

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
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General Senate Meeting #19 of the 105th Senate
Wednesday, January 31st, 2018

OPENING
Call to Order

President Dela Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present:	President Dela Cruz, Vice President Urasaki, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Bonilla, Hortizuela, Ikehara, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Ramirez, Sakamoto, Simeona, Utashiro [27]
Excused Absent:	Senator Khlopin [1]
Unexcused Absent:	Senator Chong, Dunham, Pasoquen-Castillo [3]
Excused Late:	Senators Petersen, Willis, Yamada [3]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	Treasurer Hinshaw, Senators Deinla, Manabe, Vargas [4]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	[0]
Guests:	Dr. Michael Bruno, David Matlin, Joe Matsunaga, Brad Motooka, Jeremy Wong, Geoffrey Kahapea Jr. [6]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #18, 105th Senate - January 17, 2018
Senator Simeona Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for GSMM #18.
Senator Lee Second.

SAL Chen Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.
SAL Leval Second.
Motion carries.
Motion carries.

Official Correspondence

1. **Dr. Michael Bruno, Vice Chancellor for Research & Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs**
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (OVCR, OVCAA)

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE SENATE ON FEBRUARY 14TH, 2018

- Dr. Michael Bruno* We are building out a new undergraduate research office and in the process of hiring people right now. I know there are different opportunities out there via federal, medical school and other things. I hope to provide undergraduate students to get stipends, low cost dorming over the summer so that they could do research. We are hoping to get a website up that has information about research and where you can get connected with faculty. On the academic side and regarding the legislature, we are tearing down the Sinclair library and making it into a student success center. If that becomes a reality you guys will be part of the early discussions of that, looking into collaboration spaces or having places for students to take naps, things like that. We are looking at the retention programs, how we distribute scholarships, and having more things in general on campus for our students.
- Senator Manabe* It was mentioned that there would be more research opportunities for undergraduate students but that is more for the STEM field. Would there be opportunities for other non-stem students?
- Dr. Michael Bruno* For me research is about moving your field forward and that could be in the performing arts, languages and literature, it could be biology. We talked about cultivating a capstone experience for students across all programs. When we say research we're talking scholarships and that includes all study fields.
- SAL Lao* What are your thoughts about the reorganization posed by the Chancellor Lassner?
- Dr. Michael Bruno* He appointed a smaller group a while ago, yesterday we had our second meeting discussion the details and there are two primary requirements for that. One is to bring research and education together, we are very unusual about that here. We have academic units and research units, as if academic units don't do research and vice versa. The other requirement is to ensure that student success, primarily new graduate students, that they are drawn together and made stronger. On the academic side we are talking about making academic advising stronger, international programs, and maybe having one home for all the programs. The way in which we register, classes and classrooms, they all could be made better. We talk about how you have to apply to graduate, why do we need that? We have a system where we know you have enough credits for graduation so why don't we just tell you? I can tell you that there is a lot of discussion about general education, like in any university. We are soon to have a external committee to review the general education programs to see if they are accomplishing goals and see what other universities are doing. We will take a look at the report, and share it on the website as well.
- SAL Leval* What is your stance and the administration's opinion on the concerns over the FQ hallmark and the class cap at 30 students, and your opinion on how to fix that?
- Dr. Michael Bruno* I'd like to see more evidence for the 30 and I am not convinced that smaller class sizes are beneficial to students, we need better teachers and other things. We have to teach teachers how to teach. We were having a big problem in calculus at the other university I was a dean at. We went in and re-engineered calculus, put more things on the website with tutorials, and the failure rate dropped dramatically. We brought in an external person for math right now, and I am anxious for chemistry and others to follow suit. Right now our challenge is budget because it turns out we might double the numbers of sections. My opinion is that I am not convinced on smaller class making for better student success, we need better teachers because students learn differently from students 30 years ago. Just because you get handed a PhD degree doesn't automatically mean you'll be a great teacher.
- Senator Manabe* Would the University possibly create more general education classes specialized for certain majors?
- Dr. Michael Bruno* I expect that it will be something we'll hear about from the external committee. The intent is that you graduate with some foundation of liberal arts. We all know that soon after you leave here you will be doing unexpected things and interacting with people who don't have the same background as you.

