

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822

General Senate Meeting #16 of the 101st Senate
Wednesday, November 6, 2013

OPENING

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present:	President Mizusawa, Vice President Koethe, Treasurer Tomono, Secretary Murai, Senators-at-Large Belisario, Oshiro, Zakimi, Senators Ballard, Borge, Burk, Coria, Dobbs, Foresman, Koehn, Kwon, Lee, Mitsui, Moran, Nguyen, Okamura, Omokawa, Pitts, Ramos, Schulz, Siador, Stump, Wong [27]
Excused Absent:	Senator-at-Large Escalante, Senators Chung, Fonacier [3]
Unexcused Absent:	Senators Choy, Cox [2]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	Senators Ignacio, Mandado, Nishihara, Onishi, Tegman [5]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	Advisor Manini [1]
Guests:	Chancellor Tom Apple; Dean of Hawaiian Knowledge Maenette Benham, Chair of the BOR John Holzman; Chief Noffsinger; Antonia Agbanawaag; Jacob Bryan Aki; Richard Bailey; Bryce Bertoli; Adam Mahi'ai Dochin; Kara Donovan; Allyson Franco; Candace Fujikane; Kauai Hanauahine; Haley Kailehu; Claudia Lara; Ilima Long; Pālama Long; Summer MaunaKea; Kauwila Nalu; No'eau Peralto; Cali Reed; Gabriel Sachter-Smith; Doorae Shin; Kalama'ehu Takahashi; David Tholen, Nicole Trivison [26]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

<i>Senator Burk</i>	Motion to accept GSMM #15
<i>SAL Oshiro</i>	Second.
	Motion Carries.

- Treasurer Tomono* Motion to move Senators Moran, Okamura and Fonacier to the appropriate places in the roll call.
- SAL Oshiro* Second.
Motion Carries.
- SAL Zakimi* Motion to take out the paragraph before Senator Stump moves to exit executive session.
Senator Wong Second.
Motion Carries.
- Senator Tomono* Motion to add “add a line item for supplies for \$500.00” on page eight.
Vice President Koethe Second.
Motion Carries.
Motion Carries to accept GSMM #15 carries.

Official Correspondence

- i. Chancellor Tom Apple Presentation
Topics Discussed:
 - Increasing funding from legislature
 - Higher graduation rates
 - Coach Norm Chow’s job status
 - Fix campus
- ii. Chief Noffsinger’s Presentation
- iii. Board of Regents’ Committee on Presidential Selection Presentation
Topics Discussed:
 - Focusing on needs of students
 - Person with experience
 - Touring candidates through the campuses
 - Can put input through meetings, online or through student reps (Richard)
- iv. Testimony in support of SR 11-14
- v. Testimony in support of SR 13-14

REPORTS

Executive President

President Mizusawa No report.

Vice President

Vice President Koethe No report.

Treasurer

Treasurer Tomono I just wanted to say that we have \$37,842.50 in the university’s program account. I did want to bring up that there is a binder next to the Xerox machine used to sign out legislation. Make sure you are using that binder, and not go behind the office staff desk.

Secretary

Secretary Murai No report.

Advisor

Advisor Manini I just wanted to give an update on the operation’s manager search. The search committee has completed their work and given me recommendations. I’m hoping within the next week to hold interviews, and I’ll keep you guys posted.

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Oshiro We have a meeting tomorrow from 5:00-6:00 in CC 203C. The reservation is at 5:00 but I was going to push the meeting to 5:15. Let me or Kelsey know if you can't make it.

Elections

Chairperson Tegman We have a meeting Friday at 5:00. Let me know if you can't make it. Sorry it's on a Friday, it was the only time we could meet.

External Affairs

Chairperson Zakimi Hi everyone, as you know last general we passed the march on the capitol bill, so we are cosponsors and will be helping to promote the event. I am passing around a sign up sheet for tabling, so sign up if you can make it. it would be ideal if 2 people are present for every shift. They are half hour increments. A new initiative is an ASUH commercial being made free by UH Productions. We want something timeless that we can use for a while. It will be done by the end of the semester. Also, thank you to Senator Kwon for getting us our nametags. If you haven't gotten yours already, it should be in your mailbox in the office. We also got 200 more water bottles in promotional items.

