

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA  
2465 Campus Road, Campus Center Room 211A  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822

General Senate Meeting #8 of the 94<sup>th</sup> Senate  
Tuesday, September 19, 2006

**OPENING**

**Call to Order**

President Teichman called the meeting to order at 6:10pm in Campus Center 220.

**Roll Call**

Present: President Teichman, Vice President Jones, Treasurer Hirahara,  
Secretary Kanarfogel; Senators-in-Large Grice, Stidman; Senators  
Apuna, Catt, Filer, Furmanski, Green, Lang, Long, Nishida, Pannell,  
Smatresk, Whiter [17]

Excused Absent: Senators Okamoto, Theune [2]

Unexcused Absent:  
Senators Ryan, Ogata, Soga [3]

Unexcused Late:  
Senator-at-Large Gerhardt, Senator Vize [2]

Advisor: Bonnyjean Manini [1]

**Official Correspondence**

No Official Correspondence.

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

No minutes were presented for reading.

**REPORTS**

**Executive**

**President**

*President Teichman*

UH Budget and Housing Bonds

President Teichman described the usage of General and Revenue Bonds in the State budget, going into detail the plans for the renovation of campus center and the new Frear Hall. A number of senators had questions regarding the expected rent for the Frear Hall dorm rooms, accommodations, and other State financing options. President Teichman explained that the main purpose of his presentation was to demonstrate the progress of ASUH input and work on a specific issue over the course of a few Senates. Some senators wanted to take more immediate action on the pricing of the new dorm rooms.

Senator Vize came in at 6:11pm.

**New Security Chief**

President Teichman informed the Senate that the University had hired a new Chief of Security without consultation with the Senate. Asked senators to think of how to address this.

**Vice President**

*Vice President Jones*

**ASUH Retreat**

Gave details of the ASUH Senate weekend retreat, including dates. Discussed and answered questions regarding accommodations.

**Leadership Conference**

Vice President Jones presented two options for sending senators to leadership conferences: two senators to a mainland conference, or up to six senators to a conference on Hilo. The Senate discussed the merits (in terms of learning potential, diversity, and budgetary merits) of each option. After much debate, a poll of the present senators demonstrated that a clear majority favored the Hilo option (unofficial tally: 12-4, with one abstention).

Senator-at-Large Gerhardt came in at 6:41pm.

**Committees**

Asked certain committee chairpersons if their committees had been able to meet. Answered questions about minute-submittal procedures.

**Treasurer**

*Treasurer Hirahara*

Discussed technical difficulties that have been holding up stipends. Some problems are a result of the previous Senate's paperwork.

**Secretary**

*Secretary Kanarfogel*

With Senator Green, described plans for the bulletin board. Pictures had been taken of senators present before this meeting.

**Advisor**

*Bonnyjean Manini*

Congratulated Senators Filer, Stidman, and Smatresk for their recent hard work in their respective committee's activities.

## **Standing Committees**

### **On-Campus Resident Student Affairs**

*Chairperson Filer*

Gave a wrap-up report on the Blood Drive and the daily planner handout program. Announced that the committee will be meeting with VCSA Hernandez next week.

### **Commuter Student Affairs**

*Chairperson Stidman*

Gave a wrap-up report on the public transit hearing attended by Mayor Hannemann. Reported on the initial plans for homecoming, and announced the next meeting times.

### **Cultural and Ethnic Diversity**

*Vice-Chairperson Apuna*

Reported on the most recent committee meeting. With Chairperson Green, discussed with the Senate possible future events, including a Hawaiian Cultural Polynesian Fest and Oktoberfest.

### **Elections**

*Chairperson Green*

Reported on the plans for the ASUH Special Elections, which starts tomorrow. Announced the next meeting time.

### **External Affairs**

*Chairperson Gerhardt*

Spoke about the Leadership Distinction Awards for the Fall semester. Gave an update on the brochures, the planned visit to the State Capitol, and discussions with athletics to work together promotionally.