2. David Matlin, Director
Joe Matsunaga, Associate Director

Brad Motooka, Director of Marketing

Athletics

David Matlin

I am the athletic director, and thank you for inviting us. From the bigger picture we want to create a better experience for students. We agreed to take on the responsibility because we felt we could do it with the staff that we have.

Joe Matsunaga

We had this opportunity with the student athletic fee, as a win win for students and athletics. We believe that students contribute to the fan experience so we want more students at the events. Communication to students have always been hard because we have to send emails, and we see this as something that could help students beyond the college experience. On the smartphone app that we will create it will increase student engagement and communication. We will utilize part of the 8% funds to hire some undergraduates. SAFC was student ran in the past but the problem is that there is student turnover so it's hard to see things through that would take years. We are going to continue to shrink down the amount for grants. We are on schedule with our timeline to do what we can at the start of the next school year. We are in the testing phases of the SuperFanU app and we don't plan to roll it out until the next school year for the new incoming students. We are working with the bookstore to see if you could get rewards for example, where if you attend a certain amount of events and points you could redeem things at the bookstore. We have a few corporate partners that could provide cash or prizes.

SAL Lao

Going back to the slide comparing the three apps, is that the one time cost for the apps?

Joe Matsunaga

This is the annual cost and SuperFanU has the lowest cost one. We can integrate it to our existed ticketing system, which is important to us.

Treasurer Hinshaw

What would you be using the data analytics system for, would it be to provide evidence that there is a need for the fee increase?

Joe Matsunaga

Not to prove the validity of the student athletic fee, although we would love to have that dialogue to talk about what the fee is for and why it would be needed. This is to address the piece that used to be done by the student athletic fee committee that is no longer done by them. This is still to benefit the students.

Advisor Manini

I have worked with ASUH before the student athletic fee was implemented. I understood why the SAFC was created, it was more a political move more than anything else. The students already said they don't want it but you still implement it through the administrative way, they made the compromise for the students to keep 8% of the fee to use it in a manner in how they felt that they want to use it but it also included the need to increase attendance at the games. This body gives grants and SAPFB gives out grants, so it doesn't make sense that you would give out grants. The general student population has said they didn't want the fee but when you still implement it through administrative ways, at least make sure that it benefits the athletic program and students get motivated to support the program.

Joe Matsunaga

We do intend to re-look at the issue of how effective the grant giving is. As you can see also that we have much less going to the administrative costs and much more going to rewards programs directed to students. We could make it fun and it is important for as many people to download it as possible.

SAL Honda

To increase student engagement in sports there is a lot less mens sports than there is women's sports. Is that something that the athletic program is looking into? Could there be more co-ed sports maybe? Is it possible for all athletes to not be on scholarship?

David Matlin

We have about 21 programs right now. We have 13-7 and one co-ed. It is federal law and we have to mirror the student population here. It's not about scholarships there are three prongs to it. There is participation, scholarship, and laundry list to make sure they have the same equipment and coaching. You have to meet the scholarship portion. There just isn't much opportunities for co-ed sports according to the NCA, but I'd have to do some research on that.

Joe Matsunaga

We have about 500 student athletes in our program, some are on scholarships but some are not, some are on partial scholarships, but we do give that opportunity. About half of the athletes are paying full tuition.

