

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA
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General Senate Meeting #7 of the 98th Senate
Wednesday, August 11, 2010

OPENING

Call to Order

President Itsuno called the meeting to order at 6:13pm in CC220.

Roll Call

Present: President Itsuno; Vice President Koethe; Interim-Treasurer Tabalno; Senators Fallon, Inouye, Linden, Pirsig [7]

Excused Absent: Secretary Pitts, Senators-At-Large Phillips, Tsuneyoshi [3]

Unexcused Absent: [0]

Excused Late: [0]

Unexcused Late: [0]

Excused Early Departure: [0]

Unexcused Early Departure: [0]

On Leave: Treasurer Beets, Senator-At-Large Millett; Senators Chik, Wilbur [4]

Advisor: Advisor Manini [1]

Guests: Laura Ruby, Jan Javinar, Davin Aoyagi, Liana Kobayashi, Brenden Burk, Katrina Namnama [6]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Senator Inouye
Senator Pirsig

Motion to approve GSMM#6
Second.
Motion passes unanimously viva voce.

Official Correspondence

A. Presentation: SAPFB Fee Increase

Presentation by Liana Kobayashi regarding the SAPFB proposal for Fee Increase

Senator Linden

Are you now expected to fund and bail out departments on campus? Isn't that the University's job?

Liana Kobayashi

We aren't here to bail them out but we do want to be able to help them out to support students.

- Brenden Burk* We'll make sure that we don't give them anything in excess and that the funds should be used to help the students be it in lower costs or entry. There has to be some visual form of benefit to students.
- Interim-Treas. Tabalno* I'd like to know more specifically why these departments themselves. When we had the athletic fee we asked them how are these benefits really going to work. Why these departments and what are we going to see in these departments?
- Liana Kobayashi* SAPFB has historically funded Kennedy Theatre and with these departments we felt that there was an enriching of student life and especially with the athletic fee, we wanted to show that UH has other programs to offer; and the main increase would be for grants going to RIOs, which is what we want to focus on. And we made sure that the departments know that they will be fighting for it along with the RIOs that they are not promised the money that we have figured and estimated they would need.
- Brenden Burk* Especially with Athletics overshadowing them we want other departments to be able to showcase what they have to offer as well. Although Athletics is integral we want to help out other departments as well.
- Interim-Treas. Tabalno* I want to be able to show that the fee need is proportional to the student interest. I understand that you are trying to bring in student interest with the fee but I just want to know how you are coming up with numbers.
- Dr. Jan Javinar* Historically ASUH controlled almost everything on campus including athletics and intramurals and the theatre and what has happened is while the fee was broken up this fee continued to gather people that applied for it. They are trying to keep this historical continuity of supporting and were very clear of what was and wasn't acceptable to support and still asked for an application. Kennedy theatre is really good at documenting what is needed and what was used and because of that can show constituents the information that you're asking for.
- Senator Fallon* I think that the same thing should be factored in to how much good it is doing. I think that the amount of good that you're doing should be proportional to the amount that you're spending.
- Senator Pirsig* I like the point about documenting fiscal usage. Will you have some sort of documentation?
- Brenden Burk* There is a huge packet that they have to fill out pre and post activity. They have to show things like how many students come and etc. We also have stipulations on the funds. They have to be used for the line items by which they were allocated. They need to present receipts and log that funds were properly used. If they violate they are setting themselves up for possibly not getting future funding.
- Liana Kobayashi* Previously we have not required strict documentation like the one that Kennedy Theatre gives us but with dealing with larger sums of money we will require that all departments show us documentation of this standard. The Kennedy packet will be used as a benchmark and we want to see the difference in hard figures to show that students are benefiting so that in the future we can make needed changes.
- Senator Inouye* What was the rationalization for making the fee the same for part and full-time students?
- Brenden Burk* We were looking at it in the sense that just because you are a part time student doesn't mean that you don't have the same access to funded activities as full time students. Equal access and equal opportunity means that it's fair that they pay the same fee.

