final layout by tomorrow. I contacted the RIOs and asked them for an activity that they're going to be doing with the students. They all got back to me, but one RIO is dropping out from tabling so I contacted the Admissions Office to see if they wanted to do something, but they haven't gotten back to me. Fliers were just passed out. I want you all to put them all around campus. I have a few issues for Homecoming. There aren't that many volunteers coming. The volunteer list is being passed around. I think I'm going to extend this to the previous Senate as well. There are a lot of tasks to be done on the day of the event and I don't think our Senate alone can handle it. If you go to the link under my agenda item, there's an action plan.

*Senator Lao*

I actually have class from 9:00-11:30 and then from 12:00-1:15, so I'm only open for a thirty minute window from 11:30-12:00. Would that be worth it?

*Chairperson Chun*

There are going to be a lot of things to do. Once I present the action plan to you guys, you'll know how many volunteers we need. The setup time is going to be an hour earlier

than last year, so this will be from 9:00-11:00. We need to ensure that the tables are set up according to the premade diagram, cover every table with a table cloth and tape it down, and place all required materials on each of the tables. There is going to be a photobooth table for the Admissions Office, an ASUH table for tabling, and a ID scanning, raffle ticket, and wristband table. This is the table layout. One thing I did ask MES was to have the three tables at the top moved. This one table that is left will be for ASUH and the rest will be for t-shirts. Going back to the action plan, Senator Oshiro will be in charge of the food and what we need to do is ensure that the food tables are arranged according to the premade diagram, cover each food table with a tablecloth unless Sodexo brings one, and make sure that there is a portable hand-washing station. I have not received my work schedule for next week yet. If I do end up working for MES, I will technically be there, but I won't be able to help you guys out.

*SAL Negrillo*

*Chairperson Chun*

That's fine because I'm just going to send the volunteer sign-up sheet to previous Senate members. We have to make sure that the portable hand-washing station is there because if it is not there then we cannot serve food. Senator Galeng will be in charge of KTUH. We just have to guide KTUH to where they are going to be located, which is going to be the Starbucks lanai. Another task will be to pick up the ID scanners, which will be done by SAL Negrillo. From 10:30-11:00, VP Simeona will be in charge of the food. You'll have to prepare the drink coolers in its designated area. I'll tell you where. You also have to make sure the ice is in the cooler. Senator Galeng is going to be in charge of KTUH again, just making sure that they are set up and ready to go. Senator Creadick and I will be in charge of placing the signs on each table like the ASUH sign, the student ID sign, and the exit sign. We're also going to be checking on RIOs to make sure that they're doing okay. This is what I mean when I say we need more volunteers because each table we are going to have is going to be for each t-shirt size. We are going to have four tables for t-shirts and we'll need four people for the four tables. We want two people for each size. We're organizing the shirts from small to triple-XL. Each size has their own table, except extra-large to triple-XL will have their own table. Each person only gets one shirt so you have to check their hand to see if they have a wristband. You have to understand who is allowed to participate in this event. In the past, there has been a lot of confusion about who can participate. It's only full-time, classified, undergraduate students and to make sure of this we have the ID scanners. At the entrance, we will be checking IDs with the ID scanner. Once their ID is scanned, you give them a raffle ticket and the wristband. Make sure they are putting their UH email on the raffle ticket so that they can be notified if they won a prize, otherwise, it's going to be a waste of the raffle ticket. Do not let students who cannot verify their student status in. For food monitors, before you do any tasks given by Sodexo, make sure that ASUH members are allowed to help in the first place. Because of the new health regulations, I'm not sure if we're even allowed to help serve food. After you confirm that, you can see if Sodexo needs help. If not, just help with passing out the t-shirts. I did not assign any people to be minglers and that's because we do not have enough volunteers. I'm leaving that blank for now until we get more volunteers. Minglers will just roam around and talk about ASUH and promote AS(YOU)H Week, which I know is going to be coming up soon. From 1:00-2:00 we are going to breakdown. There's another event at 1:30, so we only have about twenty or thirty minutes to make sure that everything is packed up and ready to go. Please make sure that if you are free, sign up for a shift. This is a big event.

*President Dela Cruz*

I just wanted to make a suggestion. If there are people available, volunteers could pass out water to people tabling. It could get pretty hot depending on what the weather is going to be like. At past events, people would have to work without water or food.

*Chairperson Chun*

If you look at the volunteer list, you'll see that some of the names are highlighted in yellow and this means that you were assigned a task. If not, please don't highlight your name because a task hasn't been assigned to you yet.