- Jeremy Wong* I am speaking from both a faculty and student perspective. We are looking at perpetual uniform shirts that will last and they can return it at the end of their tenure. Voices of Aloha that comprises of 30-32 singers and account for the differences in sizes. When we did buy our own uniforms we ran into problems where factories have discontinued fabrics and we have to change and this will help us to solidify the branding, and a color that people can rally behind to say this is the ambassador of the school.
- Geoffrey Kahapea Jr.* It was an honor to perform last december, it was a full on gala and it would have been nice to have uniforms. There were problems with things being out of stock, not having the correct print, and it has been hard to get uniforms every year. What we were doing was borrow or have the new members purchase uniforms from previous members but they run into problems of sizes and they do wear out after a while. It's hard to present ourselves in a manner where we could represent the school because we weren't able to get the correct uniforms. What we have been doing was just wearing concert black, to uniform us a whole and as a team. Even that is hard because it might look different in colors, and we would be able to go more out into the public to represent the school.
- Senator Li* These shirts you said would last about 5-7 years? In the bill it says you would have a contract. Would the contract mention that the students should it be damaged that specific students would be responsible for that reimbursement?
- Geoffrey Kahapea Jr.* The marching band has set uniforms where they don't purchase every season, sign a contract, and they have a lot of different sizes. If there is any kind of cleaning needed they would take care of that, ensuring they would take care of the uniforms. Marching band was supported mostly by athletics, but we are not.
- Advisor Manini*
SAL Honda The marching band has come previously to ASUH and got funding in the past. Our committee reviewed this earlier today and we were wondering if our department gives your students stipends or funding.
- Geoffrey Kahapea* Not at the moment. We are starting to create a coral endowment but that is the beginning stages through the UH. They are in the building stages of the endowment so I am not sure where they are at. Our students still currently need to pay, but we're at 18% of our goal right now.
- Senator Simeona* How many shirts were you planning to purchase and are you going according to the sizing of the students you currently have?
- Jeremy Wong* About 40 shirts, and we are trying to encompass as many sizes as possible.

REPORTS

Executive

President

- a. UH Student Caucus
 - i. UHSC Lobbying Effort *February 16, 2018*
 - ii. Next UHSC Meeting: February 17, 2018

President Dela Cruz The caucus met on January 20th, the link has a detailed outline on what is going on with the caucus since november. We looked over different bills at the state legislature to see which ones we would track and lobby. The caucus plans to lobby on february 16th and the caucus meeting will be the 17th on saturday.

- b. Collaboration efforts with CSOs

President Dela Cruz The executive members of the CSOs met this past saturday to talk about how they could better collaborate. One of the ideas was a CSO open house where we would open up our offices and they could come visit, this is to help with retention and recruitment of members and the awareness of the CSOS. There are 5 CSOs- GSO, ASUH, campus center board, student media board, and SAPFB. There is also an idea of having a CSO mixer during this semester.

c. Board of Regents Meeting - January 25, 2018 - Maui College

i. BOR Meeting [Link to Agenda Materials](#)

ii. Student Regent Finalists

President Dela Cruz There has been finalists submitted for the student regent positions, they represent the students. There are 3 selected and their background is provided. The position will be selected sometime this year.

d. Office Hours [Link to ASUH Senate Office Hours](#)

President Dela Cruz Please sign up for office hours on the spreadsheet, if you haven't done your fingerprint scans yet please see Healani.

e. PM #21: Relating to Standing Committee Appointments (Spring)

President Dela Cruz Since some people are planning to run again next semester some people had to be moved out of the elections committee due to a conflict of interest. Make sure your name is on two committees.

SAL Chen Move to accept President's Message #21.

SAL Lao Second.

SAL Leval Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.

Senator Simeona Second.

Motion carries.

Motion carries.

f. PM #22: Relating to UH Student Caucus Delegates

President Dela Cruz This is to re-identify the chairs, vice chairs and alternates.

SAL Lao Move to approve President's Message #22.

Senator Ng Second.

Motion carries.

g. General Reminders

i. Legislation & Agenda Item Request Deadline: Fridays, 5 pm

ii. Executive Committee Meeting: February 7th, 2018

Vice President

VP Urasaki For new Chairs and Vice Chairs I've sent out a doodle so that we could have a chair and vice chair workshop on things about Robert's rules of order, minutes and things like that. I am also in the process of planning a legislative process and advocacy workshop with Stephanie Kim, from the government relations office.

Treasurer

Treasurer Hinshaw Please do your rate sheets, tonight is the last night for January. In the general fund about 39%, including all the bills that were updated onto the ASUH account and the laptop. We have about \$71,446.23 remaining. If you ask for anything from ASUH graphic designer please do so at least a week in advance if you would like to get it in on time.

SAL Chen Please make sure you submit a design request on the website, at the very bottom for senators.

Secretary

Secretary Ruan No report.

Administrative

a. Advisor

Advisor Manini No report.

b. Operations Manager

Judicial Branch

- a. Student Court

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Vargas We will be having a meeting Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00 PM in CC203B.