Finance

Chairperson Burk We discussed SB19-14 last Friday. We discussed what we are doing for the spring RIO cycle. Tomorrow is the last day to pick up packets and submit vendor information forms. An email was sent out this past week to remind RIOs.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Nishihara There's a meeting this Friday at 4:30 in CC 310. See you all there.

Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Lee We have a meeting tomorrow at 5:30 in this room. Email me as soon as possible if you can't make it.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Belisario We had a great meeting on Tuesday. Dr. Ideta came. we will be ending our contracts with Sodexo soon so we will be doing something about that next semester. I will be meeting with the city and county with the MOA, hoping they don't increase the cost. We are meeting with BOR for the U-Pass renewal proposal in February.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Vice Chairperson Onishi We met last Friday and we talked about the research awards. We are currently going through the scholarship review process. We are giving the faculty reviewers until next week to submit their scores and until November 15th to select the awardees. We will introduce the SCRs the following week. The recipients will be notified around December 5th. We have a meeting this Friday from 5:30-6:00, so let me know if you cannot make it.

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

a. Senate Bill 19-14: UPASS Survey

Senator Burk Motion to accept SCR 34-14
Senator Ngueyn Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Schulz Motion to accept SCR 38-14.
Senator Wong Second.
Motion Carries.

- Senator Wong*
SAL Belisario Motion to accept SB 19-14
Second.
Motion Carries.
- Senator Wong*
Senator Mandado Motion to fix all diacritical marks.
Second.
Motion Carries.
- SAL Belisario* Motion to change the cost of the survey from \$250.00 to \$200.00, and change the total to \$513.08.
Senator Moran Second.
Motion Carries.
- SAL Belisario* I motion to include a third paragraph under purpose that says “In order to effectuate increased student participation, an iPad mini will be given away at random to one survey participant. The giveaway will be publicized in all instances of advertising the survey.”
Senator Wong Second.
Motion Carries.
- SAL Belisario* We are going to make it so ASUH members and SLD employees are not allowed to win the prize.
- Senator Burk* I agree, because as elected members, although we are benefactors of the U-Pass, should not be able to win prizes.
- SAL Belisario* I amend my motion to add in the third paragraph, “To enhance credibility of the drawing, the student will be drawn at random from all participants by a neutral third party. ASUH senators and SLD employees who are eligible to participate in the U-Pass survey will not be eligible to win the prize.”
Senator Burk Second.
Motion Carries.
- Senator Stump*
Senator Nguyen I motion to call the question.
Second.
Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote to Accept SB 19-14: UPASS Survey

Ayes: Vice President Koethe, Treasurer Tomono, Secretary Murai, Senators-at-Large Belisario, Oshiro, Zakimi, Senators Ballard, Borge, Burk, Coria, Dobbs, Foresman, Ignacio, Koehn, Kwon, Lee, Mandado, Mitsui, Moran, Nguyen, Nishihara, Okamura, Omokawa, Onishi, Pitts, Ramos, Schulz, Siador, Stump, Tegman, Wong [31]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion Carries.

b. Senate Resolution 11-14: In Support of the UH Proposed Sustainability Policy

- SAL Belisario* Motion to accept SCR 35-14.
Senator Tegman Second.
Motion Carries.
- Senator Nguyen*
Senator Stump Motion to accept SR 11-14.
Second.
Motion Carries.
- Senator Mandado* This is a policy to make sure that future research or buildings in the university system are more sustainable. We got all the information from the university’s policy.

Roll Call Vote to Accept SR 11-14: In Support of the UH Proposed Sustainability Policy

Ayes: Vice President Koethe, Treasurer Tomono, Secretary Murai, Senators-at-Large Belisario, Oshiro, Zakimi, Senators Ballard, Borge, Burk, Coria, Dobbs, Foresman, Ignacio, Koehn, Kwon, Lee, Mandado, Mitsui, Moran, Nguyen, Nishihara, Okamura, Omokawa, Onishi, Pitts, Ramos, Schulz, Siador, Stump, Tegman, Wong [31]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion Carries.

c. Senate Resolution 12-14: In Support of Banning the Sale of Water Bottles

Senator Nguyen Motion to accept SCR 36-14.

SAL Zakimi Second.

Motion Carries.

Senator Burk Motion to accept SR 12-14.

SAL Oshiro Second.