*President Dela Cruz*

This is going to be our first big event for the year. Even if you aren't able to come and help, at least help spread the word. Homecoming is one event that people get hyped about, especially since they get a free shirt and they can wear this to the Homecoming

game or volleyball games. Really help spread the word on social media. The ad should be shared. Please post those fliers and help spread the word for Campus Life.

## Elections

*Chairperson Lao*

The Election Packets were due today at 4:00 PM. We actually have quite a few people running. There is an issue right now. We passed a rule revision over the summer that a request to be floor nominated must be accompanied by a written request at least one business day in advance. Right now, there are currently six candidates who did not submit signatures nor did they submit the floor nomination request one business day in advance. From the looks of it, five of them are from Arts and Sciences and one is up in the air. We tentatively have twelve people running for the ten seats in Arts and Sciences. If we eliminate five of them, that would leave us with seven people running for ten seats for Arts and Sciences. We also have two people from Engineering. There were no applications from Hawaiiinueakea, SPAS, TIM, Shidler, and Education.

*Senator Ramirez*  
*Chairperson Lao*

Did you receive my email? A lot of people didn't get it in because of inclement weather. I did get your email, but the deadline was yesterday. You forwarded me an email today and from the looks of it, that was also sent to you today, so that would not meet the requirement.

*VP Simeona*  
*Chairperson Lao*  
*VP Simeona*

The new rule revision is stated in the packet right?

Yes, it is in the packet. It is rule 50-4.

Because it is stated within the packet and they should have read it top to bottom, it falls under their responsibility.

*Chairperson Lao*

What we can do, if the Senate does choose to do so at this moment, with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  roll call vote, we may suspend rule 50-4, but the problem with that would be that it would be unfair for those who did meet the requirements because it would create competition for the Arts and Sciences seats.

*iSecretary Sakamoto*

I understand that it is explicitly written in the Elections Packet, but if you're requesting to be floor nominated, you might have not picked up an Elections Packet because floor nominations have their own packet.

*Chairperson Lao*  
*iSecretary Sakamoto*

It's more or less the same packet minus the petition.

But they wouldn't have picked it up because they are seeking to get floor nominated then they would have picked up the packet later.

*VP Simeona*  
*President Dela Cruz*

How would they have known about the floor nomination if they didn't pick up a packet? Sometimes people come into the ASUH office and inquire about ASUH or the Election and office staff would tell them that they can become floor nominated. I would think that they hear from word of mouth.

*VC Dunham*

If people were coming into the office recently and did not have enough time to get the signatures, they were told that floor nominations is an option. I wouldn't necessarily say that it is anyone's fault for not knowing. I could understand why people wouldn't have known because they were going to be receiving the packet late.

*Senator Ramirez*

Since we have a shortage of people in the seats, I think it would be helpful to get as many people as possible to fill those seats.

*Chairperson Lao*

Those that did not request to get floor nominated within the business day in advance requirement and did not get signatures, five of them are all Arts and Sciences. That would be unfair to the seven people that have already turned in the packets and had all the requirements. They would then have competition.

*Senator Creadick*

I understand that we need to increase Senate numbers, but I think maybe we want quality over quantity. I think we would rather have people who pay attention to fine print and deadlines rather than people who are emailing the day of.

*Treasurer Honda*  
*Chairperson Lao*  
*Treasurer Honda*

So you were saying that they were supposed to send a written request?

Yes.

Does this have to be done by tonight? Could we maybe extend the deadline for those with a really valid reason?

*Chairperson Lao*  
*Treasurer Honda*

We can do that with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  roll call vote to suspend rule 50-4.

But can it be made so that they still have to turn in the written request?