Elections

- a. Spring Special Elections Candidate Nominations

Chairperson Utashiro Move to open up floor nominations for the spring 2018 special elections.

Senator Willis Second.

Chairperson Utashiro I'd like to nominate Daniel E. Klingberg for the senator of SOEST, Brittany Rainville for the college of arts and sciences. Make sure you write it down on the special elections sheet after, for anyone who nominated.

Senator Ramirez I'd like to nominate April Estra, Giovanni Cantalup and Aaron Nee for the senator of the college of arts and sciences, Paige Oshiro for the shidler college of business. Motion carries.

External Affairs

Chairperson Leval Thank you to all of you who participated in this semester's ASUH event for putting in time and effort into making the event a success. I know there was a lot of you who went above and beyond.

Finance

Chairperson Honda As a reminder february 23-25th is when the RIO interviews will be, you can check the website for specific times and the place of the interviews. Free food by me will be provide (aw).

Advisor Manini It is important for ASUH to remember that we have an obligation to serve all students of different perspectives. Free speech is a constitutional right that all citizens and visitors to this country have a right to, when you decide who you want to fund.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Lao We had a meeting today at 4:30 pm and set out the PM. MWF from 10-2 pm we will be tabling if anyone wants to help out. We plan to send out an email announce as well to get delegates to fill up committee positions.

Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Ng Next week sometime me, maggie and Jannah have to meet with the audit.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Petersen I will be sending out a doodle for a meeting to talk about the UPass surveys. Please reply to the s

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Chen Scholarships are out, advertisements are out in the office so please pass out the flyers. We have sent emails to RIOs, academic advising units, and other programs on campus. Encourage your friends to apply, especially since we have this power to allocate money to students. Just be sure that they are full time undergraduates at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa.

Other Committees

1. "Save Sinclair" Ad-Hoc

President Dela Cruz No report.

SPECIAL ORDERS

a. Senate Resolution 04-18: Regarding the 2018 Hawaii State Legislative Session

Senator Simeona Move to special order SR 04-18

Second.

SAL Leval The 2018 legislative session opened this month on January 17th. The deadline for legislators to submit legislation to be reviewed was last week wednesday, which means they have a good idea about the legislation that is pertinent to ASUH. With that said there is already been legislative referred to various committees that affect UH Mānoa. In order for ASUH to provide their input on legislation that affects our constituents in a timely manner, we ask that this resolution be special ordered today.

⅔ ROLL CALL VOTE TO SPECIAL ORDER SR 04-18

Aye(s): Vice President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Bonilla, Hortizuela, Ikehara, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Sakamoto, Simeona, Utashiro, Vargas, Willis, Yamada [22]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): Senator Manabe [1]

Measure special ordered.

SAL Leval The purpose of this resolution is to solidify ASUH's priorities as it relates to the Hawai'i state 2018 legislative session. If you read the resolution you will see ASUH's previous stances regarding issues such as tuition or commitment to veterans, and you'll later see how those stances relate to the stances presented at this legislative session. We are applying this to our advocacy efforts this legislative session to help improve the undergraduate experience.

Treasurer Hinshaw For the be it resolved statement, I know that in the email you sent there were some amendments that you wanted to be made. If ASUH did want to make certain amendments to a certain bill that this is general or vague enough that people outside of ASUH who reads something related to OERS sees that ASUH supports it and pass it, despite wanting to add amendments. I feel that the wording of this resolution is a little vague and can be open to interpretation.

President Dela Cruz This bill does not specify any specific bill. We are reinstating the position that ASUH has taken before to certain topics, and this will allow our senate to track bills.

SAL Leval The introducers of the resolution made conscious effort to ensure flexibility in regards to specific pieces of legislation introduced at the capital. The OER bill was one that included language that was conducive to ASUH's exact mission related to OER. Nevertheless we appreciated the intent of the resolution or bill which was to expand the use of open educational resources at UH Mānoa. The purpose of recognizing that is so that in the future if amendments were made for the bill ASUH could have a say in that. To say that the statements made in this resolution automatically conveys support for a current yet to edited draft of a bill is not right. No bills are mentioned in the resolution.