Motion Carries.

Senator Mandado Senate Resolution 12-14 is in support of banning the sale of water bottles. I was looking at different resources relating to multiple campuses doing this initiative. Their initiative is Take Back the Tap, which takes back tap water and promoting its safety and the fact that is regulated by the EPA, because plastic water bottles have chemicals in them. I want to point out that we have this free and natural resource that is water. Why do we have to buy plastic bottles when we can use the free water and water bottles that ASUH passes out. We just passed a resolution that supported the efforts of a sustainable campus, so we should support this resolution.

Senator Stump First off, I'm looking at what you have cited, and it is only cited from one source. I understand the purpose and what you are trying to do. You are using universities that have more money and better infrastructure, so you have to have more options to students in regards to water stations before we can ban water bottles.

Senator Mandado We do have two water refill systems but campus center cafeteria has its own water machine, and so does paradise palms. We have water fountains all over campus. I do have a whereas in the reso that covers the implementation of more water filter stations.

Senator Kwon I motion to fix all typographical errors.

Senator Wong Second.

Motion Carries.

Senator Burk The two concerns that I have is that it is preemptive to write it in this way. I think you should first urge and encourage the university to make more accessible water stations and explore the implementation of the ban of water bottles, so you can write a reso supporting the university's efforts. All the water bottle sales in campus center and Hemenway falls under the CCB. It is under their authority and I think they are better positioned to implement a new policy.

SAL Zakimi I support the idea of this, but some of the statements you make are bold, and there isn't any evidence to support it. I think more evidence will cause me to support it more fully.

Senator Nguyen Senator Mandado, I brought up a request to you that you find additional sources to back the statements, which is in the SCR, have you done so?

Senator Mandado Like I stated before, this website that I cited here is compiled by different organizations and universities, and government organizations. That's why I chose the website.

Senator Kwon Personally I am not against the idea of the ban, but I do agree with Senator Burk that it is preemptive. We have to consider how it affects the consumers, and if we are creating an inconvenience for the students if we do not have the means to provide for the students.

Senator Stump I move to call the question.
Senator Tegman Second.
Division of the House 21-10
Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote to Accept SR 12-14: In Support of Banning the Sale of Water Bottles

Ayes: Treasurer Tomono, Secretary Murai, Senators-at-Large Belisario, Oshiro, Senators Borge, Coria, Dobbs, Foresman, Ignacio, Lee, Mandado, Pitts, Siador, Tegman [14]

Nayes: Vice President Koethe, Senator-at-Large Zakimi, Senators Ballard, Burk, Koehn, Kwon, Mitsui, Moran, Nguyen, Nishihara, Okamura, Omokawa, Onishi, Ramos, Schulz, Stump, Wong [17]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion Does Not Carry.

Senator Wong Motion to call a 10 minute recess.
Senator Pitts Second.
Motion Carries.

d. Senate Resolution 13-14: In Opposition to the Renewal of Leases on Mauna a Wākea

Senator Nguyen Motion to accept SCR 37-14.
Senator Wong Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Wong Motion to fix all typographical and grammatical errors.
Senator Nguyen Second.
Motion Carries.

SAL Oshiro Motion to accept SR 13-14.
Senator Wong Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Wong Thank you for coming out and testifying and bearing through this meeting with us. We ask that our fellow members of the Senate as well as our guests here today respect the rules of the Senate. We know that this is a topic that many of us may or may not feel passionately about, but for proper discourse to happen, we ask that you please abide by the rules of the Senate.

Vice President Koethe The reason we wrote this resolution was because of our concern for Mauna Kea. I would like to make it clear that this particular piece of legislation was written prior to the controversy surrounding the mural of Mauna Kea. This is something that has come up before in the 99th Senate. Many of you may have read this resolution beforehand, but just to make sure you are reading the correct one, the resolution with the words "DRAFT" across it, is the correct one after all the amendments had been made in the external affairs committee.

Senator Wong We asked many of you to please address your concerns to us of this resolution prior to the meeting solely because we want to make sure that your concerns were addressed and to expedite the process, however you are more than willing to discuss it here. We would like to begin with why we introduced this resolution and then follow by addressing the concerns that many senators have expressed.

