

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
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General Senate Meeting #8 of the 102nd Senate
Wednesday, August 27, 2014

OPENING

Call to Order

President Nishihara called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present: President Nishihara, Vice-President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Murakami, Nishihara, Onishi, Senators Borge, Callihan, Coria, Elarco, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Lawi-An, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, Oto-Pale, Sanchez, Sasabe, Schulz, Sy, Tagaban, Uyeda [28]

Excused Absent: [0]

Unexcused Absent: Senators Roman, Rashid, Wainwright [3]

Excused Late: Senators Mandado [1]

Unexcused Late: Senators Baxa, Bradley, Samiano [3]

Excused Early Departure: Senators Baxa, Kwon [2]

Unexcused Early Departure [0]

On Leave: [0]

Advisor: Bonnyjean Manini [1]

Guests: Shannon Hillman, David Lonborg, David Lassner, Maekalia Previch-Liu, Wyatt Bartlel, Doorae Shin, Nick Farrant, Christopher Escalanté [8]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Senator-at-Large Lee Motion to accept GSMM #7.
Senator Grunenwald Second.
Motion carries.

Senator Schulz Motion to correct all grammatical and typographical errors.
Senator Nguyen Second.
Motion carries.

Senator Mitsui Motion to change in excused absent from 6 to 7.
Senator-at-Large Lee Second.

THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT YET BEEN ADOPTED

Motion Carries.

Official Correspondence

i. UH President David Lassner

President Nishihara

UH President David Lassner will be presenting the goals for the UH system. Welcome President Lassner.

President Lassner

Thank you for the warm welcome. We have identified four strategic directions to shape our budget planning for the next several years. The first one is called the Hawai'i Graduation Initiative. It's about educating more students across the state. We all know how important higher education is. With a bachelor's degree, an average person will make \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 more in their lifetime compared to a person without. In addition, there's a study showing 65% of Hawai'i workers will need some type of bachelor's degree to work. Right now, it is 43%. In order to achieve this strategic direction, we would need to get more high school graduates serious about going to college and increasing student success. At UH Mānoa, the graduation rate is at a low 20% for a bachelor's degree and the graduation rate is in the high 50% for a master's degree. The second strategic direction is called the Hawai'i Innovation Initiative. The state of Hawai'i is purely dependent on tourism and military spending. Neither one of those are particularly robust or under our control. Past President Greenwood started this, working with the business community. They identified that research innovation is the best opportunity to develop a sector of high quality jobs in Hawai'i. To help this succeed, we have to identify the barriers to research our current research enterprise, infuse entrepreneurship throughout the system, and identifying where we need to make strategic investments. The third strategic direction is called 21st Century Facilities. We have \$400 million of deferred maintenance backlog on this campus alone. We need to not only maintain our facilities but we also must modernize it. For example, Keller Hall used to be the engineering building and was never renovated. Then engineering moved to Holmes Hall in 1972 and that has never been significantly renovated. Engineering today is significantly different than how it was 50 years ago. Even if those buildings have been maintained, it would not have been appropriate for 21st century appearance. It looks like a range of \$1 billion is needed on this campus over the next 10 years to really get up to date. We are really focusing on reducing fossil fuel use, expanding our sustainability efforts, and reducing the cost of electricity. We are also focusing on making sure our facilities are safe. Our last strategic direction is on High Performance System of Higher Education. For High Performance, we will do that through bureaucracy, embracing best practices from around the country, transparency, using metrics more, and reducing the cost of text books through using other sources. When we look at the scale, we have about 60,000 students system wide so we have to look at ways we can leverage our economy. We want to increase Native Hawaiian students and faculty and staff in the UH system. Moreover, the BOR really supports sustainability. We want to integrate sustainability in our academic system and procurement. The last strategy of the five strategies in this direction is diversifying our resources. We more than doubled the tuition in the last decade. We have the highest rate of increased tuition in the country. The only good news I can give you about tuition is that we started at amongst the lowest tuition in the country and now we are almost at the median point in the country. It's clear to me that we can't keep raising tuition in addition to the cost of living. We want to do a better job in recruiting mainland and international students because it helps with tuition and maintain diversity. The University of Hawai'i is by far the most diverse university in the country. I have two questions: 1) Being a student from the Shidler College, I am very excited for the PACE and Innovation initiative. How are you planning on taking this concept and applying it to the sister colleges? 2) How would you see us moving hand-in-hand forward when the legislative session starts?

