

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

General Senate Meeting #3 of the 102nd Senate
Wednesday, May 28, 2014

OPENING

Call to Order

President Nishihara called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present:	President Nishihara, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senator-at-Larges Lee, Nishihara, Senators Baxa, Grunenwald, Kwon, Lawi-An, Mandado, Mitsui, Oto-Pale, Sanchez, Sasabe, Schulz, Tagaban, Uyeda [17]
Excused Absent:	Senator-at-Large Murakami, Senators Kamakea, Kamoshida, Oshiro, Rashid, Wainwright [6]
Unexcused Absent:	Senator Callihan [1]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	[0]
Unexcused Early Departure	[0]
On Leave:	Vice-President Zakimi, Senators Borge, Bradley, Coria, Elarco, Kawagishi, Nguyen, Roman, Samiano, Sy [10]
Advisor:	Advisor Manini [1]
Guests:	[0]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Senator Mandado Motion to accept GSMM #2.
SAL Lee Second.
Motion carries.

Senator Mitsui Motion to change Senator Nguyen from unexcused to excused absent.
Senator Grunenwald Second.
Motion carries.

Official Correspondence

REPORTS

Executive

President

a. PM #3 Relating to Student Caucus Delegates

Senator Schulz Motion to accept PM #3 Relating to Student Caucus Delegates

Senator-at-Large Lee Second.

Motion carries.

Senator Mandado Why did you choose this senators?

President Nishihara In the past, it's always been the president and either the Vice-President or External Affairs chairperson. Given Vice-President Zakimi's experience on Caucus, I decided to put her on as well as myself. Also, after talking to the External chair and vice-chair, they agreed to be the alternates.

Secretary Belisario I don't agree with the first alternate to this PM.

Senator Kwon Motion to go to executive session.

Senator Grunenwald Second.

Motion carries.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senator-at-Larges Nishihara, Baxa, Grunenwald, Kwon, Lawi-An, Mandado, Mitsui, Oto-Pale, Sanchez, Sasabe, Shulz, Tagaban, Uyeda [15]

Nays: Senator-at-Large Lee [1]

Secretary Belisario Motion to get out of executive session.

Senator Schulz Second.

Motion carries.

Ayes: Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senator-at-Larges Lee, Nishihara, Baxa, Grunenwald, Kwon, Lawi-An, Mandado, Mitsui, Oto-Pale, Sanchez, Sasabe, Shulz, Tagaban, Uyeda [16]

Nays: [0]

President Nishihara I was reached out by certain individuals who expressed interest in being a delegate for Caucus and the reason why the president and vice-president or external chair is chosen is because mainly the president and external chair speaks on behalf of the senate. In deciding whom to choose as delegates, I looked at not only credentials but also who could really go in with an open mind. Regarding on their report back to student caucus, as internal affairs chair of the 101st senate, I asked President Mizusawa what Caucus is and what they do and he said he will let me know if ASUH Manoa has to do anything in particular to participate. The delegates are chosen so that they will report back to ASUH Manoa if there is anything important for us to participate in and/or support.

Secretary Belisario Do you believe the 101st senate delegates did their job in regards to Caucus and its meetings?

President Nishihara Yes I do because I asked them what they were doing and in the amount of time they are given throughout the year, they have met.

Senator Oto-Pale Is there a way to keep us in the loop with Caucus? Like notes or minutes?

President Nishihara If that's what you want, I will ask Internal Chair Nishihara to make a list of committees that you could get a report back on.

Senator Sanchez Does the Caucus meetings come out of the ASUH budget?

Treasurer Takara Yes.

Senator Sanchez Since it comes out from our budget, we should have more information of it and it should be recorded. The delegates should also give a report back on what has been discussed in their Caucus meetings. It not only affects us but everyone on campus.

Secretary Belisario Motion to call the question.
Senator-at-Large Lee Second.
Motion Carries.

PM #3 does not carry.

b. Presidential Search

President Nishihara There is another meeting on June 2 at 1:00 pm at the IT Center. The BOR will be voting on the next UH President. From the email that Senator Mandado sent out, I reached out to President Mizusawa about GSO's stance and everything else in regards to the search. I specifically asked about the BOR's "bent" rules about Interim President David Lassner being one of the two final candidates.

President Nishihara reads email from past president Richard Mizusawa

President Nishihara Past president, President Mizusawa, served as the ASUH representative on the presidential search committee. If you guys have any more questions, please let me know. This specific matter will be discussed in committees first. It will be addressed in the Student Affairs Committee meeting.

Senator Mandado First, I would like to say that anything that past President Mizusawa has said is totally irrelevant and we should move on as a new senate. Second, as a student representative, he never really came to the senate and never really discussed about the process of the search. He brought in people from the search committee to talk about the presidential search when he already was on the committee. So I don't understand where all of this is coming from and the reason why I sent all of you an email (and I hope you all read it), was because the GSO passed a resolution with "NO CONFIDENCE" to the whole entire presidential search. And I don't know if you all agree but there are only two candidates. I went to Wersinski's open forum to the students and it was very disheartening as a student that he was one of the two that were chosen. First of all, he does not have a degree in higher education and he said a lot of false information that 85% of this university is Native Hawaiian. Which is totally false. He doesn't really know what's happening with this university. He treats it as if he's gonna come in and treat us like soldiers and it's something that, you know, a lot of people (especially the department that I represent like the social science department) totally disagree with the choice of him being president. So you have a lot of people from the humanities department that don't agree with this candidate and you're left with David Lassner. That doesn't give us much of a choice. What the GSO is asking for is that we do the whole entire search over with more clear and more explicit rules on how they will find these people because originally there was five but now we only have two options. They also said that David Lassner was not going to be part of it. And now he's part of it. There's other people who did apply and didn't really get a chance to show what they have and I just feel like we should have, as ASUH, the executive team as well as the external chair make a statement about what our stance is. Because right now, no one is hearing about what the undergraduate students think.