*President Dela Cruz* So it'll still be following the rule, but just extending the time frame.  
*Treasurer Honda* We can see if people had really valid reasons for not getting it in.  
*Chairperson Lao* What we can do is specifically suspend 50-4 b, which includes the stipulation that the written request has to be in one day in advance.  
*SAL Negrillo* I don't want to make an amendment because that is a whole different process, but how do we make it so that they have to get it in by today or by tomorrow? If we do an amendment, that would be a longer process, especially if we're trying to get new Senators in.  
*VC Dunham* How many people have no written statement at all or signatures?  
*Chairperson Lao* That would be six people out of the sixteen people.  
*VC Dunham* That's not including people who turned it in late?  
*Chairperson Lao* That includes people who did turn in a written request, but it was not on time. I would also like to note that rule 50-5 states that in the event that a vacant position is without candidates, we may make nominations after the deadline. So this really only applies to the Arts and Sciences seats. No one is currently running for Hawaiiineakea, SPAS, TIM, and Shidler, so we could still get nominees for those seats.  
*Senator Ramirez* For one of them, I was trying to coordinate with you to see if I could submit her name earlier on a spreadsheet.  
*Chairperson Lao* Move to suspend Senate Rule 50-4 b.  
*Treasurer Honda* Second.  
*President Dela Cruz* This is specifically the rule regarding having to turn in the written request to be floor nominated one business day prior.  
*Chairperson Lao* Rule 50-4 b states, "Such requests (referring to the written requests) shall be received not less than one business day in advance and must state the sender's name, the position(s) the sender wishes to declare their candidacy for, and the sender's reason(s) for seeking floor nomination." We could just suspend that one day provision. I do have the contact information for five of the six people, so I could reach out to them.  
*SAL Kim* Would that mean new people would be able to get floor nominated?  
*Chairperson Lao* We could have new people for the colleges that did not receive any candidates, but for Arts and Sciences, we have seven people running for ten seats and that could grow to twelve if we suspend this rule.  
*Senator Oshiro* Just to clarify, if we suspend that part of the rule, it only allows us to submit floor nominations for the seats that currently have no nominations?  
*Chairperson Lao* That's actually a completely separate rule. By suspending 50-4 b, this enables us to extend the deadline to receive written requests such that the five people that did not submit floor nomination requests on time nor did they submit the signatures required, may submit a written request so that they can be floor nominated. But for the five other colleges that did not receive any nominations, we can nominate them at any time.  
*SAL Negrillo* If you were to suspend the whole rule, we would be able to floor nominate them right now without them even needing to submit the written request.  
*Chairperson Lao* Rule 50-4 b states that they have to get the written request in one business day in advance before the floor nomination. We could just suspend that one provision.  
*iSecretary Sakamoto* I pulled up the Fall 2018 ASUH Special Elections Schedule and I just wanted to note that Floor Nomination Packets become available on Thursday, September 13th, which is tomorrow. If people get floor nominated, it would be at that time that they would pick up their Elections Packet and then they would read the rules to know that they had to submit the written request. Unless it was explicitly advertised in any other way, they wouldn't technically know the rules until tomorrow.  
*Senator Ganoy* How complicated would this become if we suspend the rule?  
*President Dela Cruz* The suspension is only temporary and just for this case. If we ever want to do this again, we would have to vote again.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE TO SUSPEND SENATE RULE 50-4 B**

**Aye(s):** Treasurer Honda, Interim Secretary Sakamoto, Senators-at-Large Kim, Li, Negrillo, Senators Balico, Creadick, Dunham, Ganoy, Hortizuela, Juliano, Lao, Oshiro, Ramirez, Urasaki [15]

**Naye(s):** Vice President Simeona [1]  
**Abstention(s):** [0]

Motion carries.

*President Dela Cruz*  
*Chairperson Lao*

This means that the rule is suspended for the Fall Special Elections. I'll reach out to the five people that I know for sure are running for seats in a specified college. We still have open seats for Hawaiiinueakea, Pacific and Asian Studies, Travel Industry Management, and Shidler. Given the next rule, 50-5, we do have the ability to nominate people for those positions. For people that did request floor nominations on time, I have three of them.

*Chairperson Lao*  
*SAL Kim*

Move to open up the floor nominations.  
Second.

*Chairperson Lao*  
*President Dela Cruz*  
*Chairperson Lao*

I can project the list.  
If you could start with the names of those who turned in a nomination packet. There is Nicolas Regaspi for Secretary and Arts and Sciences, Raiyan Rafid just for Arts and Sciences, and Matthew Easter for Arts and Sciences.

*President Dela Cruz*  
*Chairperson Lao*

So that means the rest are being floor nominated?  
With the suspension of rule 50-4 b, we pretty much just extended the deadline for floor nomination requests.

*Senator Ramirez*  
*Chairperson Lao*

Can we start floor nominating right now?  
In regards to the five people, I would make it tentative based on whether or not they submit the written request to me by today or tomorrow or whenever the request will be.