Treasurer Hinshaw In the email that was sent it says that ASUH supports bills that alleviate the high cost of textbooks through open educational resources. There are bills that have to do with OERs, and in the email the one bill that was mentioned you guys said you wanted to make amendments on it. From how I interpreted the resolution, it sounds like you support the bill.

President Dela Cruz The statement says offers implementable remedies and implementable could be up for interpretation by the committees or me, if I'm submitting testimony on behalf of my office as President. Some people may personally think that the OER is not an implementable bill, but this statement just says that we support bills that are implementable related to OERs.

Advisor Manini If this bill stayed at its current form, would it be implementable since you wanted to add amendments to the specific OER bill?

SAL Leval Speaking on behalf of myself I don't think the bill in it's current form is implementable.

Senator Li The word implementable is a very flexible word and we might need to create more stricter definitions in how we support the bill. We support the idea of OERs but the current bill would require amendments. I think we should change the wording so that someone at the legislature doesn't think we support it. We should add somewhere in there that we support this bill with amendments, in order to make it implementable.

SAL Lao I can kind of see both sides. All the be it resolved parts start with the same five words "that the ASUH supports bills". Those words could be kind of leading, even though your intent isn't to say you support those bills.

President Dela Cruz To specify whether or not we support a bill is important because that is what is going through the legislative session. I hope didn't confuse everyone else regarding that email. It was just to give you guys the bills that we are interested in tracking, it has no intent to identify specific bills that we are targeting. We are reinstating the position that ASUH has taken before and allow for our senate to continue to submit testimony.

Treasurer Hinshaw Move to add Senator Petersen's signature to the resolution.

SAL Leval Second.
Motion carries.

SAL Lao The intent is not to support any particular bill but there really is only just one bill regarding OERs. So for those who doesn't have the understanding that they didn't specifically mention the bill would immediately just assume that we do support it.

SAL Honda Have you considered writing multiple resolutions that target more specific bills?

President Dela Cruz It is up to the senate to write specific resolutions pertaining to that topic. This is a guide for the senate to focus on different topics of interest at the state legislature to advocate. The reason we kept the language vague is for flexibility. At the state legislature legislators are able to gut out the content in a bill and put in completely new content. If you notice on their websites you can see that the title is very vague such as "relating to tuition" because they all share the same intent. Although there is an open education bill there is still the chance that legislators might change the content of different bills that pertain to the different to subjects in this resolution.

Treasurer Hinshaw Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.

SAL Chen Second.
Motion carries.

Advisor Manini Since this is time sensitive and need flexibility it is important to communicate the advocacy they are doing and the stances they take on behalf of the students.

SAL Lao If this does not pass hypothetically what would happen? Why is this time sensitive if we aren't having formal stances on bills?

SAL Leval Bills of our interest have already been sent to committees and scheduled for hearings. Everytime we are not there for hearings we are depriving our constituents of being heard.

President Dela Cruz Although the President could submit testimony on behalf of the Office of the President but it doesn't mean that the President represents the entire ASUH. With this resolution we would formally be able to represent our 10,000 constituents at the state legislature.

SAL Lao To clarify this gives the Chair of the External Affairs and President the ability to testify for bills related to these topics?

President Dela Cruz Yes. If this does not pass and we still do testimony, the testimony would be on behalf of the individual person.

Advisor Manini My guess is when you all have potentially taken positions on specific issues that it is tied to specific bills. It is summarizing based on issues, if you tried to use old legislation there might be problems because even though the intent still stands, it was tied to specific bills in the legislature.

SAL Chen Move to remove "bills that", and references to bills for every 'be it' resolved statement while maintaining the intention of the 'be it' resolved.

SAL Lao Second.
Motion carries.

Senator Li The issue originally was that it is a bit vague so by taking out bills it makes it even more vague.

SAL Lao This is more so to reinstate the previous position that ASUH has taken so that the current senate can testify on behalf of its students.

⅔ ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SR 04-18 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Vice President Urasaki, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Bonilla, Hortizuela, Ikehara, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Sakamoto, Simeona, Utashiro, Vargas, Willis [20]

Naye(s): Treasurer Hinshaw, Senator Yamada [2]

Abstention(s): [0]

Measure passes.

