

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
2465 Campus Road, Campus Center Room 211A
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Executive Senate Meeting #9 of the 104th Senate
Wednesday, September 21, 2016

OPENING

Call to Order

President Kamoshida called the meeting to order at 6:00PM in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present:	President Kamoshida, Vice-President Dela Cruz, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Nishihara, Senators-at-Large Callihan, Chen, Enriquez, Senators Ishii, Lao, Omokawa, Wang[11]
Excused Absent:	Senator-at-Large Willis [1]
Unexcused Absent:	[0]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	[0]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	Advisor Manini [1]
Guests:	Kevin Harrison [1]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. EMM#8 - September 7, 2016

<i>SAL Chen</i>	Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for EMM#8.
<i>VP Dela Cruz</i>	Second

<i>SAL Enriquez</i>	Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting, and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.
<i>SAL Chen</i>	Second
	Motion carries

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Motion carries

Official Correspondence

REPORTS

Executive President

a. Mental Health Mtg. with Higher Education Choy and Ichiyama Update

President Kamoshida Last week I meet with Higher Education Chair Choy and Representative Ichiyama. We tried to get the Mental Health bill passed last legislative session, but unfortunately it didn't pass. I met with them to discuss different approaches we could take to get this bill passed. Some of the suggestions we discussed were creating more awareness. I'll be writing letters to different entities such as the Department of Budget and Finance, asking if they can have this on their budget. I'll update you all on this later.

b. Commencement Proposal Feedback

President Kamoshida Last general senate meeting April Goodwin of the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs did a presentation. I wanted to get your feedback on that before I email her. What did you think?

SAL Callihan I think this is a good idea. As a personal example, I couldn't make to graduation last semester because the traffic was so congested.

President Kamoshida April expressed to me that many parents couldn't attend their children's graduation because of the traffic. They also shut the doors to the stadium because it was filled to capacity.

SAL Chen I think it's okay, but I think it's weird that the question was posed to us. We can't imagine the experience of other students ourselves.

SAL Enriquez I enjoyed hearing this solution towards commencement because I know that this has been a topic that's been brushed to the side. I think our constituents appreciate that they are attempting a solution towards the commencement ceremony.

Senator Ishii I support it as well. I can't imagine my elderly grandmother going to graduation in the midst of the huge crowd.

Advisor Manini I think administration has not thought about the fact that a number of years back they got rid of summer commencement. With the removal of summer commencement, there are students participating in the spring ceremony who haven't graduated yet. We know of students from CSOs who have participated in the commencement ceremony but didn't graduate because they didn't pass classes or turn in paperwork. Or there are people who graduate in the summer but are from outer islands or out of state. Would they want to come back in the fall to participate in the commencement ceremony? We also know that enrollment is going down but graduation rates are going up. I know the absence of the summer commencement ceremony has caused the number of undergraduates

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participating in fall and spring commencement to go up. Graduation is big here and there might be some families who would want to go to their children's friends' ceremony, which may be at a separate time and separate ceremony, so would they really want to come out for another ceremony.

SAL Chen

Would it be best to ask for student opinion after the pilot or before?

Advisor Manini
Senator Lao

I think either is okay.

I think everyone has made very good points. However, in addition to that, I'd like to see a cost-benefits analysis from Administration, because I could see this being potentially justifiable if it saves a lot of money.

Senator Wang

Personally, I don't really care about the ceremony itself. I think what's more important is the lei-giving ceremony. Being able to split that into two sections allows students who graduated in one ceremony can stay while students who'll graduate in another one will be free to move around.

Senator Callihan

Can I make a suggestion to request numbers of participants in past summer commencement ceremonies?

President Kamoshida

Yes, I'll email her. I'll relay your feedback to April Goodwin.

Vice President
VP Dela Cruz

Thank you to everyone who filled out the google form. If you haven't yet, please do so ASAP.

Treasurer
Treasurer Hinshaw

What is the status of the signatures for the budget?

Advisor Manini

Healani got it on Monday, so it's all good now.

Treasurer Hinshaw

No report.

Secretary
Secretary Nishihara

No report.

Administrative
Advisor Manini

No report.

Judicial Branch

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Callihan

Thank you to everyone who helped out at AS(you)H constituency week. Next event is Homecoming. We will have a meeting tomorrow

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Elections

Chairperson Wang On October 3rd Elections start. The following week will be ratifying results.

External Affairs

Chairperson Enriquez Thank you to everyone for your support for the AS(You)H event. We have the shipment for promotional items sent.

Finance

Chairperson Omokawa RIO funding interviews are this coming weekend. Thursday we start at 6:00pm, Friday we start at 3:00pm, and Saturday we start at 8:00am.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Lao I discussed with Healani and Treasurer Takara on how to simplify the Awards for Service Process. I realized that it would be simpler to write a program to automate the process, rather than make a rule revision to simplify the process and potentially lower our standards.

Treasurer Hinshaw How long would it take to write the program and the rule revision?

Chairperson Lao About 2 to 3 weeks to write the program and a month to write the rule revision.

Investments and Long Range Planning

Advisor Manini Treasurer Maggie and Chairperson Willis are supposed to look to see if all of the concerns of the past Chairperson have been met.

Treasurer Hinshaw Our schedules didn't match, so we worked on it individually.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Ishii Next week Monday at 5:00pm is the tentative date of our next meeting.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Chen We had an unofficial meeting to discuss Grad Fair. Please share our ASUH Scholarships and Awards ad.

SPECIAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

a. Senate Bill 10-17: Homecoming 2016
President Kamoshida I refer this to Finance.

b. Senate Bill 11-17: ACE Bash 2016
President Kamoshida I refer this to Finance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

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CLOSING
Adjournment
Senator Lao
SAL Chen

Motion to Adjourn
Second.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Nishihara
Secretary, 104th Senate