*SAL Kim*  
*Chairperson Lao*  
*Senator Ramirez*

I floor nominate Sarah Onishi for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences. I actually do have a written request from her, but it just wasn't submitted on time. I would like to nominate Ryan Su for the Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, Lauren Kobayashi for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, Karimah Bunn for Senator for Pacific and Asian Studies, Laura Lenhart for Senator for Engineering, Tristan Ross for Senator for Education, Marcus Patterson for Senator for Arts and Sciences, and Trina Elisara for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences.

*Chairperson Lao*  
*Senator Ramirez*

How many names was that?  
That was eight names and they are all in the email that I sent you. On Friday when me, Senator Balico, Senator Dunham, and Senator Lao went to post fliers about the Elections, it turned out that we didn't have that many packets turned in. Because of that, on Monday and Tuesday, I went to different classes and these were names I gathered from those presentations.

*President Dela Cruz*

Move to amend the motion so that we may accept any floor nominations tonight as long as they submit a written request by tomorrow.

*SAL Negrillo*  
*Senator Ramirez*

Second.  
Then at the next General we'll find out who was nominated successfully? Because I have written responses from all of them explaining different circumstances.

*President Dela Cruz*

Written requests have to be made to ASUH, whether that be the office staff or Chair Lao. Considering that you did receive messages from those people, it does have to go to one of the two. With this new stipulation, you can let these people know that they have to submit it to office staff or Chair Lao.

*VC Dunham*

I have a concern. You mentioned that people gave the reason of weather, but classes were not cancelled and this wasn't the same situation as Hurricane Lane. I don't think weather is a valid reason.

*Senator Ramirez*

For some people it was hard to travel from where they live. Some people didn't want to be driving or needed to be at home helping prepare with their family.

*Chairperson Lao*

President Dela Cruz, can I actually ask you to rescind that motion? It seems that we've done a lot of last minute hashing out right now, so I was just wondering if you all would be up for having a Special General Senate Meeting next week to do these floor nominations? We just suspended the rule. The list just grew from seven people to now eighteen people running for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences and I think



people would have voted differently if they knew that information prior. I would like some time to discuss this with the Elections Committee. I want more time to figure this out. I don't want to be figuring this all out on the spot, right here. We're in the middle of a meeting and it's not very good use of everyone's time.

*SAL Negrillo* I wanted to clarify what President Dela Cruz said. She wants to temporarily accept all of the nominations that are going to be made here tonight only if they submit their written consent pertaining to floor nominations by tomorrow, but with all of this happening right now, I think I would agree with Chair Lao's suggestion for President Dela Cruz to rescind her motion. This is a lot.

*President Dela Cruz* I would like to rescind my motion.

*President Dela Cruz* Right now we're still on the motion of accepting floor nominations, but given Chair Lao's thoughts regarding the process and wanting to push back the floor nominations, we could either change the motion or vote it down. This is only if you all are in fair of Chair Lao's suggestion.

*VC Dunham* Is it possible that we only excuse the people who turned in the request late?

*Treasurer Honda* My initial understanding was that we were suspending the rule only for the people Chair Lao mentioned earlier. I didn't realize we were opening it up for more people to be nominated at this time. If we had voted again, I actually would have voted differently.

*Chairperson Lao* Rescind my motion to open the floor nominations.

*VC Dunham* Second.  
Motion rescinded.

*Chairperson Lao* I would like to gauge the Senate and see who would be able to meet next week for a Special General?

*VP Simeona* Would this take place after the Exec Meeting or are we cancelling Exec and only holding the Special General?

*President Dela Cruz* I'm just going to clarify the situation for all the people you tried to floor nominate Senator Ramirez. We only suspended the deadline provision, which would not allow for any more floor nominations if the written request did not make it to ASUH. The floor nomination process is still possible, but only for people who submitted a written request already.

*Senator Ramirez* I thought we just say the names of those we want to floor nominate and those people would be contacted about all the requirements.

*Chairperson Lao* With a show of hands, I would like to see if we would meet quorum if we were to hold a Special General Meeting next week?

Eleven Senate members raised their hands in support of the Special General Senate Meeting on September 19th.

*SAL Li* It sounds like our main concerns stem from fairness. We talked about adding so many more people to the pot for Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences. In Senator Ramirez's floor nominations, he nominated some people who are in colleges that don't have any candidates, which means those people would be able to be nominated?

*Chairperson Lao* It seems that we would be able to meet quorum next week to hold a Special General. I also just want to apologize for all of this. This is entirely my fault. There is a lot of ambiguity. Clearly people did not know about some of the requirements, which falls on me.

