

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

General Senate Meeting #11 of the 108th Senate
Wednesday, October 14, 2020

OPENING

Call to Order

President Albano called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM on Zoom.

Roll Call

Present:	[22] President Albano, Vice President Kim, Treasurer Oshiro, Senators-At-Large Anuszezwska, Bowersmith, Kaeo, Senators Baguio, Basim, Chua, Columbres, Crowell, Hokama-Paris, Kanemoto, Lee, Pierce, Regaspi, Renteria, Saari, Sabandal, Shimizu, Smith, Tong
Excused Absent:	[4] Secretary Gogue, Senator Garrett, Senator Hesia, Senator Seals
Unexcused Absent:	[0]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	[1] Senator Keim
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisors:	[1] Advisor Manini
Guests:	[0]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #10, 108th Senate - September 30th, 2020
Vice President Kim Move to accept the reading of minutes for GSMM #10.
Senator Hokama-Paris Second.

Vote is unanimous. Motion carries.

SAL Anuszezwska Move to approve the minutes for GSMM #10.
Senator Regaspir Second.

Vote is unanimous. Motion passes. GSMM#10 is approved.

APPROVED BY THE 108TH SENATE THE 28TH OF OCTOBER 2020

Official Correspondence

Testimony

REPORTS

Executive

President

Updates from UH Student Caucus

President Albano

I just wanted to let everyone know that at the most recent meeting this past weekend, the Student Caucus voted to create three standing committees on three issues. So these are the three;

On Post Pandemic Reorganization, so kind of like gathering information on each of the different campuses on post pandemic reorganization and providing input on that.

The second committee is on Student Voices and Transparency, which is the committee that I am a member of. It is kind of trying to ensure that student consultation occurs across all UH campuses, so kind of having conversations about that.

The third one is Civic Duty and Social Justice which Vice President Kim is a member of. That is kind of talking about anti-racism issues, and amplifying civil engagement opportunities for the UH system and things like that.

Those are the three committees that were created for the UH System Caucus.

Post-Pandemic Reorganization Update

President Albano

I have a couple of things that I want to share with you folks. If you click on this website that I have linked in the agenda, it takes you to a link that was included in the announcement that Provost Bruno made regarding the deans meeting that took place this past Monday. Basically all of the colleges and schools, provided updates on their own recommendations and response to the initial recommendations made for each of their schools on the Post Pandemic Hawai'i website. Especially if you're a senator for a college or school, I highly recommend that you look at your respective college and if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at the reorganization committee. Feel free to reach out to your constituents, faculty members or faculty chairs if you have any questions. I highly recommend that you do so.

This ties in with the regular consultative meetings that started today. Basically Provost Bruno has requested biweekly meetings with the consultative groups like ASUH, GSO, UHPA which is the faculty union, the faculty senate and all those other councils. Every other Wednesday, from Today, I had the opportunity to attend today's meeting and I will be kind of drafting up my notes and I will share that with everyone.

Something I did want to share with everyone is that in the next, if not the end of this week, the next week, the Mānoa budget team will be updating the Post Pandemic Hawai'i website with significant changes that they've made based on the updates from academic deans and things like that. I can say from Provost Bruno, programs like Dance and Theater, they removed the stop-out for those

programs and others. I have requested that when updates to the website occur that we get notified. I will be sure to send an email out to everyone for outreach and updates.

Ad-Hoc Committees

President Albano

If you have not yet filled out the sign-up form, if you could please do so by Friday, just to reiterate you do not have to be on an ad-hoc committee if you do not want to. The four ad-hoc committees we have proposed so far in addition to the reorganization committee are listed there in resources. We have Anti-Racism and Intersectionality, Sustainability, and Affordability. If you're interested in being a part of any of those ad-hoc committees, please fill that form out. For those who have already signed up for a committee, if you could also fill out this when2meet. I'm hoping to have this initiative workshop, it will probably last about an hour or so, but basically to have a space for the different committees to articulate any actionable goals. For each person to share a bit about what they are interested in, in terms of initiatives. I'm looking at it to be about an hour long, and we will have breakout sessions and things like that. If you signed up for a committee, if you could please fill out that when2meet by Monday, that would be great.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Candlelight Vigil

President Albano

Since it is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I wanted to share that Pau Violence, a great organization on campus is holding a candlelight vigil on October 26th. You will find the flyer with the information and the link on the agenda. I just wanted to share that with everyone in case anyone is interested in attending.