President Nishihara I sat in the first meeting they had on the presidential search and one of the main things that they brought up was the cost of the search so they decided not to spend a lot of money on a higher search firm and they took into account ASUH's resolution on the type of president we sole desire from the undergraduate population. With that, we were given five candidates but are left with two. The reason being is because of the five qualified candidates, two followed through.

Senator Mandado speaks out of turn.

President Nishihara Excuse me Senator Mandado. Can you raise your hand first? I'm not done. If they're going to do another search, it will cost our tuition dollars and a whole lot more amount of money. And to address Senator Mandado's concern about past President Mizusawa's intention of inviting the presidential search committee to speak at an ASUH general meeting, he could not speak on behalf of the committee on certain information and that is why they came to speak to ASUH.

Senator Mandado Yes it will cost a lot of money but this is the President of the university system that represents us on a national, state, and international level to show what the University of Hawaii is and we only have two options. What does that leave us? Who are we representing? As ASUH president, what do you think the student body wants? What do you think people are saying? Are we going to back up the graduate students who don't agree with the process? I think as the ASUH body, we need to take a stance on this.

Senator Mitsui With all due respect, we went through the entire process and as a result we just so happened to end up with two candidates. We had five initially and three dropped out for whatever reason. But these two people are the ones we will be choosing. I went to the BOR meeting yesterday in the IT center and they had a very lengthy deliberation on who it should be, there were testimonies, and the two candidates spoke out. People do put in a lot of time to this and I just think we went through the whole process and as a result we have two candidates. But for more discussion, we should have this in the Student Affairs Committee this Friday.

Senator Grunenwald We can't take a stance anyway because we have nothing on the table. There's no point.

Secretary Belisario The president and external affairs chair speaks on behalf of the student body and can draft a report as they wish. We don't need a resolution to take a stance on something.

President Nishihara Public testimony can still be made.

Senator Schulz Let's talk about this later before June 2nd.

Senator Mandado Can you make sure that as a ASUH we have a statement by June 2nd?

Senator Schulz We're not going to vote on it. So, no.

President Nishihara In that capacity, Senator Schulz and I will be representing ASUH officially.

Senator Mitsui Besides the Student Affairs Committee, is there anywhere else this issue will be discussed? I will be drafting a report from the Student Affairs Committee addressed to the president.

President Nishihara Right now, it will just be Student Affairs. But if anyone wants to introduce a resolution after the matter of fact, it's in your power to do so.

Senator Sanchez If majority of the graduate students to express their petition to recall the presidential search, as ASUH, we should back them up because they decided on their own free will and shows their passion for this university and that they want to change what they don't feel is right.

President Nishihara It's a good idea to come together as a united front but at the same time, it's unwise to go in passionately blind. We need to go in as educated as possible. Senator Mandado, have you sat in any of the presidential search meetings?

Senator Mandado I went to Wersinski's open forum.

Senator Schulz Do you know how much it would cost to do another search?

President Nishihara I will get back to you on that. But it would cost more due to the wider basis we would need to cover. The search was focused on getting local people but with the demand, it would go beyond that pool.

Senator Oto-Pale Since you and Senator Schulz will be speaking on behalf of ASUH, will you send us what you will say at the meeting?

President Nishihara Yes.

Vice President

President Nishihara Today we had our first workshop regarding Robert's Rule and our next workshop will be on Thursday, June 12 from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm in CC 310 about the legislative process. The next one after that will be on June 25 from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm in CC 307 about office rules and procedures.

Treasurer

Treasurer Takara Rate sheets are due. I will email you all tonight the rate sheet template. This year, ASUH fees dropped to \$115,000 and the stadium stock dividend went up to \$408,000. Total revenue for this year is \$524,000. I'm still working on the budget. Some major changes were more monies towards office personnel and scholarships.

Senator Mandado I didn't get my stipend for April and May.

Secretary

Secretary Belisario No report.

Standing Committees

Campus Life

President Nishihara There will be a meeting on Monday, June 2 from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

Elections

Chairprson Grunenwald I sent out an email to all my committee members. We will have a meeting next Wednesday at 4:45 pm.

External Affairs

Chairprson Schulz I will email my committee.

Finance

Chairperson Kwon We will be meeting next week.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Nishihara I sent an email about the best time to meet. We will be meeting on Monday at 4:45 pm – 5:30 pm.

Investments and Long-Range Planning

Chairperson Lee We will be having a meeting on June 9 at 6:30 pm in CC 310.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Mitsui We will be meeting this Friday about the UPASS and the presidential search issue.

Undergraduate and Academic Affairs

Chairperson Onishi I will be setting up a meeting soon.

SPECIAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

CLOSING

Adjournment

Senator Mandado Motion to Adjourn
Senator-at-Large Lee Second.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassandra Belisario
Secretary, 102nd Senate