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Executive Senate Meeting #1 of the 104<sup>th</sup> Senate  
Wednesday, June 1, 2016

**OPENING**

**Call to Order**

President Kamoshida called the meeting to order at 6:04PM in CC 310.

**Roll Call**

Present:	President Kamoshida, Vice-President Dela Cruz, Secretary Nishihara, Senator-at-Large Chen, Senators Delos Reyes, Ishii, Kim, Lao, Wang [9]
Excused Absent:	Senator-at-Large Callihan, Senator Utashiro [2]
Unexcused Absent:	Senators Barrow [1]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	[0]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	Treasurer Hinshaw, Senators-at-Large Enriquez, Willis [3]
Advisor:	Advisor Manini [1]
Guests:	Kelly Miyamura [1]

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

**a. EMM#23 - May 4, 2016, 103rd Senate**

<i>SAL Chen</i>	Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for EMM#23.
<i>Senator Lao</i>	Second
<i>Senator Lao</i>	Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting errors.
<i>SAL Chen</i>	Second
	Motion carries
<i>SAL Chen</i>	Move to fix all Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.

*Senator Kim* Second  
Motion carries

*VP Dela Cruz* Move to strike “Last meeting is tomorrow” under the report for Undergraduate Academic Affairs and put “No report.”

*SAL Chen* Second  
Motion carries

*Senator Lao* Move to correct the data of EMM #22 under Reading and Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2016 to April 20, 2016.

*SAL Chen* Second  
Motion carries

Motion carries

### **Official Correspondence**

### **REPORTS**

#### **Executive President**

- a. Guest speaker: Kelly Miyamura (DOE)

*Kelly Miyamura* This is more of a focus group to get discussion going around student success and what prepares you for college. I'll show you a short video and ask you a few questions. I work in partnership with the department of education. Part of what I do is help educators across the state inform education policy, so trying to create a teacher feedback loop with policy makers and teachers. We are working with the state to see how we can define student success. (*Show video and senate introductions*) Could you guys reflect on the vision, mission and core values? How would you define student success?

*Secretary Nishihara* I would define it as a student is successful if they're able to find something they're passionate about and explore whatever that is while they're in high school.

*SAL Chen* I think a student is successful if they have support from their environment and community to support their own passions and thrive in a learning environment. Some specific examples are their parents, or educators in the school.

*Senator Delos Reyes* Besides the academic aspect, a more holistic participation in academic environment is important as well. School is also about the experience you have and the people you interact with.

*Kelly Miyamura* Are there certain holistic experiences?

*Senator Delos Reyes* Clubs, student government and music, for example that students can get involved with that are not purely academic. A balance between academics and non-academics.

*VP Dela Cruz* To me, student success is the growth that a student can gain from, academically or personally.

- Senator Lao* I think student success should include the idea of constant progression.
- SAL Chen* Students learn in different ways, so maybe it would be good to adjust teaching methods to different styles of learning.
- Kelly Miyamura* Could you go through question 2 and the pie chart to the right? This is about targeting student aspirations. Do you think the data is accurate or that your experiences were different?
- Senator Wang* The small percentage of technical and vocational certificates is surprising to me. Trade schools seem like a very viable pathway for students to take.
- Senator Kim* I am relieved that a lot of students have the ambition to go for a four year degree or a graduate degree.
- Secretary Nishihara* I think what would be interesting is to see if these statistics change during their senior years, since reality starts to hit which may affect their goals.
- Kelly Miyamura* What innovative programs or approaches best prepared you for college readiness in your own experience? Any types of programs?
- Senator Delos Reyes* From my perspective, I can definitely say having a mentor throughout high school really helped me, both academically and personally.
- SAL Chen* I think a good college and career counselor who is aware of different opportunities, especially in scholarships, financial aid and internships, and who is also aware of what pathways are available and reasonable for your family is essential.
- Senator Wang* My high school had a program that prepared us for college where we could take classes at our high school or a local college, so while we were in high school, we could get a taste of college courses.
- Kelly Miyamura* The Early College program where students can get college credit in high school been very successful this year.
- SAL Chen* After school programs such as robotics were helpful. They helped students to explore their interests, and decide what they want to pursue after they graduate. Many students struggle with what they want to do.
- Senator Delos Reyes* I feel that there hasn't been enough emphasis on these types of programs. These sorts of things lead to academic success.
- Kelly Miyamura* Any other specific programs?
- VP Dela Cruz* Band, music, sports and mock trial. Also, CTEs, DECA, FCCLA. Also yearbook, and student newspapers. I think these prepare you since a lot of high schoolers want to try