- Liana Kobayashi* I feel that if you're a student and you're paying this fee you'll be more likely to take advantage of the things that you're paying for like art shows and theatre productions making the student experience more worthwhile.
- Interim-Treas. Tabalno* I think that the amount that you get is atrocious and you should get an increase and I can easily justify it to constituents. What I wouldn't be able to tell them is exactly why they need this much of an increase. I ask you to find a way to justify those numbers and rationalize it not necessarily with a spreadsheet but in some other way.
- Senator Linden* These aren't fixed amounts though right?
- Liana Kobayashi* Yes, these are figures that we're just playing around with based on the amounts that they had requested in the past. This is where we pulled our numbers from.
- Senator Fallon* Would there be any funds left over?
- Liana Kobayashi* We try to avoid spending the entire amount that we get. We always put some in the revolving fund but sometimes we draw from it. We try to use the amount that we get because it's for that year's students.
- Senator Fallon* What about stipends? Do you have office staff?
- Liana Kobayashi* No we have no office staff and our stipends are very small.
- Senator Inouye* How do students over the summer take advantage of the fees?
- Liana Kobayashi* We have had to turn down programs during the summer because the fee isn't for the summer so we're hoping to use that funding to help RIOs and departments that want to do activities in the summer.
- Senator Pirsig* Why do you need to get the fees a semester in advance?
- Dr. Jan Javinar* You have to plan events a semester in advance so it's just the logistics of the process.
- Advisor Manini* Also they have to get approval from the Vice Chancellor to use their funds.
- Senator Linden* It's impressive that you have been able to keep your amount the same but we have to consider the fact that a lot of fees are going up and a lot of departments are doing this because they haven't changed in 30 to 40 yrs. It's a bit intimidating. What would happen if this didn't go through for the next couple of years?
- Brenden Burk* It's on your chart but you would see a lack in our ability to fund RIOs and new RIOs and to even fund ourselves. You're also looking at the percent funded and it continues to decrease and we don't approve every application that comes to us and some RIOs can be discouraged. We're supposed to be a resource and they might be discouraged with our ability and if the fee is increased more might try to apply and we would be able to help.
- Davin Aoyagi* The importance is the RIOs. Keeping students on campus is a main goal and RIOs and CSOs are crucial and having events on campus are crucial. The other thing is that there is a shortfall in leadership across the CSOs and supporting RIOs would be indirectly beneficial to CSOs.
- President Itsuno* Does it overlap with ASUH funding?

- Liana Kobayashi* We do have a double dipping policy so we can't fund the same thing as you but since we fund a semester in advance and you fund the semester of it usually doesn't cross.
- President Itsuno* What exactly do you fund?
- Liana Kobayashi* Last fall we had 64 applications, which doesn't include Kennedy Theatre, which we're required to fund by our charter, so we're pretty tight.
- President Itsuno* What else do you fund that we don't?
- Liana Kobayashi* We fund graduate organizations and campus departments, and a lot less goes to RIOs.
- Senator Linden* When we have something dealing with a department we try to cosponsor.
- Advisor Manini* They [SAPFB] are required to fund RIOs by their charter, whereas you [ASUH] aren't.
- Interim-Treas. Tabalno* I just wanted to restress Linden's point that it's not just proposing a fee, it's proposing a fee amongst other fees. You should come up with every answer to the questions and really show what amount of the student population is really benefiting. You need to have a strong backing to get a fee increase.
- Liana Kobayashi* That is why we're seeking the support of you folks to make sure that we're backed when we go to the BOR. When we fund RIOs that are putting on an event that might be more community oriented, networking is good because Alumni will come back and they'll want to give back to campus and help out students as well as community donations and showing them that we have viable programs to offer students. We would hope that the community would see that we are putting out these good things and that they would want to give back and support.
- Davin Aoyagi* It seems like most of the questions are about the art department and music. We want to show that we will apply a higher level of scrutiny and that the money isn't guaranteed and that they have to work for it.
- Liana Kobayashi* For example, intramurals applied for \$9000.00 but we only funded them \$1.00 because they didn't put any work into their application and we are required to fund them.
- President Itsuno* Every year you redistribute. How do they get appointed and how do students get a say?
- Dr. Jan Javinar* They are appointed in the same way as CCB and the BOP.
- President Itsuno* How does the general student body get a say in how the money is spent?
- Brenden Burk* We do have applications out and we do hold public hearings so anybody is able to attend and provide feedback.
- Liana Kobayashi* We also do have alternate board member seats so if they still want to have a say that's another way that we could have people on.
- Senator Linden* It was easy for athletics to go through and you're going to have to have everybody on board. What are you looking for?
- Liana Kobayashi* We would appreciate help with publicizing and advertising.
- Dr. Jan Javinar* A resolution that you would adopt saying for or against to show that they consulted with student leaders would be great.

Senator Inouye My main concern is it being put on part time students. Are they going to go somewhere else because of all the fees?

Dr. Jan Javinar It is actually the only organization that calculates fees based on credit load.

President Itsuno Thank you SAPFB.

Senator Fallon **Motion to take a five minute recess.**
Interim-Treas. Tabalno **Second.**
Motion passes viva voce.