- Vice President Koethe* We introduced this resolution because we felt that there was student concern opposing the renewal of the lease on Mauna Kea. This is because this particular topic was and still is being discussed by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs as well as the DLNR and BLNR. We knew that this particular topic would be very controversial, so Senator Wong and myself consulted with experts in their fields and contacted a number of departments on campus who would be directly affected by our stance if it is to pass today. With that, we present to you what you see in your hands right now. We would also like to make one or two amendments that more clearly explain some of the whereas statements in the most recent version of this resolution.
- Senator Wong* We would like to continue by addressing concerns that were expressed by a number of members of the Senate: Why isn't the cost of rent on Mauna Kea higher than \$1? Can UH raise the price? We contacted an official correspondent for the University and she said that "The University is an institution of learning; its primary mission is the creation and transmission of knowledge. Reflecting this, the relationship with the sub-lessees has been first and foremost scientific cooperation under the terms of an agreement. UH's primary role under the agreement is to provide the site (via the sublease). The sub-lessees covers the capital cost of the observatory and (except for CFHT) all of the operational cost. UH and the sub-lessee share the observing time."
- Vice President Koethe* Another question was: "What will be affected by the removal of the telescopes in terms of research?" There are other telescopes that are sub-leased by the University including telescopes on Haleakala. The reason why we specifically focused on Mauna Kea is because its of ecological, sustainable, and cultural significance.
- Senator Wong* Another question was: "Are you writing this bill in opposition to the University receiving new funds in general?" Absolutely not. We actually made an amendment that addressed that concern. In the be it resolved, we say that no funds shall continue for the construction of new telescopes on Mauna Kea, which according to our citations, say that we, the students and the university pays for.
- Vice President Koethe* We were also asked "What will happen to the telescopes if the lease is not renewed?" If you look at the 4th page and the bottom three whereas and continues to the 5th page, that is our response to that particular question.
- Senator Wong* Another concern that my fellow members of the Senate had included was why there had been so many amendments made in one committee meeting. After doing further research and consulting with even more experts on this topic, we learned a lot more that we felt would support our stance as well and further prove our reasoning to oppose the renewal of leases on Mauna Kea. You will see that in our citations, we cite legitimate sources from the state including audits, environmental impact statements and previous state level legislation. We also included information from the TMT website, from the University and from Hawaiian activist groups and other diverse sources.
- Senator Stump* Just reading through it, and looking at the work you put into it, I commend you for the effort of writing a resolution this thorough. I just wanted to say thank you for presenting it to us.
- Senator Tegman* Thanks for putting all the amendments in a coherent bill. I also wanted to clarify the \$1 a year statement?
- Senator Wong* It basically means that the research is more valuable than the dollar.
- Senator Kwon* Motion to add a be it resolved, before the first be it further resolved that states "the ASUH urges the Board of Regents to extend greater dialogue with the students of the

- University of Hawai‘i in order to address the cultural, ecological and astronomical impact of the telescopes on Mauna Kea.”
- Senator Wong* Second.
Motion Carries.
- Senator Mitsui* Motion to fix all grammatical and typographical errors, specifically under the ninth
Senator Wong whereas, on the second page, change “the to” to “to the.”
Second.
Motion Carries.
- Senator Wong* I motion to on the eighth whereas on the third page, strike “in areas where it can” to “on
SAL Oshiro cinder cones where predictable overlapping generations are observed and mechanisms
of.” Also to strike “properly specifically” so that it reads “dependent on.”
Second.
Motion Carries.
- Senator Wong* On the same page in the ninth whereas, I move to add “found on” before the words
Vice President Koethe Mauna Kea and strike “quickly exterminate to” and replace it with “lead to reduced.”
Second.
Motion Carries.
- Senator Nguyen* Motion to spell out the first instance of TMT, which is thirty meter telescope, which I
believe is on the third page, the third whereas, and to abbreviate thirty meter telescope to
Senator Mandado TMT on the fifth page, second whereas.
Second.
Motion Carries.
- Senator Schulz* In the title of the resolution, you oppose the renewal of lease on Mauna Kea, so does that
mean if a discussion were to happen, and some of these issues were alleviated, would you
still be opposed to the renewal? If there was a discussion where a compromise could take
place, what would happen then?
- Senator Wong* If the lease were to be renewed, then the current lease would continue, but the way that
we’ve written the stats was that it would continue on until the 65th year, so until
December 21, 2033.
- Senator Burk* To echo what has been said, I do appreciate that this is a well-researched and well-written
resolution. I do struggle with this because as someone who identifies as Kanaka Maoli, I
do understand the cultural significance of Mauna a Wākea. I also consider myself as an
academic and support the furthering of knowledge, so one of the questions I have is by
UH Mānoa not renewing the lease, and removing tis presence from Mauna a Wākea,
what is the impact on the institute of astronomy, the professors, and the students, as well
as those outside of Hawai‘i that come to study here because it is such an optimal place to
study? There has been proposal to move this to Arizona, so having people here move
outside the state to do the same research, how do you address that issue?
- Senator Wong* The reason why we focused specifically on Mauna a Wākea was because it is not like
Haleakala in the terms that Mauna a Wākea is a temple for the Hawaiian people, which is
why we wanted to focus specifically on this particular place. The institute for astronomy
does have other telescopes on Haleakala. We only focused on Mauna a Wākea, not all the
telescopes in total.
- Senator Burk* Do they have the same potential? Because from what I understand, the reason it is being
built on Mauna a Wākea is because of its capacity to outshine all other telescopes and
gain that type of scientific knowledge that exploration of space is where research is