more than one thing. Since these are specific, they can find out which of these they are more inclined to do.

- Senator Wang* I think all the things we mentioned are in some way creative outlets. They're engaging and fun ways to get students to participate initially, and once they're in there, they discover that they have interests and they can pursue those.
- SAL Chen* For me, part of it was networking and getting to know other people. Part of it is having people around you who are supportive and will guide you along the way.
- VP Dela Cruz* Another thing that is important is community readiness, and service clubs help. I think the senior project helped with community readiness.
- Kelly Miyamura* Where are some areas of improvement?
- VP Dela Cruz* One is support towards environment safety such as bullying and air conditioning, so support towards having a suitable environment to learn and interact in.
- Senator Delos Reyes* Although I am not a STEM major, I feel that at least at my high school, STEM programs were drastically underfunded. A lot of students who may have wanted to explore these fields didn't get the chance.
- Senator Kim* Another improvement could be to have a wider foundation of classes that you can take. There were a lot of AP exams that I would've been interested in but my high school didn't offer. I know funding is difficult for these classes, so in middle school they should advertise which high schools offer which courses. This way, students can have an idea of where to go to for the classes they want to take.
- SAL Chen* I think high school should be more realistic. It should help to open you up to more internship and volunteer opportunities towards realistic career goals and what outside of high school would look like. I feel that high school doesn't reflect what life would be like outside. My high school has 44 valedictorians, which is not realistic. Half the students probably wouldn't have gotten it without a retake policy. My school believes that you are allowed to retake tests as long as you understand the material by the end of the course. I agree with this, but a lot of students take advantage of this. This is unrealistic because in college you are not offered retakes.
- Senator Wang* To expand on that, I feel that K-12 in general doesn't prepare you for college. It tries to make students well rounded, but doesn't help students explore certain areas they're interested in. Classes that helped such as woodshop or autoshop weren't advertised or offered on a great enough scale, so I think it's also important to make students and parents aware of these opportunities early in their education.
- Senator Lao* I think we should be testing students based on applications of what they learned, and not as much based on tests.
- VP Dela Cruz* There's also not much emphasis on real world skills like how to write a check. I think that more purpose needs to be put in Career and Academic Planning classes. When I was

in school, for these classes, we just filled out worksheets. Putting more purpose into and making these classes more relatable would be helpful.

*Senator Ishii* In high school, I wasn't a great student, so most of the classes they put me in taught me how to be financially literate. These were good for me and prepared me for the real world. These also would have been helpful for other students who focused on doing well in school, too. It's confusing why this gets left out for students who are successful in the class, while students who aren't are taught real world skills like taking out and paying off loans.

*Senator Lao* I think there also needs to be a greater focus on computer literacy.

*SAL Chen* Also important is promoting a healthier lifestyle. I think we should be taught how we can find alternatives. This should start at a young age. I also wish I was taught more about time management and decision making, and more educated on sexual health. People should be aware of how to protect themselves if these things were to happen.

*Senator Lao* I think it would be cool if school started later in the morning.

*Senator Wang* In regards to standardized testing, I think it's hard to change the system. Since colleges make standardized tests important, they can't be avoided. Also in California, public schools received money depending on how well they tested.