### **Finance and Investments**

*Chairperson Grice*

Reported on the most recent committee meeting. Announced the major agenda items for the next meeting, including a meeting with the ASUH investment team.

### **Internal Affairs**

*Treasurer Hirahara*

Spoke about Senate Bill 11-07, which Senator Green explained he had pulled back to get better estimates for.

**Undergraduate Academic Affairs**

*Chairperson Furmanski*

Announced the next meeting time, and gave an update on the advertising efforts for the partial tuition awards program.

**Other Committees**

**Ministry of Decisions**

*Senator-at-Large Gerhardt*

Announced the next committee name, and described the committee's purpose and makeup, including the requirement for a confidentiality agreement.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

SRes 09-07 UH HIV Testing

**Motion by Senator-at-Large Gerhardt to accept SRes 09-07. Seconded by Senator Filer.**

**Motion passed without objections. SRes 09-07 accepted.**

**Motion by SAL Grice to amend SRes 09-07: correct grammatical errors. Seconded by Senator Whiter.**

**Motion passed without objection. SRes 09-07 amended.**

Discussion:

Senator-at-Large Gerhardt: Are the statistics correct?

SAL Grice: The statistics came from UNICEF's website, the "constant theme" line is a quote from Ka Leo, and the dates are from University Health Services.

SAL Gerhardt: What do you plan on doing if the resolution is passed?

SAL Grice: I've emailed the director of the State Department of Health, and I plan on going down to their office and getting answers. There's obviously constituency interest.

Vice President Jones: Do you want to add anyone else to the list of "Now, therefore,"?

SAL Grice: We can send it to whomever you think is appropriate.

**Motion by Vice President Jones to amend SRes 09-07: add "Governor Linda Lingle," to "Now, therefore, be it finally resolved".**

**Motion failed without a second. SRes 09-07 not amended.**

**Motion by Vice President Jones to amend SRes 09-07: add "Governor Linda Lingle, Lieutenant Governor Duke Aiona," to "Now, therefore, be it finally resolved". Seconded by SAL Gerhardt.**

**Motion passed without objections. SRes 09-07 amended.**

Discussion:

Senator Furmanski: "The leading killer among viral diseases" sounds sensationalist.

**Motion by Senator Furmanski to amend SRes 09-07: strike "the leading killer among viral diseases." Seconded by Senator Green.**

Discussion:

Senator Catt: Are we not in agreement on the fact?

Vice President Jones: Would you consider withdrawing the motion in order to reword the resolution in not such an inflammatory manner?

Senator Furmanski: Does the rest of the Senate like the way this is phrased?

Senator Filer: Granted, UHM isn't one of the major world problem areas, but it is a problem, and it does spread because of ignorance. The intention is to keep the service free and to promote awareness, so I think this is fine as worded.

**Motion withdraw.**

**President Teichman called for a Roll Call vote for passage of SRes 09-07.**

Ayes: Vice President Jones, Treasurer Hirahara, Secretary Kanarfogel; Senators-in-Large Gerhardt, Grice, Stidman; Senators Apuna, Catt, Filer, Furmanski, Green, Lang, Long, Nishida, Pannell, Smatresk, Vize, Whiter [18]

Nays: [0]

**Motion passed, 18-0, with no abstentions. SRes 09-07 adopted with amendments.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Committee Resolution #11

**Motion by SAL Gerhardt to accept SCR#11. Seconded by Senator Filer.**

**Motion passed without objections. SCR#11 accepted.**

**Motion by SAL Gerhardt to amend SCR#11: strike "Sakai" from the voting list and add "Smatresk," Matt. Seconded by Senator Filer.**

**Motion passed without objections. SCR#11 amended.**

**Motion by Senator Furmanski to amend SCR#11: strike "Vice Chair" on front page. Seconded by Senator Green.**

**Motion passed without objections. SCR#11 amended.**

**Motion by Senator Green to amend SCR#11: correct date. Seconded by Senator Filer.**

**Motion passed without amendment. SCR#11 amended.**

**President Teichman called for a voice vote to approve SCR#11.**

**Motion passed vivo voce. SCR#11 approved.**

Senate Resolution 07-07 Textbook Prices

**Motion by SAL Gerhardt to accept SRes 07-07. Seconded by Senator Filer.**

**Motion passed without objections. SRes 07-07 accepted.**

Discussion:

Senator Filer: An impressive list of student governments are calling on textbook publishers to keep costs down.