headed now. I'm trying to find that balance or remedy between the pursuit of knowledge as well as being accountable and culturally aware and sensitive to the people who essentially whose lands we are borrowing and sitting on.

Senator Wong

We do approach this particular resolution in a number of different ways. We approach it from a cultural standpoint, a legal standpoint, an ecological and scientific standpoint.

Senator Okamura

I really fully support this resolution, and appreciate that it's thoroughly put together and researched. I think that's the question, because this is an academic institution. What I think we need to look at is when do the benefits that the departments who research comes back to what they've been using to get it. Where do we reach that limit where we are striving for excellency for discovery, but we are destroying what helped us get there. When do the benefits outweigh the negatives? In this point and time there is no way ever to repay what gets destroyed. I think in this case that is what we are looking to tell the university.

SAL Belisario

I support anything that deals with research because UH is a research university. The Engineering school supports any development and research, but the thing with this, I mean I do support the TMT, but I along with the College of Engineering, we don't support the location of where it is. I'm really torn because I think the telescopes are a huge step into the future, but I don't agree with the location.

Senator Nguyen

I would like to point out we have in our audience, David Thollin, a professor of astronomy here on behalf of himself. He has stated that if anyone has any questions he is here to answer them as best as he can. Other than that I would like to point out a few discrepancies. On page five on the seventh whereas where it states that construction of the TMT is estimated to cost approximately 13 million and an annual operating cost of 25.8 million, I see a discrepancy where the operating cost is higher than the cost of construction. On the same page, on the first be it further resolved, that the ASUH strongly opposes the appropriation for funds, I feel we should be a little more specific in regards to the language appropriate for funds because it can come from the university or grants, so I would like to have those concerns addressed.

Senator Wong

For the first statement, we actually got that from the TMT site. I motion to add "student and state" in front of the word funds.

Vice President Koethe

Second.

Motion Carries.

Senator Ballard

I would just like to make a quick comment that while I do feel it is important to balance culture and research, ultimately the University of Hawai'i is a research institution and our job as students is to support and also help grow research. I am a proud to be here, and to undermine a department that is arguably our most prestigious, seems counterintuitive to our roles as student is to appeal to the fact that UH is ultimately designed for research, and this is a huge step for the astronomy department, so to undermine something that is benefitting the university is in poor taste for students.

Senator Dobbs

I agree with Senator Ballard that one of the aims of the University of Hawai'i is research, but I disagree in that I believe the primary goal of the University of Hawai'i is to serve the Hawaiian community in which it's placed. We didn't have anyone testifying for the telescopes, so I feel that we need to take into consideration the people who testified and said that this telescope would be in direct opposition to their culture and religion.

SAL Zakimi

I wanted to ask the professor, as someone personally in the department, how the department would be affected by this resolution.