President Dela Cruz I linked the presentation, and as we emailed you last week about the bills that we wanted to track we wanted to further wanted to explain and show the stance that we would like to take. This does not mean that the other bills that deal with students we won't take a look at, these are just the beginning stages.

Senator Ng Move to recess.

Senator Second.

Motion carries.

The Senate entered recess at 8:05 pm.

Call to Order

President Dela Cruz called the meeting back to order at 8:15 PM in CC 310.

Present: President Dela Cruz, Vice President Urasaki, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Leval, Senators Bonilla, Hortizuela, Ikehara, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Sakamoto, Simeona [17]

Not present: SAL Lao, Senators Ng, Utashiro, Yamada [4]

SAL Leval As Jannah said we looked through all 180+ of the introduced bills this legislative session that related to the University of Hawai'i. We found these to be the most pertinent to us because of our past stances and who we are. The first couple are related to tuition. The first one we would like to mention is House Bill 2089 related to tuition assistance. Basically aims to include retired Hawai'i National Guards for tuition assistance. Right now active military, retired military and active national guard personnel can receive tuition assistance. The second is house bill 2255 relating to college service corp. This bill creates and identifies a Hawai'i service corp which basically puts students in contact with different internships or jobs within the state that is likely to relate to their degree program. For students who graduate from Hawai'i schools and if they participate in this student corp they are eligible for up to 4 semesters of waived tuition. The bill aims to support the requirements by the government due to low employment and provides relative work experience that correlates well to what the student plans to do with their degree. HB 29 and 2255 are recommended stances to support those, makes tuition more manageable for students.

Senator Petersen SB 2329 it caps increase of tuition for University of Hawai'i based on the changes of the household median income, we recommend to support the intent of this. These are about the board of regents and we recommend that we oppose all of them because they are about how the legislature wants to take away power from the BOR, which could affect the student body. SB 2309 would reduce the size of the BOR from 15 to 7. SB 2316 allows the governor to select a regent outside of the list from the advisory committee that selects the board of regents. SB 2317 makes it so that the BOR wouldn't have the only jurisdiction over the UH management and organizations.

SAL Leval In my opinion the worst one is 2319 because that one does what SB 2316 is, which allows the governor to pick a regent that wasn't recommended by the advisory council.

SAL Chen
President Dela Cruz

It also cuts the amount of regents from 15 to 7, and also mandates the student regent to be the student body President of the UH Campus.

How would that work since there is the President for the undergraduates and graduates?

In the bill it says it would just rotate. These bills give a lot of power to the governor to pick regents outside of the current process that we have. A lot of qualified students will no longer be able to get the position if the student regent is automatically the student President.

SAL Leval

The next one is SB 2328 is about open educational resources. I was excited at first but they were going about it in a while that ASUH wasn't about OER. Although the legislature recognizes that this saves money for students it mandates in the 2021 school year, it requires that all courses at UH require the use of OERs. If a course does not have the OER textbook it requires that the instructor of the course make an OER. ASUH is trying to be more collaborative with faculty as opposed to putting a mandate on the books, so we support the intent of bill. The green revolving fund, house bill 1830. Several meetings ago we had Matt Lynch who is working on the ASUH green revolving fund and he said one of the biggest hurdles was that expenditures greater than \$167,000 had to be approved by the state legislature. If you want to make any meaningful changes on campus \$167,000 isn't going to get you far. The proposed bill makes this worse- all expenditures by the fund have to be approved by the state legislature, which is contradictory to ASUH stance on making the green revolving fund more usable and efficient for the University. We recommend to support the intent of the bill but with suggested amendments of striking the line that says that all expenditure must be approved by the state legislature. These are a couple of newer additions to the capital website. HB 2623 regards the UPass, but we are not sure about the stance on this. This bill aims to reduce the cost of attendance at University by completely subsidizing the transportation fee at UH Mānoa and West Oahu. The reason we aren't sure about this one is obviously reducing the cost of attendance is something that we really want here, but this would lump funds from UH Mānoa and West Oahu when their transportation fees were developed in different ways. UH Mānoa's transportation fees was a student led initiative while West Oahu is a administrative mandate. This may take away the negotiating power that UH Mānoa will have. Lastly improving UH which goes along with making campus more convenient, the language in the bill suggests a move towards capital improvement projects to address campus maintenance. HB 2005 will basically allow University of Hawai'i to issue \$100 million in revenue bonds for the purpose of financing infrastructure and maintenance of qualifying capital improvement projects. The easiest way to think of what a bond is that we are authorizing the University of Hawai'i to take out \$100 million of debt credit to go towards these projects that we would like to complete. What makes it a revenue bond is that when the project is proposed the project wouldn't be approved unless there is a demonstrated way that that project could be paid through revenue made by the University.