Recess at 7:22 PM.

President Itsuno called the meeting back to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call:

President Itsuno; Vice President Koethe; Interim-Treasurer Tabalno; Senators Fallon, Inouye, Linden, Pirsig [7]

Presentation by Laura Ruby from the Art Department in regards to SA 13-10.

She understood that \$2000.00 was appropriated but claims that she did not realize that amounts within the line items were binding.

Senator Inouye Was a senate act sent to you? Did you know about the line items?

Professor Ruby Yes, I made them. And I knew how much money I had when I ordered the plaques.

Interim-Treas. Tabalno So just to clarify with these line items you didn't spend in full with some line items and used the rest for the plaques?

Professor Ruby If I knew I had to stick in the line items I would have ordered half the plaques.

Senator Inouye Could you explain how the senate bill and act were explained to you?

Professor Ruby Eve was the point person and Jasmine was the person in the office. She said that a couple of things that needed to be clarified. However, she did not explain that I had exceeded budgetary line items. It wasn't until I received the check that I figured it out.

Interim-Treas. Tabalno How many plaques did you end up ordering?

Professor Ruby I ordered 14 and it came out to \$472.50.

Senator Fallon So since certain things were more expensive, where did those extra calculations come from?

Professor Ruby Part of what was happening was I do not get charged the tax because of resale and received large donations from Don Dugal.

Senator Linden I see in our past discussion that no one was sure where the frescos would go. Did they find homes?

Professor Ruby At the time some were unresponsive but we're going to try and get them in the Honors Program as well as someone is working to make sure that they find good homes. And you as ASUH can make suggestions and be first in line to choose homes.

- Senator Linden* What happens if you don't find spaces?
- Professor Ruby* I don't think that will be a problem and we just have to get the facilities request so it should be fine.
- Senator Linden* You bought it using resale license? Would these be resold?
- Professor Ruby* No, these are property of ASUH and the University.
- Interim-Treas. Tabalno* Please understand that this is no means an easy decision because we love the project and understand that there was a miscommunications but people do follow line items and this is not black and white.
- President Itsuno* I think that this would set a precedent if we decide to recall and fix. But we have another option, which would be to write a new bill.
- Advisor Manini* You could motion or make a new bill but you can't recall something from an old senate. To write a bill would be the cleanest option.
- Senator Linden* Is that ok?
- Advisor Manini* You just need to have all the receipts documented and show that parts were paid and parts not paid but there will be some technicalities.
- Senator Linden* I just wanted to make sure that it wouldn't cause more problems.
- Advisor Manini* I'm not sure if Rouel would but I know how to handle it.

REPORTS

Executive

President

- President Itsuno* **A. Athletic Advisory Board**
There's a letter for a nomination to the athletic advisory board. You don't have to be a member of ASUH but is anyone interested? [Senators Inouye and Pirsig and Senator –At-Large Phillips. Athletic fee follow up meeting will be on Aug. 25 at 1:30 PM.

Vice President

- Vice President Koethe* We will be resuming our training sessions at the next general senate meeting. I will get you all a schedule of the series at the next meeting. Also the retreat date is going to be on Oct. 23rd - 24th so make sure you mark down those dates.

Treasurer

- Interim Treas. Tabalno* No Report.

Secretary

- Position vacant. No report.*

Advisor

- Advisor Manini* No Report.

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Vice President Koethe

Homecoming Bill (03-11) is on the agenda a little bit later. I've also included a basic sheet that shows all of the proposed expenditures for Homecoming so please feel free to look that over. I've been working closely with Activities' Council to come up with these different options so if you have any questions please let me know.

Elections

Chairperson Fallon

We tried to have a meeting today but didn't make quorum but did divide up some of the work and publicity.

Senator Pirsig

I'm a non-voting member so do I still count towards quorum?

Interim-Treas. Tabalno

Yes.

Senator Fallon

It's fine just see me after.

External Affairs

Vice President Koethe

Senate Bills 04-11 and 05-11 will both be on the agenda later tonight so make sure you look them over for mistakes or possible changes. I also wanted to find out whether or not we need a bill for election's advertising?

Advisor Manini

No, you can present it to the Executive Committee with a Chair's report, a motion and a second.

Finance and Investments

Chairperson Linden

We reviewed bills 02-11 through 05-11 and worked on committee goals and realize that we need to get those packets done. I can make them but I had hoped that the finance committee would be able to review it.