- David Thollin* Short term, it would have no effect, but long term it would have disastrous effects. Whole scale departures.
- Senator Kwon* I would also like to ask, how utilized the telescopes are by the students or if they are used by outsiders who come. How do the students benefit?
- David Thollin* The graduate students at UH have more access to the telescopes than other institutions. The students benefit greatly, and they are trying to extend the access to undergraduates.
- Senator Burk* Senator Wong, another proposition I had made to you outside the general senate, is that we pass a resolution like this, and there is no binding action that results from us passing this resolution, when other bodies are going through. What you need from this, is someone in position of power to support this. Because as a student body, we can make a recommendation, but we don't have the final say, so have you found someone to take up this cause?
- Vice President Koethe* This is an avenue to getting more support, but it is an important stance the 101st senate can take.
- Senator Wong* I would be more than willing to seek legislative support.
- Senator Ramos* Is this the only time they can determine if they can renew the lease?
- Senator Wong* I don't know, but it has been discussed by OHA and moved on to the BLNR.
- Senator Borge* From a travel industry perspective I support this resolution, because by destroying one of the most beautiful parts of Hawai'i it would be bad for tourism and the people that come here to see Hawai'i's beauty.
- Senator Burk* Even if the university were to say that they were going to appropriate funds to ensure proper conservation of these things, add to the process that there is an environmental impact statement made. You are asking for an eviction of the facilities and the people working there.
- Senator Wong* Senator Burk, we did make a motion to add student and state funds.
- Senator Foresman* I feel like with this, we are saying we are opposed to what is going on now, but we have 20 years until the lease is up, so we have that time to discuss it. We're not saying to end telescopes and all research. We are opposed to mercury and the environmental impact they are doing, and we are opposed to what is going on with this new lease.
- Senator Moran* I feel like we are running into the same issue with the marriage equality issue, which is that we are not qualified to debate this issue.
- Senator Burk* I actually have to disagree and depart a little with the comparison with this and the special session issue. In this case, we are the benefactors of the university and we are the university.
- Senator Wong* Thank you senator Burk for addressing that issue. We did pass a motion that says we encourage the BOR to hold hearings.
- Senator Moran* You were saying we are the benefactors of this decision, but we do represent 14,000 undergraduate students, and we did not reach out to the astronomy department or go around and survey students.
- Senator Wong* I did invite SOEST students, but they didn't respond to my email.

Senator Nguyen Motion to add in the second to the last be it resolved, after the last sentence, add “without further input from stakeholders,” and to change the title to “In Opposition to the Renewal of Leases on Mauna a Wākea Without Further Input From Stakeholders.”

Senator Koehn Second.
Motion Carries.

SAL Zakimi I motion to call the question.
Senator Tegman Second.
Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote to Accept SR 13-14: In Opposition to the Renewal of Leases on Mauna a Wākea

Ayes: Vice President Koethe, Treasurer Tomono, Secretary Murai, Senators-at-Large Oshiro, Zakimi, Senators Borge, Burk, Coria, Foresman, Ignacio, Koehn, Mandado, Moran, Nishihara, Okamura, Omokawa, Pitts, Ramos, Stump, Tegman, Wong [21]

Nays: Senator-at-Large Belisario, Senators Ballard, Lee, Mitsui, Nguyen [5]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion Carries.

Vice President Koethe Motion to have a 15 minute recess.
Senator Wong Second.
Motion Carries.

President Mizusawa I call this meeting back to order at 9:28 PM.

Present: President Mizusawa, Vice President Koethe, Treasurer Tomono, Secretary Murai, Senators-at-Large Belisario, Oshiro, Zakimi, Senators Ballard, Borge, Burk, Coria, Dobbs, Foresman, Koehn, Kwon, Lee, Mitsui, Moran, Nguyen, Okamura, Omokawa, Pitts, Ramos, Schulz, Siador, Stump, Wong [27]

e. Senate Act 15-14: Fall 2013 RIO Funding Cycle

Senator Burk Motion to recall SA 15-14 to the floor.
Senator Nguelyn Second.

Roll Call Vote to Recall SA 15-14:

Ayes: Vice President Koethe, Treasurer Tomono, Secretary Murai, Senators-at-Large Belisario, Oshiro, Zakimi, Senators Ballard, Borge, Burk, Coria, Dobbs, Foresman, Koehn, Kwon, Lee, Mitsui, Moran, Nguyen, Okamura, Omokawa, Pitts, Ramos, Schulz, Siador, Stump, Wong [26]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion Carries.