*Kelly Miyamura* The new federal law gives autonomy back to the states for federal funding. This is the time to rethink how we do things and reimagine what education looks like. Please check out the Tumblr site. There are some great responses from those adding to this conversation. You guys are pretty intuitive in how you can articulate yourselves. To add to this conversation, people are needed to participate.

b. New Deadline for Agenda Items: Fridays at 5:00 PM

*President Kamoshida* If you want to introduce any piece of legislation, please get them to me by Fridays at 5 PM.

c. Leadership Kick-Off

*President Kamoshida* VP Dela Cruz and I are planning a leadership kickoff. The tentative dates are June 20 and June 21. The 20 is more of a new senator orientation, and the 21 is for strategic planning.

d. Meetings with Chairs & Vice-Chairs

*President Kamoshida* I will send out an excel sheet for this.

**Vice President**

*VP Dela Cruz* I am planning a workshop for Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons.

**Treasurer**

*President Kamoshida* We are in the process of finalizing the budget for this year.

**Secretary**

*Secretary Nishihara*

Please emphasize to your VC to turn in your minutes within four work days of your meeting. Please also turn in meeting requests to office staff two days in advance of the meeting.

**Administrative**

*Advisor Manini*

I will be away from the office from June 2-12 and return on the 13. I will be off-island from June 3 - June 9. I will do my best to respond to emails within 24 hour periods. If emergencies come up with ASUH, you should reach out to Healani and Michelle. Healani is at a conference and will return to the office on the 6th. This means Michelle is the best contact from June 2-5.

**Judicial Branch**

**Standing Committees**

**Campus Life**

**Elections**

*Chairperson Wang*

No report.

**External Affairs**

*VC Delos Reyes*

Please look at the timeline provided in the agenda packet and let me or Chairperson Enriquez know if you have any questions. We are in the process of creating a timeline for events. All senators should have gotten a survey. Less than a third of the senators filled it out. Please fill it out, it only takes 5 minutes to fill out. It is for the purpose of updating the ASUH website. If you have any questions or suggestions for initiatives please contact me or Chairperson Enriquez. Also, we are planning on having a meeting on June 16 at 5:30 PM, 6 PM, or 6:30 PM.

*VP Dela Cruz*

Also, if you want to advertise an event or workshop, it is good to be in communication with External Affairs.

**Finance**

*Chairperson Kim*

We will be having a meeting in a couple of weeks.

**Internal Affairs**

*Chairperson Lao*

We will be having a meeting in a couple of weeks. Also, how many of you are still interested in office hours? This is regarding the rule revision I wrote last semester that didn't pass. Basically, the intent was to make office hours, workshops, participation hours, and events mandatory for senators as a part of their awards for service requirements. The office hours were something that last year's executive committee was in favor of.

*Senator Kim*

I think the office hours are a good idea, but the original rule revision definitely had some loop holes. I think making it a requirement will be a good incentive. This is one of the simplest ways to get involved. Personally, just being in the office got me more engaged.

*SAL Chen* I agree with Senator Kim on this issue, but I think if you don't have the time to put in office hours, then there should be another alternative. Thus, if you can't make office hours, then you can make it up.

*Senator Lao* To account for that, the original rule revision lowered the percentage requirement for attended meetings.

*Senator Wang* I feel that it makes a lot of sense to make office hours and events mandatory. If you participate in an event, that's representation of ASUH.

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

#### **Student Affairs**

*Chairperson Ishii* We will be having a meeting soon.

#### **Undergraduate Academic Affairs**

*Chairperson Chen* Vice Chair Urasaki and I planned out a timeline for UAA. We will email it to members of the committee soon and we plan on having a meeting when Vice President Dela Cruz returns from leave.

### **SPECIAL ORDERS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **OPEN FORUM**

*President Kamoshida* Congratulations on making it through the first Executive Committee Meeting of the 104th Senate. If you have any questions just email me.

### **CLOSING**

#### **Adjournment**

*Senator Lao* Motion to Adjourn  
*SAL Chen* Second.  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Nishihara  
Secretary, 104<sup>th</sup> Senate