SAL Lao

The payment of bonds will be tied to revenue streams like student fees, tuition, other entrepreneurial endeavors?

SAL Leval

Years ago students agree that we should take out a \$30 million loan for 30 years and within those 30 years the revenue that would be used to pay would be in part the student fees. We didn't really have a recommended stance please communicate with me and Jaylin about what we should do about that one.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

a. Senate Act 14-18: To Appropriate Funding for a "Save Sinclair" Campaign

SAL Chen
Senator Ng
VP Urasaki

Move to recall SA 14-18.

Second.

This bill is being recalled because earlier this year we had the entire save Sinclair campaign to allocate funding in the case we needed to put on protest events.

⅔ ROLL CALL VOTE TO RECALL SA 14-18

Aye(s): Vice President Urasaki, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Bonilla, Hortizuela, Ikehara, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Sakamoto, Simeona, Utashiro, Yamada [19]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Measure is recalled.

VP Urasaki

Move to recall and zero out SA 14-18.

SAL Lao

Second.

Motion carries.

⅔ ROLL CALL VOTE TO RE-ADOPT SA 14-18 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Vice President Urasaki, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Bonilla, Hortizuela, Ikehara, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Sakamoto, Simeona, Utashiro, Yamada [19]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Measure is re-adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Senate Bill 23-18: Funding for the PAC Spring 2018 Workshop

Senator Ng

Move to accept SCR 23-18.

Senator Simeona

Second.

SAL Leval

Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.

Senator Ng

Second.

Motion carries.

Motion carries.

[Link to Senate Bill 23-18](#)

SAL Chen

Move to accept SB 23-18.

Senator Simeona

Second.

SAL Chen

PAC is the pre-health pre-law advising center and they host a workshop for undergraduates who are interested in a health or law career. They will be having 10 workshops and this bill will go towards food for undergraduates, leis for the speakers at the events, shirts for those who work for the departments. It will be snacks and they have roughly around 175 students when they had 8 workshops.

SAL Lao

Move to change “shirts” to “uniforms”.

SAL Leval

Second.

Motion carries.

⅔ ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 23-18 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Vice President Urasaki, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Bonilla, Hortizuela, Ikehara, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Sakamoto, Simeona, Utashiro, Yamada [19]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Measure passes.

b. Senate Bill 24-18: Funding for the College of Natural Sciences Spring 2018 Student-Faculty Mixer

SAL Chen

Move to accept SCR 22-18.

Senator Kim

Second.

SAL Leval

Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.

SAL Chen

Second.

Motion carries.

Motion carries.

[Link to Senate Bill 24-18](#)

SAL Chen
Senator Ng
SAL Chen

Move to accept SB 24-18.

Second.

This bill is for the College of Natural Sciences on planning a Spring 2018 faculty mixer, where students can interact with students, faculty and advisors. To address the finance committee's questions, there are no additional funding sources provided and the number of students expected is 200. They had similar events like this but not like this before, and faculty will not be paying for this since they are participating.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 24-18 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Vice President Urasaki, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Bonilla, Hortizuela, Ikehara, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Sakamoto, Simeona, Utashiro, Yamada [19]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Measure passes.

c. Senate Bill 25-18: Funding for the College of Natural Sciences Residential Learning Program (RLP) Coconut Island Trip

Senator Ng
Senator Simeona
SAL Leval

Move to accept SCR 23-18.

Second.

Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.

Senator Ng

Second.

Motion carries.

Motion carries.