*VC Dunham* I just wanted to say that this is not Chair Lao's fault. The Elections Committee did vote on this. Be upset with the entire committee and not just Chair Lao.

*Senator Oshiro* Does this mean that we can no longer submit floor nominations, even for seats that currently have no candidates?

*President Dela Cruz* It just wouldn't be tonight.

*Chairperson Lao* I will be meeting with my committee within the week to discuss all of this.

- Senator Ramirez* I want to state the intent for getting quite a bit of nominations. Like I said, on Friday there were so little applicants, so I talked to a few Senate members about going to classes and advertising the open positions. There is a committee with only three people on it. We have short numbers. This could affect our work and could affect colleges who will not have representation. Because of this, I went to classes on Monday and Tuesday to advertise the Elections and many people got into contact with me.
- VP Simeona* With all of this going on, I would just like to comment that the Elections Committee should have foreseen this and should have planned accordingly. Right now we're in this continuous loop of discussing the timeline. I would suggest we just make a decision right now. The way that I'm seeing it, the timeline is being pushed back more and more.
- SAL Li* Move to push back floor nominations to next week during a Special General, which would be included in the Elections timeline and have changes made to the Elections timeline as a reflection of this change.
- SAL Kim* Second.  
Motion carries.
- President Dela Cruz* This means that the floor nominations will be pushed back to next week and Chair Lao and the Elections Committee will meet to adjust the rest of the timeline to reflect this change.
- SAL Li* Because the floor nominations was rescinded and got pushed back, does that mean we're only taking the floor nominations that we have right now or are we opening up the nominations until next week?
- Chairperson Lao* I cannot answer that right now because I would need to talk to my committee. I'm sorry. I cannot make this decision by myself right now.
- Treasurer Honda* I hate to see a situation where people who did turn in everything not get nominated to people who did not. I know we want more people to apply, but that's not on these potential candidates, it's on us for not getting the word out.
- Chairperson Lao* In response to what Senator Ramirez was saying earlier, it is true that the nominations he provided is raising some concerns, but I would like to say that I do not think there is anything wrong with your intentions. I think what you did was good. In response to what VP Simeona said, this falls on the Elections Committee and, most of all, me. I would like to apologize to the Senate.
- External Affairs**
- Chairperson Ramirez* I'm going to be submitting a bill for ASUH polos. I'm going to send you all an email, so that you can submit your shirt sizes to me. I'm going to be sending a form.
- SAL Kim* We also need name tags.
- Chairperson Ramirez* Yes, this will also be part of the same bill.
- Finance**
- Chairperson Li* This week is a big week for the Finance Committee. Today and tomorrow are the RIO information meetings that RIOs must attend to receive funding. At these meetings they will learn about the interview process and the application process. We will be answering any questions about what can or cannot be funded. The first meeting was today from 5:00-6:00 in this room. The next meeting is tomorrow from 5:00-6:00 in Hemenway Hall 211. Please come if you're interested in our RIO process. We will be hosting the interview this week from Friday to Sunday. On Friday we will be in CC203B from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. On Saturday we will be in Hemenway 204 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Sunday same time in CC 309. I don't want to be the only one calling the shots, so please come if you can. I made a sign-up sheet, which is on the agenda. We're going to be having a little potluck. I will be bringing pizza since we are going to be there the whole day. You don't have to stay for the whole thing. You can come for an hour or two if you want. I really encourage you to come if you can.

**Internal Affairs**

*Chairperson Negrillo* I had meetings with both Advisor Manini and VP Simeona and prior to that I also met with President Dela Cruz to discuss possible rule revisions and things I can do as the new Internal Affairs Chair. I will be contacting my committee soon. I want to talk to VC Lao and former SAL Manabe to discuss what they were doing during the summer.

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

*Chairperson Ganoy* This Friday I am going to be meeting with former Chair Ng and Advisor Manini to talk about the details of this committee.

#### **Student Affairs**

*Chairperson Kim* Most of our energy has been going towards the food pantry. We have been receiving support from different organizations on campus. The Office of Student Veteran Services has been doing their own food drive and bringing their food to us. We have gotten dermatologists to donate travel-sized items, which is amazing. The KITV interview was done, but some of the information they put out is not the most accurate. Some people think that it's open to all UH students, so we're going to have to correct that. The When2Meet will be sent out tonight. I wanted to meet more regularly, but that didn't seem to work with all of our schedules. I will be sending out that When2Meet so I can decide a time that would be best for all of our schedules.

