

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

General Senate Meeting #16 of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Senate  
Wednesday, November 12, 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, Nishihara, Omokawa, Onishi, Senators Baxa, Borge, Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, K. Samiano, M. Samiano, Sanchez, Schulz, Shon, Tagaban, Uyeda, Wainwright [31]
Excused Absent:	Senators Kawagishi, Lawi-An, Nguyen, Oshiro [4]
Unexcused Absent:	[0]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	Senator Kwon [1]
Excused Early Departure:	[0]
Unexcused Early Departure	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	Bonnyjean Manini [1]
Guests:	Reed Dasenbrock [1]

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

*Senator Kamoshida* Motion to accept GSMM #15.  
*Senator-at-Large Lee* Second.

*Senator Sanchez* Motion to correct all grammatical and typographical errors.  
*Senator Mandado* Second.  
Motion Carries.  
Motion Carries.

**Official Correspondence**

- i. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Reed Dasenbrock

*V. Chancellor Dasenbrock* Thank you for having me. Let me talk a little about the strategic planning committee and what we do. Strategic Planning for the past couple years came out from the chancellor's office. I was asked by the chancellor to take over strategic planning so now it's coming out from the Academic Affairs office. What we decided what we want to try to do is to map the system strategic plan and Manoa's strategic plan. There are 4 pillars. Please refer to the handout I passed out. They are Hawai'i Graduation Initiative (HGI), Hawai'i Innovation Initiative (HI2), 21<sup>st</sup> Century Facilities (21CF), and High Performance System of Higher Education. We have done a good job here in research but we need to improve our economy. We want to focus on improving our learning facilities. We are not up to par with 21<sup>st</sup> century technologies yet. High performing systems is really about making it a better place of learning in the UH system. We also want to focus on retaining students at UH and increasing the graduation rate at 4 years. Sophomore retention has not gone up much but the graduation rate has increased. If we drop our utility bill, more of your tuition dollars can go to other things. The cost of electricity is a huge factor here. To be sustainable, we need to use less energy. For example, Kuykendall Hall will be renovated to be a net zero building meaning it will use zero electricity. But we need \$30 million for this. Does anyone have any questions?

*Senator Grunenwald* For the deferred maintenance, do you know how Abrecrombie's gift will be distributed?

*V. Chancellor Dasenbrock* It is allocated out from a formula where UH Manoa gets the most. This year had a normal allocation and it was not a gift. It was taxpayers' money.

*Senator Mandado* Is there anything in the strategic plan about post graduation?

*V. Chancellor Dasenbrock* I've been speaking with the honors program to hire a director to focus on this. It's not in the strategic plan. A logical next step is to help students apply to such scholarships. I just want to say that this is not final. It's just a draft. I will keep in touch with Stephen about any updates. Thank you.

## **REPORTS**

### **Executive President**

*President Nishihara* Welcome to the new senator, Richard Barton!

#### a. UH Manoa Budget Process Task Force Update

*President Nishihara* We met last week Friday. The discussion that took place was about the (RCM). We had a presentation about this. Currently in the task force, they're looking at the RCM or CV, a method that came up from the vice chancellors. After more research, we are leaning toward RCM.

#### b. Budget Crisis Implications

*President Nishihara* I was reached by a member of the GSO. This pertains to the colleges of arts and sciences. I was told that TAs are being cut for certain majors. Certain labs and course sections are being cut as well. Please let me know if you heard anything about this issue.

*Senator Garma* Do you mean the TAs are being cut indefinitely?

*President Nishihara* The TAs budget is being cut completely.

*Advisor Manini* If you hear anything about this, compile that information and invite Vice Chancellor Dasenbrock and report this to him. He oversees most of the program.

- Senator Garma* The Interim Chancellor was saying that if we make cuts, the cuts won't go towards classes.
- President Nishihara* On his end, that's what he's telling us. But at the department level, they are doing other things. The main concern is if students can't get into classes because of these cuts.
- Senator Mitsui* It was brought up that word is going out that students are protesting on November 17.
- President Nishihara* I did receive this information too. I didn't want us to get caught up in something that is GSO specific.
- Senator Grunenwald* I know that they are cutting classes already for the next semester.
- Advisor Manini* Is it caused because of TA reduction or because of something else? There is a possibility that administration may cut TA positions but have tenure teachers to teach classes. Let's not assume and get educated and check your facts before jumping to conclusions.

c. PM #19: Standing Committee Appointments

- Senator Mandado* Motion to accept
- Senator Grunenwald* Second.  
Motion carries.  
Motion carries.

d. Paperless Initiative

- President Nishihara* I'll be sending out an email about your preference.