Senator Nguyen

President Lassner To answer your first question, in June, one of our regents, the dean of Schidler, myself, and the engineering faculty spent a couple days and visited Stanford. In particular, we visited the D-School there and it's a designed school. What's really interesting is that it's not really a school. Change is hard at UH and what they did at Stanford is that they set up this program that nibbles around the edges where they have seminars that pull together students and faculty in informal ways to get together and solve problems together. We like that model pretty well. We're trying to get an innovation room start up and call it I-Lab (innovation lab). Next week we will be starting up Accelerate UH. We want to invest some money in student and faculty ideas. We will be investing \$50,000. To answer your second question, in September, we will be doing a presentation to the BOR on our budget. You, the students, can help by coming in and participate and share ideas. The budget will be the most complicated yet. I am not sure how the Student Caucus will be operating. Have you guys met yet?

President Nishihara Yes, we will be meeting this week Saturday.

President Lassner We really want to get the Student Caucus involved with getting more students to UH and other issues related as such. For the first time last year, we got the students and faculty together to share their frustrations on how the students have a hard time transferring some credits and how the faculty can't do certain things. But I will definitely keep you all informed on future issues.

Senator Grunenwald You mentioned about facilities and how it will cost around \$1 billion. How are you going to get that money from the state legislature? In addition, I know you mentioned the engineering building but what about Saunders Hall? There was a chunk that fell off in Saunders Hall.

President Lassner This year, the Associate Vice for Facilities and Planning has this incredible list of every project to do in the next 10 years including color coating and what not and I do not recall Saunders Hall getting a makeover. But I will check that. On financing, it turns out that over the past 10 years, there was only one year we got \$100 million but most years we got close to \$150 million. I'm wondering if whether we go into the legislature and say that we have a 10 year plan to revamp the UH and update our facilities that they will listen because sometimes they will fund us for buildings that we don't even ask for. The other source of funding that we proposed last year was to take a portion of tuition and put it into repairs. This is what we will be working primarily in September and October.

Senator Oto-Pale We have a big issue on getting money from the state, what if we work together with the state in getting some tourism revenue?

President Lassner Good question. I will send you all a URL.

ii. Shannon, Hawai'i Educational Policy Center
Shannon Hillman I am a PhD student at the College of Education and today I will be presenting to you about the educational policy and talk about tuition. Thank you for letting me speak to you today. Like what President Lassner mentioned, I will be talking about student tuition issue. More about the Hawai'i Educational Policy Center, we are located on campus and we try to give objective comments and feedback. We would like to get student input on the tuition issue. They will be deciding on the budget before October so we need as many student input as possible. What we learned with the BOR is that statistics and data goes over their heads. They don't remember those facts. But what we have found is that they would mention in discussion is real world data and opinions. We realize that because it doesn't happen often. What we have done is we are trying to get the student voice. The GSO feels that way as well. There is no bridge between the students and the BOR so we

want student voices to be heard. We have made a student survey and so far we have been getting tremendous amount of responses from the graduate students via GSO. We are hoping that ASUH would do the same and spread the survey out to the undergraduate population. We have only gotten about 10 or 15 responses from the undergraduates. To get a statistically significant sample, we need at least 600 or 700 undergraduate responses to go to the BOR in September. We want to put this in their consciousness.

Hillman shows their website and survey.

- Shannon Hillman* This survey literally takes 2 minutes.
- Senator Grunenwald* Just to let you know, 600 to 700 survey responses is not enough.
- Shannon Hillman* We have already collected 250 responses. We are hoping for ASUH to help with this.
- Advisor Manini* Is this through the College of Education Department?
- Shannon Hillman* No. This is through the Hawai'i Educational Policy Center located in the burnt building behind Wist Hall.
- Advisor Manini* Out of curiosity, have you tried emailing your survey through the announce system?
- Shannon Hillman* No because there are certain specifications you have to go through. We didn't want to go through administration because since Tom Apple left, the momentum for this died down because he was a strong supporter of this issue. I've been trying to get the word out and we have put out this survey for 3 weeks but we still need a lot of help. I was very encouraged when I spoke with the GSO. I know the numbers could be better but we are trying our best. We hope for your support.
- Senator Mitsui* Do you need the responses before October?
- Shannon Hillman* No, not necessarily. That is a theoretical deadline. However, we have a round table plan for September including Apple, Lassner, and a few of the legislatures but once we establish that, we would appreciate as many responses as possible. If you are thinking of going to graduate school at UH Mānoa in 2016, you would need \$60,000 and that is something to worry about.
- Senator Sanchez* Could you send us this survey?
- Shannon Hillman* I would be happy to. I will send it to your president.