**Motion by SAL Gerhardt to amend SRes 07-07: correct grammar, and personal titles in the section “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED.”  
Seconded by Senator Filer.**

**Motion passed without objections. SRes 07-07 amended.**

**Motion by Senator Green to amend SRes 07-07: correct Hawaiian orthography.  
Seconded by SAL Gerhardt.**

**Motion passed without objections. SRes 07-07 amended.**

**President Teichman called for a Roll Call vote for passage of SRes 07-07.**

Ayes: Vice President Jones, Treasurer Hirahara, Secretary Kanarfogel; Senators-in-Large Gerhardt, Grice, Stidman; Senators Apuna, Catt, Filer, Furmanski, Green, Lang, Long, Nishida, Pannell, Smatresk, Vize, Whiter [18]

Nays: [0]

**Motion passed, 18-0, with no abstentions. SRes 07-07 adopted with amendments.**

Senate Committee Resolution #12

**Motion by SAL Gerhardt to accept SCR#12. Seconded by Senator Furmanski.**

**Motion passed without objections. SCR#12 accepted.**

**Motion by SAL Grice to amend SCR#12: change the record of President Teichman’s committee vote to “Abstain”. Seconded by Senator Furmanski.**

**Motion passed without objections. SCR#12 amended.**

**President Teichman called for a voice vote to approve SCR#12.**

**Motion passed vivo voce. SCR#12 approved.**

Senate Bill 08-07 Homecoming

**Motion by SAL Grice to accept SBill 08-07. Seconded by Senator Green.**

**Motion passed without objections. SBill 08-07 accepted.**

**Motion by Senator Green to amend SBill 08-07: correct Hawaiian orthography and spelling. Seconded by Senator Filer.**

**Motion passed without objections. SBill 08-07 amended.**

**President Teichman called for a Roll Call vote for passage of SBill 08-07.**

Ayes: Vice President Jones, Treasurer Hirahara, Secretary Kanarfogel; Senators-in-Large Gerhardt, Grice, Stidman; Senators Apuna, Catt, Filer, Furmanski, Green, Lang, Long, Nishida, Pannell, Smatresk, Vize, Whiter [18]

Nays: [0]

**Motion passed, 18-0, with no abstentions. SBill 08-07 adopted with amendments.**

Senate Committee Resolution #13

**Motion by Senator Whiter to accept SCR#13. Seconded by SAL Gerhardt.**

**Motion passed without objections. SCR#13 accepted.**

**President Teichman called for a voice vote to approve SCR#13.**

**Motion passed vivo voce. SCR#13 approved.**

Senate Bill 09-07 Ho'okipa

**Motion by Senator Green to accept SBill 09-07. Seconded by SAL Gerhardt.**

**Motion passed without objections. SBill 09-07 accepted.**

Discussion:

Vice-President Jones: Ho'okipa means "to entertain", and this event is an open house for the Center for Hawaiian Students and what it has to offer. It's a unique place, and we're the only university in the nation with a center for Hawaiian students. There'll be entertainment and food, and open to the entire campus.

SAL Gerhardt: Is this all the funding they need? It's one of the few things that supports Hawai'i and the language, and \$3,000 isn't *that* much, so is all they need \$3,000?

VP Jones: I wrote that amount into the bill because that is how we wrote it last year, and it worked out successfully. Hawaiian Studies has talked about another spring event we can think about funding, but \$3,000 is enough for this event.