Advisor Manini

I'm supposed to come to ASUH and SAPFB and see if you would consider that they submit a flyer for their event so that we can promote it for them on the SLD website. It will help them promote student activities.

Internal Affairs

No Report. Not Present.

Student Affairs

President Itsuno

Eve isn't here but she is working on several projects. The Bus has input the sign that tells when buses are arriving and departing. She is also working on the press release. The ASUH sign by the bus stop needs to be replaced.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Inouye

I'm going to finish updating all of the funding packets and they should be ready on the first day of school.

SPECIAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Inouye

Senator Fallon

A. Senate Bill 02-11

Motion to accept SCRs 02-11 through 05-11.

Second.

Motion passes unanimously viva voce.

Senator Inouye

Vice President Koethe

Motion to accept SB 02-11

Second

Discussion on SB 02-11.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Koethe, Tabalno, Fallon, Inouye, Linden, Pirsig [6]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion passes.

Senator Inouye
Senator Fallon

B. Senate Bill 03-11
Motion to accept SB 03-11.
Second.

Discussion on SB 03-11.

Senator Inouye
Vice President Koethe

Motion to amend bill # to read 03-11 and strike and from 325221 from Section IV.
Second.
Motion passes unanimously viva voce.

Senator Linden

I feel like there are too many big prizes being given out.

Senator Fallon

Do they have to pay a tax on it?

Advisor Manini

Yes they do.

Senator Pirsig

We have to get it for them to want to come to Homecoming.

Interim-Treas. Tabalno

I agree with Senator Pirsig that we need to draw students to campus. That big prize should really be able to draw them.

Senator Inouye

There is discussion about promotion of it and possibly closing down café but I don't know what is going on with that so students can get food.

Senator Fallon

I remember they did that for the dorms and I didn't like being forced where to go.

Senator Inouye

Motion to add a provision that only UH Manoa undergraduate full-time students to be eligible for the prizes

Senator Fallon

Second.
Motion passes unanimously viva voce.

Senator Fallon

Regarding what Treasurer Tabalno said we do need to have input on it since it is so big and I think we have to be more specific on what we're getting.

Interim-Treas. Tabalno

If you're concerned with micromanaging details like that then you should request to be put on the homecoming.

Senator Fallon

If its' a focal point it's not micromanaging we should all have input.

Vice President Koethe

I've pretty much been doing this all on my own lately and I've previously asked for help and no one had anything to say. If you guys have any input please let me know but this fact sheet that I've put together shows all of our different options. As far as the prizes are concerned these are our options so we can use any different combination as long as it adds up to \$3,000.00.

Senator Inouye Should there be a provision saying that ASUH members and staff are not eligible for prizes?

Advisor Manini If you want you should. As far as advisors and staff it seems like we're juicing it if you get it but I can support you either way. It's your call it depends on how you guys feel in this rule. If you don't draw a provision you shouldn't be the ones pulling the names. If you think you might feel bad winning put it in.

Senator Inouye **Motion to put provision in that reads "Any person that is a member of a sponsor working on the homecoming event is ineligible to win the prizes."**

Senator Pirsig **Second.**
Motion passes viva voce.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Koethe, Tabalno, Fallon, Inouye, Linden, Pirsig [6]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion passes.

Senator Inouye **C. Senate Bill 04-11**
Senator Pirsig **Motion to accept SB 04-11**
Second.

Discussion on SB 04-11.

Senator Inouye What are the sizes of the ads?

President Itsuno They vary.

Senator Linden The reason that we did this was because we realized that we don't need to go to Superquote and can have it just for Ka Leo that goes over \$2,500.00.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Koethe, Tabalno, Fallon, Inouye, Linden, Pirsig [6]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion passes.

Senator Inouye **D. Senate Bill 05-11**
Senator Pirsig **Motion to accept 05-11.**
Second.

Discussion on SB 05-11.

Senator Inouye **Motion to strike the second paragraph under purpose.**
Vice President Koethe **Second.**
Motion passes unanimously viva voce.

Interim-Treas. Tabalno Next time we should have something that describes what the line items mean.

Advisor Manini You don't have to show the vendors and that you're not going over \$2,500.00. You can show it later.

Senator Linden Just have to make sure that the person spending the money understands.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Koethe, Tabalno, Fallon, Inouye, Linden, Pirsig [6]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

President Itsuno

We really need an Interim-Secretary.

Senator Linden

Motion to appoint Senator Inouye as Interim-Secretary.

Vice President Koethe

Second.

Motion passes unanimously viva voce.

CLOSING

Adjournment

Senator Inouye

Motion to adjourn.

Senator Pirsig

Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.