REPORTS

Executive President

- a) New Interim Chancellor
President Nishihara Dr. Robert Bley-Vroman has been chosen as interim-chancellor by the Board of Regents. He serves as Dean of the College of Languages, Literature, and Linguistics now being his fourth year. His contract is only for one year and we will see how that goes. I'm scheduling a meeting with him and hopefully from there, he could come to our meetings.
- b) PM #13: Standing Committee Appointments
Senator Oshiro Motion to accept PM #13: Standing Committee Appointments

THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT YET BEEN ADOPTED

Senator Grunenwald Second.

Senator Kwon Why am I only in one committee?

Senator Schulz Motion to add Rio Kwon under Investments and Long-Range Planning.

Senator Grunenwald Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Schulz Motion to fix all grammatical and typographical errors.

Senator Grunenwald Second.
Motion Carries.

Motion Carries

c) Delegate Positions

President Nishihara There are more positions opened and if you want any more information, please contact me or Senator Schulz.

Vice President

a) Fall 2014 Workshops

Vice-President Zakimi Welcome back! Hope your first week is going well. I will be passing the paper with all the workshops for fall. Please make a slight correction. For the advocacy workshop, change the date from October 10 to October 20.

Senator Grunenwald What time is the retreat?

Vice-President Zakimi 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm for the first day.

b) Retreat

Vice-President Zakimi This will be a 2-day retreat. It is not an overnight retreat. I'll be passing around a sign-up sheet. Please fill it out and make a comment if you are allergic to any type of foods.

Senator Nguyen Is there a UH football game that Saturday?

Senator Bradley Yes.

Senator Grunenwald What time is the retreat on Saturday?

Vice-President Zakimi On Saturday, it will be from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm. It will be fun!

Treasurer

Treasurer Takara Please turn in your rate sheets.

President Nishihara Friendly reminder, you will all need to do two rate sheets. One for summer and one for fall for the month of August. Also note that there has been a change in secretaries. Secretary Belisario is back so please make the change.

Secretary

Secretary Belisario Just a reminder to all chairs and vice-chairs, please update your committee folders on Kaulike with your documents. I will be checking periodically if your documents are up to date. If you do have the documents but it's saved on your laptop and not on Kaulike, it doesn't count. This will affect your stipend. As for Senator Nguyen, thank you for

serving as Interim-Secretary while I was away but you are missing a lot of documents and a lot of them needs to be codified.

Secretary Belisario starts to list the missing documents.

Advisor Manini Secretary Belisario, if you feel the need to list down all the things that are missing in your report, make a list of them and include them in the agenda. It's not necessary to state them all in your report.

Secretary Belisario Okay, well there are a lot of missing documents on Kaulike. Please input them as soon as possible.

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Oshiro

Hi everyone! Welcome back. We will be having a meeting on Thursday, September 4 from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm and we will be going over Blood Drive, Homecoming, and other events as well.

Elections

Chairperson Kwon

We purchased a banner for advertisement. We have the elections packet ready for special elections.

Senator Grunenwald

We actually did not purchase a banner. We have a bill for that that will be going through the Executive Committee Meeting. The elections packets are out. In addition, to all my committee members, please let me know your availability so I can set up a time to meet.

External Affairs

Chairprson Nguyen

Welcome back to those who have been away. At our next general meeting, we are planning to take our senate picture in front of Hawai'i Hall and we request that everyone come in formal business attire. For the men, please wear a suit and tie and for the ladies, please wear a formal dress or skirt. If you don't have, please do your best.

President Nishihara

Maybe an Aloha Shirt would be more suiting but we will discuss this later.

Chairperson Nguyen

There will be two commissions that will be established from External Affairs. The first being International Relations and the second being Student Unity. The first will be dealing with talking to other campuses outside of the country or even the mainland. If anyone is interested in working on any of these commissions, please let me or Vice-Chairperson Sy know. We have a lot of ideas and visions on how we want to move forward with these two commissions and we are excited to do so.

Finance

Chairperson Kawagishi

We will be having a Finance Meeting on September 4 at 6:00 pm. We are currently working on the RIO Mixer and we have about 35 individuals confirmed for this event. We are anticipating a lot more once the applications get rolling. We will also be releasing the electronic RIO funding application on September 8 and this will be available on the ASUH website.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Schulz

I need to have a meeting next week Tuesday. To my committee, please respond to my email.