[Link to Senate Bill 25-18](#)

SAL Chen
Senator Ng
SAL Chen

Move to accept SB 25-18.

Second.

This is a small trip for the students in the college of natural sciences residential learning program. The faculty will be meeting the students at the designated location on their own. In approving the SCR we actually struck the food line item and had the total reflect the changes.

SAL Honda

We decided to strike the food line item because the food to student ratio seemed a bit high, and decided to keep the more essential parts.

Senator Yamada

I've gone to the coconut island trip in the past and had to pay the registration fee of \$10. How come we have to fund them, if it's not required for their major?

SAL Chen

They don't have any funding to go to this trip but since there is a budget cut at the department of biology and they can't afford it. It is an optional experience. The registration fee is higher because you have to go on a boat but you can't go on your own, and lifeguards have to be hired.

SAL Lao

My concern is not regarding this bill itself but it seems like there is a lot of bills going through for the college of natural sciences.

SAL Chen

I think this is the 2nd or 3rd bill that is passed. Historically we have passed a lot of bills for the pre-health pre-law center. If departments would like us to help them with funds they can request on the senate act funding.

SAL Leval

I wouldn't characterize this as special treatment but more like they are taking advantage of the services. It's up to the departments to contact senators to have the bills written. If other college would like to put up events we would fund them as well.

President Dela Cruz

Is the fee increase due to an additional fee?

SAL Chen These students are getting an in depth exploration of marine organisms, which could result in dangerous activities and needs to be lifeguards present.

Advisor Manini I am worried about the bill due to the fact that we are paying for students to go explore the ocean where they could potentially drown. If you don't cover lifeguards they can come back and sue you for providing them the funding for this. Your fees are student life fees and this is clearly academic support, and you are doing that in a very risky way. They can pay for their own registration and food, but the rest will lower our liability. Don't rush into funding a bill that should be thought well about.

Senator Ng Move to table SB 25-18 until the next general senate meeting.

Senator Simeona Second.
Motion carries.

d. Senate Bill 26-18: Funding for the UH Choirs

SAL Chen Move to accept SCR 24-18.

Senator Kim Second.

SAL Leval Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.

Senator Simeona Second.
Motion carries.

SAL Honda Our comments and recommendations have all been addressed.

Motion carries.

[Link to Senate Bill 26-18](#)

SAL Chen Move to accept SB 26-18.

SAL Lao Second.

SAL Chen This bill would help fund uniforms for the choir, and they would be able to reuse the uniforms.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 26-18

Aye(s): Vice President Urasaki, Secretary Ruan, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Bonilla, Hortizuela, Ikehara, Kim, Lee, Li, Ng, Petersen, Ramirez, Sakamoto, Simeona, Utashiro, Yamada [19]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Measure passes.

OPEN FORUM

SAL Chen Make sure you log out of your emails at the office, for privacy and safety.

SAL Lao We had an issue of bringing friends in after office hours, and we are going to start enforcing that rule.

President Dela Cruz Just wanted to remind people that the office is where the ASUH senators are able to do work and use supplies. If someone has an office key and they are in there you are welcome to be in there. As a reminder that if you have any friends coming to the office make sure you have them with you, and the office closes at 4:30 PM. If you would like to do work in the office feel free to contact the advisors or any of the executive officers if you would like to do some work in the office after hours.

SAL Chen We want to protect the information of all the individuals that provided us their information for scholarships, from people outside of the senate after hours.

SAL Leval Thank you to Jannah, Jessica, Alex, Clinton and Nicole for doing the RIO presentations.

Senators Simeona If you aren't in a committee that is holding an event and it looks like they need help, please lend them a hand. I have seen low involvement from other senate members.

CLOSING
Announcements

- a. Scholarships & Awards: Apply now! Awards due 2/23, Scholarships due 3/2 [Link to UAA Advertisement](#)
- b. RIO Funding Applications due 2/22 [Link to RIO Funding Advertisement](#)
- c. Help promote ASUH on Social Media!

[ASUH Video](#)

[Link to Meeting advertisement](#)

Adjournment

SAL Lao

Senator Simeona

Move to adjourn.

Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Peiqi "Kelly" Ruan
Secretary, 105th Senate