Vice President

Vice President Kim

To prepare for the new senators and just to train our senators as well, I am coming up with a list of workshops. I have to get in contact with Advisor Manini to polish it up, but other than that there's not much going on. I am thinking about planning a few socials in the upcoming few weeks. If anyone has any suggestions on games they want to play. So far I'm looking at general JackBox games that I'm planning on buying with the Vice President Leadership Development Fund assuming it will work. I have been told by Advisor Manini that buying these things can be tricky at this moment, but aside from that let me know what kinds of things you want to see out of our socials this year.

Treasurer

Treasurer Oshiro

No report.

Secretary

President Albano

No report.

Administrative

a. Advisor

Advisor Manini

I just wanted to sort of respond to what Jungha just said, for your purchases. Just like during this time, we might face challenges using the P card because it sounds like it was a social game type of idea. If we are not allowed to purchase it through the p card then we would have to go through additional steps.

Meaning Healani or I will have to go through additional steps to get our P cards unblocked to make the purchases. As long as we can rationally justify the purchase and whoever has the authority so for the leadership development it would be the VP or the senate passing an item. If we have that in hand we can use that to justify the expenditure, it might take us a little more time because we have to get additional approvals to get our credit cards unblocked. I don't want you to worry necessarily but there maybe additional steps that we have to go through.

I hope you are all doing well. I just want to emphasize that your health and well being, since we don't see each other in person, and we don't talk a lot unless we're task oriented or looking at a specific item. When we're task oriented, I know it can come across as cold sometimes. I want to ensure all of you that your health and well-being at this time is very important. Especially this time when we're separated and folks have gotten sick, and dealing with online learning which is very different for some people and there's different kinds of challenges. I just want to reiterate that of course we care about everyone and your health and wellbeing is the number one priority. Please reach out if you want to talk story, or if it's just about tasks too. Thank you very much for continuing to be a part of ASUH. I know juggling everything can be a challenge, but I do know that you're sacrificing a lot to still be involved, and I thank you for doing that.

President Albano

Thank you Advisor Manini, I can't emphasize enough and reiterate what Advisor Manini said. Again our health and well being is the number one priority, if you ever need someone to talk to, or if you would like to meet to find ways to navigate through things, please do not hesitate to let me know. We can always meet on zoom or anything like that. Again thank you everyone for all your hardwork and I appreciate each and every one of you for all of your contributions because it's not an easy time and the fact that you're willing and continue is great and you should be proud of yourself. I hope that everyone is able to take some time to take care of themselves too.

b. Operations Manager

Judicial Branch

a. Student Court

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Vice Chairperson Hokama-Paris

Our Progress

-Halloween

-Shirt design: Acquired

-Figuring out pricing.

a. Want to make 1000 shirts

-Verifying Google Form,

-Will send to committee to go over any comments

Our Plans

-Halloween Costume Contest on Instagram

-Cash Prize

a. Want to use Instagram polling to determine winner

Issues

Elections

Chairperson Columbres

Our Progress

- Election & Campaign period ended Monday
- Results sent out to candidates

Our Plans

- Sending Accept/Decline Form & Committee Report
- Begin Planning for Spring Elections

Issues

External Affairs

Chairperson Chua

Our Progress

- Voter Education Resources
- Voter Education Talk Story/Event on week of October 19th

Our Plans

- Disseminate Resources by End of the Week
- Progress on Planning Event & Social Media Advertisements

Miscellaneous

- If Anyone Has Any Nonpartisan Resources to Share, Add to the Attached Document

President Albano

I just want to say, I am super impressed and excited to see that there's a talk story event happening. When that comes up please feel free to share that on your social media.

Finance

Chairperson Anuszevska

Our Progress

- Orientation Completed this Weekend
- All Applications = In
- Completed Day 1 and Day 2 of RIO Interviews

Our Plans

- Tomorrow = Last Day of RIO Interviews
- Meeting on Friday the 16th to Discuss Funding Bill

Issues

Treasurer Oshiro

I just want to say that Chair Anuszevska did an awesome job at leading the RIO orientation workshop, and I barely had to do anything. On the second day I barely had to do anything and it was impressive. I wish you were there.