Investments and Long-Range Planning

Chairperson Lee I'm planning on scheduling a meeting on September 11. Please fill out the doodle.

Student Affairs

VC Lawi-An We will be meeting some time next week. Senator Mitsui will be meeting with the City and County of Honolulu tomorrow at 1:00 pm in regards to the UPASS.

Senator Nguyen Please make it to this meeting at City Hall tomorrow.

Undergraduate and Academic Affairs

Chairperson Onishi To my committee, please fill out the doodle by Friday. Also, all applications are paperless. I also ordered the banner to advertise our scholarships.

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Senate Act 02-15: Reimbursement to Doorae Shin and Zachary Parlee
Senator Grunenwald Motion to recall Senate Act 02-15: Reimbursement to Doorae Shin and Zachary Parlee

Senator Oshiro Second.

Senator-at-Large Lee The reason I am recalling this is because the budget we allocated in the original bill was incorrect. Also, I could not confirm the amount with Doorae Shin because she was away on a trip.

Roll Call:

Ayes: President Nishihara, Vice-President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Murakami, Nishihara, Onishi, Senators Baxa, Borge, Bradley, Callihan, Coria, Elarco, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Lawi-An, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, Oto-Pale, Samiano, Sanchez, Sasabe, Schulz, Sy, Tagaban, Uyeda [30]

Nays: [0]

Abstains: [0]

Motion carries.

Senator-at-Large Lee Motion to change the amount for entertainment from \$2,000.00 to \$1,200.00, change the line item Promotional Items to Graphics for \$459.46, add Security for \$462.56, add Promotional Items for \$300, and change the total amount to \$2,422.02.

Senator Sanchez Second.

Motion Carries.

Roll Call:

Ayes: President Nishihara, Vice-President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Murakami, Nishihara, Onishi, Senators Baxa, Borge, Bradley, Callihan, Coria, Elarco, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Lawi-An, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, Oto-Pale, Samiano, Sanchez, Sasabe, Schulz, Sy, Tagaban, Uyeda [30]

Nays: [0]

Abstains: [0]

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Senate Resolution 02-15: Student Sustainability Fund

Senator Grunenwald Motion to accept SCR 03-15

Senator Schulz Second.

Senator Grunenwald Point of inquiry, Senator Lawi-An, what is your conclusion?

Senator Lawi-An Motion to add under conclusion, "Your committee on Student Affairs recommends SR 02-15."

Senator Grunenwald Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Mitsui Under abstain, motion to change the total from 0 to 1.

Senator Grunenwald Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Grunenwald Another point of inquiry, why are there ayes with reservations?

Senator Mitsui We thought the resolution could need more discussion on it. Also, I motion to change August 6 to August 27.

Senator Sanchez Second.
Motion Carries.
Motion Carries.

Senator Grunenwald Motion to accept SCR 10-15.

Senator Oshiro Second.

Senator Grunenwald Is this committees reservations similar to Student Affairs?

Senator Oshiro Yes.

Senator Mitsui Motion to change all instances from August 6 to August 27.

Senator Grunenwald Second.
Motion Carries.
Motion Carries.

Senator Schulz Motion to accept SR 02-15: Student Sustainability Fund.

Senator Grunenwald Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Sanchez Motion to change all instances of \$15 to \$4.

Senator Grunenwald Second.

Motion Carries.

The General Senate discusses on SR 02-15: Student Sustainability Fund.

Maekalia Previch-Liu testifies for SR 02-15.

Wyatt Bartlel testifies for SR 02-15.

Doora Shin testifies for SR 02-15.

Nick Farrant testifies for SR 02-15.

Senator Nguyen Motion to strike the last WHEREAS statement on the first page and amend the BE IT RESOLVED to include that we support a \$4 sustainability fee.

Senator Grunenwald Second.

The General Senate continues to discuss on SR 02-15: Student Sustainability Fund.

Senator Schulz Motion to table this resolution until ample evidence is collected.

The General Senate continues to discuss on SR 02-15: Student Sustainability Fund.

Senator Grunenwald Motion to call the question.

Secretary Belisario Second.

Motion Carries.

Senator Mandado calls for division of the house after President Nishihara announced that majority voted aye via viva votche.

President Nishihara announced: 21 ayes and 6 nays.

Motion Carries.

OPEN FORUM

President Nishihara We have our Executive Committee Meeting right after this meeting.

CLOSING

Adjournment

Senator Grunenwald Motion to Adjourn

Senator Nguyen Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassandra Belisario
Secretary, 102nd Senate

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