#### **Undergraduate Academic Affairs**

*Chairperson Hortizuela* The dates for all of our events have been entered into the calendar. So far, we reserved twenty tables to be made available on October 25th and 26th for the Grad Fair. We've invited as many graduate programs as possible and ten programs are confirmed. We are going to reserve more tables if more grad programs do decide to table. We are continuing to advertise the scholarships and awards. The banners are up on the balcony and the stakes are put around campus and the fliers are up. If any of you see that the stakes have fallen down because of the wind or weather, please pick them up and stick them back into the ground so that they are standing up straight. I have been contacting various big lecture classes so that I can advertise the scholarships and awards to them. I have fifteen out of twenty faculty reviewers confirmed so they can help us out for the semester. Each of my committee members have been assigned a task for Grad Fair. The bill for Grad Fair should be out soon.

#### **Other Committees**

#### **SPECIAL ORDERS**

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Senate Bill 05-19: To Appropriate Funding for an Advertisement in UH Manoa's 9th Annual Official Visitor's Guide

*VP Simeona* Move to accept SCR 08-19.  
*Senator Oshiro* Second.

Motion carries.

*Senator Oshiro* Move to accept SB 05-19.  
*VP Simeona* Second.

*President Dela Cruz* Unfortunately the introducer of this bill is not here because she had to leave early, but you all can read the purpose and familiarize yourself with the bill. Basically this is to provide funding so that ASUH may have an ad space in the Annual Official Visitor's Guide. All the information is on the bill. The ad would run from November of this year to November of next year.

*Senator Ramirez* I have read bills regarding this same thing and I just wanted to note that they have taken this Visitor's Guide to the mainland to other colleges.  
*SAL Negrillo* Do we have any say in what they say in the ad?  
*President Dela Cruz* We make the ad.  
*Senator Ramirez* I can show you all later the ad we've had in previous years.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 05-19**

**Aye(s):** Vice President Simeona, Treasurer Honda, Interim Secretary Sakamoto, Senators-at-Large Kim, Li, Negrillo, Senators Balico, Creadick, Dunham, Ganoy, Hortizuela, Juliano, Oshiro, Ramirez [14]

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

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

#### **OPEN FORUM**

##### **A. UHM Parking Rate Increases**

*President Dela Cruz* I just want to bring up the parking rate increase issue since we did just meet with Commuter Services. They are planning to meet with one of the BOR committees on October 3rd to get approval then they will meet with the entire BOR the following week. Since that is coming up, I just wanted to gauge what you folks really think about this. If this is something you think we should bring the student voice to, I can work with you to strategize that.

*VP Simeona* Who do we send our comments to about the parking rate increases?

*President Dela Cruz* Commuter Services. As of right now, if your constituents care about this a lot, they should send their concerns to Commuter Services so that they can feel the pressure, but not just that. They should also send written testimony or oral testimony at the BOR meeting on October 3rd and the one following. They are looking for student voice.

*Senator Oshiro* Has this increase been made public?

*President Dela Cruz* Yes, an email was sent to all students.

##### **B. UH Athletics involvement in student tailgating events**

*President Dela Cruz* This is an issue that a bunch of students brought to my attention. I didn't know this and this is something that should have been brought to the attention of ASUH. UH Athletics, specifically marketing, got involved with organizing tailgating at the football games for the entire season. They've approved funds to get a better stage for a DJ and they now control the area. There was a memo that was recently sent out only four or five days before the first football game. I have concerns with transparency and the lack of communication with ASUH about it. The biggest concern that was brought to my attention was that student groups and RIOs were not informed about this. It was said that student groups would have the opportunity to perform at these events, but the only student group that was contacted was TKE. I'm probably going to be contacting the marketing person in athletics.

*SAL Li* On my committee report, the rooms for the RIO interviews were wrong, but the sign-up sheet has all the correct rooms. Please sign-up or just come if you can.

*VP Simeona* To the Elections Committee, please be sure you email the Senate about when you're having your meeting. I would like to attend.

#### **CLOSING**

##### **A. Announcements**

- 1. ASUH Scholarships and Awards OPEN, due October 5, 4 pm**
- 2. ASUH RIO Funding Applications, due September 13, 4 pm**

#### **Adjournment**

*SAL Negrillo* Move to Adjourn.  
*SAL Kim* Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jaclyn Sakamoto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Jaclyn Sakamoto  
Interim Secretary, 106<sup>th</sup> Senate