President Albano

Thank you Treasurer Oshiro, and great job Chair Anuszevska. Thank you for all of that.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Keim

Our Progress

- Training Meetings for Delegates
- AG Meeting, GEC Meeting

Our Plans

- Meeting to Check in With Everyone & Review Delegate Rules

Issues

Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Regaspi

Our Progress

- Emailed Peter Backus Confirmation of Investment Portfolio Reallocation

Our Plans

- Plan 1st Quarter Report Meeting for FY 21
- Waiting for Compliance Police Check
- Meeting Will be Scheduled Sometime Next Week

Issues

Student Affairs
Chairperson Kim

Our Progress

Our Plans

- Asked Senate if Anyone Would Be Willing to Help Collect Information on How to Navigate UHM Bureaucracy
- Survey on Remote Academic Experiences
 - Bill to Fund Advertising + Prizes
- Preparation for Spring 2021 U-Pass Survey

Issues

- Need More People
- Need New Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson

Treasurer Oshiro

I had a quick question on what the purpose of the survey is or what the objective is? Is there a specific group of people that we're giving the results of the data to or is it just to have the information available?

What is the purpose of the survey, is it just to gather student feedback, or are we gathering the information to present to a certain group of people like admin or something? Is there a specific objective yet?

Chairperson Kim

There is not a specific objective yet because we don't, personally I don't think it would be wise to come up with a plan to present to faculty or admin on the server, but if there survey does show that there is a need to address it then we will devise a plan to present it to the faculty senate and talk with them about what practices we can establish to help students out. Maybe also Provost Bruno, but no objectives right now.

We're just a little worried if the results did not come back with anything significant there would be nothing to present.

Advisor Manini

When I had seen an email that Junga sent out related to this, it sort of just tucked it in the back of my mind. I was on a faculty listserv, and one of the faculty members, the listserv has a lot of faculty that have been with the university for years, you know researchers, also I've noticed there are faculty members from different UH campuses as well because they respond to questions that are posed. One of the things that were posed recently was about the realistic size of synchronous online courses and they are asking about it in terms of engaging students. What did peers feel about it and what were the opinions about peers of the size issue. Having said that I think it would be interesting to see what students think about it as well because while faculty can deliberate in our online forums about these topics, hearing student voices would be very

beneficial as well. I sent it to Hannah, but I also sent it to Jungtha as well and so that the question is copied. I did ask the person who posted it for permission to share it with ASUH. I know the person, and I've worked with him before so I asked him if it would be okay if I share this with ASUH because students might want to chime in on such a thing. I think that I did just send it to Jungtha by email, so as the committee deliberates possible questions for a survey etcetera, the person was like yeah we 'd love to hear what students think about this as well. I think having data available from students that care enough to take the survey would be more beneficial than if it's not done at all. I also think it would be beneficial to respond to students feeling frustrated or pressured and have reached out. Those are just my thoughts.

Chairperson Kim

I just checked my email, and unfortunately the content is not in the email. It's just the text not the survey.

Advisor Manini

There wasn't a survey that they did, they were just asking questions in an email thread. What I did was I cut and pasted the question that they were talking about in the thread. I didn't send the entire email thread, but I can do that too if you want to look at it. Just don't respond to it. It will have comments from different faculty on different campuses, and I haven't asked them permission to share all of that. I only asked the initial poster. I'll go ahead and forward that email thread to you.

Chairperson Kim

Thank you so much Advisor Manini.

President Albano

On that note, I'm not sure if I mentioned this previously, but in regards to the Spring semester, I was told by Provost Bruno and other administrators that in terms of planning courses, it looks like they are planning to do basically the same as this semester to have classes online and if they need to be in person or on a hybrid sort of thing. Essentially I was told that the planning for Spring will be the same as this semester is going.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Bowersmith

Our Progress

- Grad Fair updates posted and event is going on this week
 - Email went out to students last week announcing event, advertised through social media
- Answering Emails with Grad Fair and Scholarship Questions

Our Plans

- Email for Planning Official Meeting Next Friday or Saturday
 - Will be a work day to process scholarships and get them out to faculty reviewers
- Working on Updating Scholarship Master Excel Sheet
- Collab w/ SA on Academic Experience Survey

Issues

- Website Was Not Updated Sooner for Grad Fair
 - Did Not Have All Links and Information Ready

Miscellaneous

- Thank You to Advisor Manini, the Committee, and Vice Chair Alyssa

President Albano

I just want to say that I am super impressed and I'm just so grateful that you folks have put in so much work for the grad fair and the scholarships. I think this is super awesome and amazing that we're able to do that. I also just wanted to apologize in the case that I had sent the email announcement to the communications team too early on, so I just want to apologize about that. I just want to say thank you UAA for all of your hard work.

Other Committees

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

CLOSING

Announcements

Adjournment

Senator Hokama-Paris
SAl Anuszevska

Move to Adjourn.

Second.

Motion was unanimously in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mikaelyn Marie Gogue
Secretary, 108th Senate