**Vice President**

- Vice President Zakimi* I'll be sending out an updated list of categories that you all are interested in. We will be doing a Secret Santa and potluck for the last general meeting of this semester.

**Treasurer**

- Treasurer Takara* We have about \$170,000 in the C account.

**Secretary**

- Secretary Belisario* No report.

**Advisor**

- Advisor Manini* No report.

**Standing Committees**

**Campus Life**

- V. Chairperson Kamoshida* Chairperson Oshiro will be scheduling a meeting for next week. Our Mahalo Manoa event will take place next week Thursday. We need volunteers so please sign up! We have started tabling for Angel Tree. Please sign up to table.

**Elections**

- Chairperson Grunenwald* Motion to floor nominate Zhoulin Zhang (Brian Chung).
- Senator Sanchez* Second.  
Motion Carries.

**External Affairs**

- Vice Chairperson Borge* We are going to go down to the legislature next week Friday. Nevermind.

**Finance**

*V. Chairperson Omokawa* We will be meeting tomorrow.

**Internal Affairs**

*Chairperson Schulz* No report.

**Investments and Long-Range Planning**

*Chairperson Lee* We will be meeting next Monday.

**Student Affairs**

*Chairperson Mandado* We had a meeting on Monday. This week is plastic-free week so please encourage your friends to stop using plastic water bottles. A petition is going around about this. We also discussed on the topic of divesting fossil fuels.

*Advisor Manini* Invite Krista Lee to your meeting about investing in other types of energy.

*Senator Mitsui* President Nishihara and I went down to the commission to talk about the UPASS. This Monday, the director called me back and said he is in support of extending the current \$30 rate.

*Advisor Manini* If you read the Ka Leo, there has been a lot of articles around this UPASS issue. Because registration happens in a few weeks, students are able to pay tuition. We need to make sure we are charging the students the right amount if we are still charging the students \$30 for the UPASS or not. We are now in dialogue and hoping to get a response by this Friday because we need to let the cashiers know by then.

*Chairperson Mandado* Also, facilities will be installing four more water stations. They will be in Saunders, Bilger, Kuykendal, and Watanabe Hall. It's being shipped from the mainland and will arrive some time in December.

*Senator Candelario* What do you mean about banning water bottles? And does that include Starbucks? (50')

*Senator Mandado* Banning the sales of water bottles. Starbucks does sell water bottles but we would have to see about that.

**Undergraduate and Academic Affairs**

*Chairperson Onishi* I sent out scholarship applications to the reviewers.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

i. Senate Act 20-15

*Senator Mandado* Motion to accept Senate Act 20-15.

*Senator-at-Large Lee* Second.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Onishi, Senators Baxa, Borge, Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, K. Samiano, M. Samiano, Sanchez, Schulz, Shon, Tagaban, Uyeda, Wainwright [32]

**Abstains:** [0]

**Nays:** [0]

Motion Carries.

*Vice President Zakimi*      Motion to change “Venue Rental” to Publications/Brochures” for Timpuyog.  
*Senator Mandado*              Second.

*Senator Mandado*              Motion to re-adopt Senate Act 20-15.  
*Senator-at-Large Lee*        Second.  
Motion Carries.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Onishi, Senators Baxa, Borge, Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, K. Samiano, M. Samiano, Sanchez, Schulz, Shon, Tagaban, Uyeda, Wainwright [32]

**Abstains:** [0]

**Nayes:** [0]

Motion Carries.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**OPEN FORUM**

*Senator Mandado*              Mahalo Manoa is next week! COME!

*Senator M. Samiano*        On December 14, Easter Seals is doing a program. Please let me know if you want to volunteer for this good cause. It’s also Cassandra Belisario’s birthday that day.

*Senator Schulz*                SLAM is having a kickball event on November 23. ASUH is invited. COME!

**CLOSING**

**Adjournment**

*Senator Mandado*              Motion to Adjourn.  
*Senator-at-Large Lee*        Second.  
Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Cassandra Belisario  
Secretary, 102<sup>nd</sup> Senate