Senator Burk Office staff had forwarded me a number of inquiries from RIOs. According to our present senate rules, if an RIO spends money before we pass the act, they are not eligible to receive reimbursement for those monies. So, I received inquires from a number of RIOs who were unable to access their funds because of the existing rules. I motion to amend under section IV provisions, after the second statement, to include, “RIOs that have incurred expenses prior the passage of this Act shall be eligible to access said appropriation via reimbursement and/or direct payment for line items of events appropriated for, and approved, by the General Senate.”

Senator Nguyen Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Burk Motion to readopt SA 15-14.

Senator Nguyen Second.

Roll Call Vote to Readopt SA 15-14: 2013 RIO Funding Cycle

Ayes: Vice President Koethe, Treasurer Tomono, Secretary Murai, Senators-at-Large Belisario, Oshiro, Zakimi, Senators Ballard, Borge, Burk, Coria, Dobbs, Foresman, Koehn, Kwon, Lee, Mitsui, Moran, Nguyen, Okamura, Omokawa, Pitts, Ramos, Schulz, Siador, Stump, Wong [26]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion Carries.

f. Senate Act 17-14: March on the Capitol

Senator Schulz Motion to recall SA 17-14.

SAL Zakimi Second.

Ayes: Vice President Koethe, Treasurer Tomono, Secretary Murai, Senators-at-Large Belisario, Oshiro, Zakimi, Senators Ballard, Borge, Burk, Coria, Dobbs, Foresman, Koehn, Kwon, Lee, Mitsui, Moran, Nguyen, Okamura, Omokawa, Pitts, Ramos, Schulz, Siador, Wong [25]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion Carries.

Senator Schulz For this bill, we recalled it because through planning we found that through advertising we do not have enough money appropriated from the bill. We need \$1,030.00 more to provide for the estimated amount of advertising with Ka Leo.

I motion to add \$1,030.00 to the line item advertisement and change the total from \$3,000.000 to \$4,030.00.

Senator Ballard Second.

Motion Carries.

Senator Burk What has the money already been spent on?

Senator Schulz They have been spent on Ka Leo ads, and the increased money will also go towards Ka Leo ads.

Senator Moran Why was more money spent than was allocated?

Senator Stump The extra \$1,030.00 is for running full-page ads.

Senator Ballard I don't have a problem increasing money for advertisements, but I don't think the Ka Leo is the best place to advertise.

Senator Schulz The reason I made the amendment is because through the meeting on Monday, we discussed the type of advertisement we wanted to use, and it turned out to be a hefty price. I don't think the Ka Leo is the ideal way to advertise, but I would like to hear of better ideas for advertisement.

SAL Zakimi As the external affairs chair, what happened was that we passed this bill, but Senator Stump and Antonia came and presented their extensive advertising plan, and it goes beyond just the Ka Leo. As you know I was hesitant to raise the prices last meeting, but we talked to the Ka Leo, and these are the prices they came out to be.

Senator Wong If you had a chance to read the minutes, or listened to Senator Stump or Antonia, they have an extensive advertising plan, and know what they're doing, so I support the increase.

Senator Nguyen I don't know if my concerns are known. I see the lines are blurred between SNAP PAC and the external affairs committee. I believe the funds for the Ka Leo were from the SNAP PAC, but Senator Zakimi's name is on the invoice.

SAL Zakimi I signed the bill because it would be faster if it went through us because we are paying for advertisements. It cuts out the reimbursement procedure.

Vice President Koethe I motion to call the question.
Senator Schulz Second.
Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote to Readopt SA 17-14: March on the Capitol

Ayes: Vice President Koethe, Treasurer Tomono, Secretary Murai, Senators-at-Large Belisario, Oshiro, Zakimi, Senators Ballard, Borge, Burk, Coria, Dobbs, Foresman, Koehn, Kwon, Lee, Mitsui, Moran, Nguyen, Okamura, Omokawa, Pitts, Ramos, Schulz, Siador, Wong [**21**]

Nays: Senator-at-Large Belisario, Senators Burk, Dobbs [**0**]

Abstentions: Senator Mitsui [**1**]

Motion Carries.

OPEN FORUM

President Mizusawa Thank you for sticking through this meeting. It's the longest in my career.

CLOSING

Adjournment

SAL Belisario Motion to adjourn
Senator Burk Second.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 PM.