**President Teichman called for a Roll Call vote for passage of SBill 09-07.**

Ayes: Treasurer Hirahara, Secretary Kanarfogel; Senators-in-Large Gerhardt, Grice, Stidman; Senators Apuna, Catt, Filer, Furmanski, Lang, Long, Nishida, Pannell, Smatresk, Vize, Whiter [18]

Nays: [0]

**Motion passed, 18-0, with two abstentions (Jones, Green). SBill 09-07 adopted.**

Senate Revision 09-07 Dress Code

SRev 09-07 was not discussed by the General Senate, as it has not been heard by its referred committee.

**OPEN FORUM**

Call for removal of Senator Ogata

Senator Green asked the Senate to consider a vote of no confidence in Senator Ogata. Senator Ogata has not been present for any Senate meetings, performed any official Senate duties, or contacted the Senate, its officers or office staff in any way to discuss said absences. The Senate had a lengthy debate on the issue including questions about the formal procedures involved and options thereof. It was determined that a suspension of the rules of the Senate would be required to proceed upon any immediate courses of options (other than those *in fieri*).

**Motion by Senator Green to suspend the rules of the Senate regarding complaint procedures. Seconded by Senator Catt.**

Discussion (modified slightly for anonymity):

Senator Smatresk: I think it would be better to include them sooner.

VP Jones: I want to let the senate know that this isn't a blind-sided move. It's not as if Senator Ogata doesn't know of these complaints or of his attendance record. We have repeatedly attempted to contact him.

Senator Whiter: I don't think we need to do this now. We can defer a decision for two weeks and take this up again at the next General Meeting.

Senator Catt: Is there a precedence for removing a senator?

Advisor Manini: This is my seventh senate, and this hasn't happened during my tenure. But that certainly doesn't mean you can't do it.

President Teichman: This is Senator Ogata's fifth year on the Senate. He is knowledgeable of the rules and expectations of the position. In my opinion, it would probably take about four weeks to get things back to a vote for removal.

VP Jones: We're going to waste more time in hearings when it's fairly clear what the outcome will be. We're wasting time right now as well.

President Teichman: That's a good point, but do keep in mind that this sets some precedence.

Senator Furmanski: I agree with President Teichman on the last point, and this is about a larger process. We know what will happen, yes, but this process is in place for all of us.

President Teichman: If this were anyone else, we'd be having the same discussion, and I'd be weary about circumventing the rules just the same. I would like to move to the vote.

SAL Gerhardt: I'd like to add that there're two other complaints with the exact same criteria, with the same problems.

Senator Green: I believe that we're fully within our rights to suspend the rules and deal with Senator Ogata in this manner.

**President Teichman called for a Roll Call vote on the question.**

Ayes: Vice President Jones, Treasurer Hirahara, Secretary Kanarfogel; Senators Filer, Green, Nishida, Pannell, Smatresk [8]

Nays: Senators-at-Large Gerhardt, Grice, Stidman; Senators Apuna, Catt, Furmanski, Lang, Long, Vize, Whiter [10]

**Motion defeated, 8-10, with no abstentions. Senate rules sustained.**

Leadership Award

Senator-at-Large Gerhardt displayed the Leadership Award graduation stoles and discussed what else the award entails.

Acknowledgments

President Teichman commended Senator-at-Large Stidman and Senator Smatresk for their work on the mass transit hearing, and wished Senators Green and Furmanski luck on the elections and tuition award projects. He also remarked on Advisor Manini's sentiments regarding the importance of acknowledging the efforts of others in the Senate, and asked individual senators to keep him apprised on what they are working on.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Senator Green to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Senator Catt.**

**Motion passed without objection. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm**

Respectfully Submitted:

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Dovid Kanarfogel  
Secretary  
Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

**APPROVED BY THE 94<sup>TH</sup> ASUH SENATE ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2006.**