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General Senate Meeting #10 of the 105th Senate
Wednesday, September 20, 2017

OPENING

Call to Order

President Dela Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present:	President Dela Cruz, Vice-President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Chun, Finau, Hortizuela, Lieu, Ng, Nishihara, Utashiro, Willis [15]
Excused Absent:	Senator Petersen [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:	Chris Beymer, Aaron Nee, Jonathan Rosen, Kalawai'a Goo, Jason Len, Lamarcos Rayford, Siera Yu-Nique Price, Saul Bernal, Aovai Cole, Jackie Lau, Clint Morimoto, Jihyeon Shim, Diliaur Tellei, Rika Shinsato, Quinn Patrick O'Malley, Asami Kobayashi, Spencer Keenan, Nelson Masang Jr, Amy Chinen, Creselle Morales, Cailey Etherington, Travis Lovato, Cathy Ferreira [23]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #9, 105th Senate - September 13th, 2017

SAL Chen Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for GSMM #9.
SAL Leval Second.

SAL Chen Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical marks.
SAL Leval Second.
Motion carries.

SAL Lao
President Dela Cruz Did Dr. Monica Ghosh send the presentation that she said she'd send to us?
She sent an edited version of the presentation today right before our Executive Committee meeting. Unfortunately, there was not enough time to print out enough copies of the presentation for everyone present, so only some people in the room have hard copies.

SAL Leval
President Dela Cruz So, just to clarify, Dr. Ghosh did not send the same presentation she presented to us with?
Advisor Manini Yes.
President Dela Cruz And she only sent it today?
Yes. She indicated she had a meeting off-island and she only came back today.

Motion carries.

Official Correspondence

President Dela Cruz This is the time when the public will be able to give testimony. Our Internal Affairs Chairperson Lao will be calling on people in the order they signed up.

SAL Lao According to our rules, you have to sign up to testify. The list is outside. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, you may do so now. You have 3 minutes to speak. Our constituents get to go first, meaning full-time undergraduate students. First person is Chris Beymer.
President Dela Cruz Also, I'd like to mention that if you submitted written testimony, we do have copies of your written testimony if you've submitted them up until today. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, we only have one hard copy packet. The senate is looking through them now.

Chris Beymer My name is Chris Beymer. I am an undergraduate Senior at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I am in strong support of SR02-18, which is in opposition to the change in Sinclair's hours. Sinclair is the one place on campus I know that will be open whenever I need it during the week. Sometimes I'll have to pull an all-nighter and I'll know Sinclair has my back in those early hours in the morning, when I need it the most. I know those hours between 11pm and 7 am are not used nearly as much as the other hours in the day, but they are used during those hours because students really need those hours. So, please do not change Sinclair's hours; it is a vital asset to the student body. Thank you.

SAL Lao Moving down to Aaron Nee. Did you submit written testimony?
Aaron Nee No. I am Aaron Nee. I am an undergraduate senior majoring in Math. I am in favor of SR 02-18. It feels like the time to do this is a little bit unfortunate. I don't understand why they didn't mention anything before this semester started or when last semester ended. It's a little bit of an awkward timing because students are using the library. It is an illfully timed notice. Personally, I typically stay there very late at night, since I have access to computers whenever I need it and I can find a place to study and sit. It'll be overnight, and I can find a place to sit. I don't think there's some sort of way we can justify changing the hours.

SAL Lao Now, moving down to Jonathan Rosen. Did you submit a written testimony?

Jonathan Rosen Not to ASUH, just to the librarians.

SAL Lao You may begin.

Jonathan Rosen Hello, my name is Jonathan Rosen and I am a Biology Senior at UH. First of all, I want to start by saying that the reason why they're saying the library is closing is a very nondescript line saying staffing and low usage issues. Being a student, I'm there almost every night, until at least 12:00 am, and I'd like to say from first-hand experience that low usage is not an issue. Those pods on the first floor are at least half full, the computer labs are at least half full. I see at least 10 people on every section of the first floor, however I don't know about upstairs. If staffing is an issue, maybe you don't need both floor open, but at least have one floor open. Second of all, this is a state university; this is a college, and how can you say that you're not going to make this a safe place to study and learn past 10:00? On top of that, some people have class here until 8:30 pm. When you get off at 5:00, you want to take a nap, have some food, and you're expected to get

all of your stuff done by 10:00 at a university, and what other options will be open if they do close the only library open past 10:00? If they close the last library open, then the students may have to fit in those study pods at the dorms, and there's no way that can accommodate everybody. On top of that, most people who go to Sinclair in the first place during that time are people who don't have anywhere else to go. They need the wi-fi, they need the resources and computers, they need the secure ID checks so they don't have to stay in random, dark places since the campus is not a well-lit place at night. Not a lot of places are well-lit except for Sinclair. We need a place that is both secure and has adequate lighting, and is safe and quiet until at least 12:00 or 2:00. Granted, I understand that money is an issue and that everything does run on limited budgets, and limited staff and limited funding and limited time, but if that's really an issue, the second floor is not really that big and I'm sure that past 10:00, the people from the second floor can fit on the first floor. At least close the second floor, but you still want to keep the first floor and computers open at least for a reasonable time, like 12:00. A lot of you guys are students and I'm sure a lot of you study past 10:00. We want a safe place to study to work on our degrees and work on our goals at this University.

SAL Lao
Jason Len

Thank you, Jonathan. Moving down to Jason Len.

I've already submitted an emailed testimony, but I'll just summarize it. The usage that they looked through - I'd actually like to see a little more detail of what the people are using and what they are doing, because from what I can recall from being there overnight, most of it could be solved from a large open area and computer lab. It doesn't need to be the entire library open because the circulation desk closes anyway. The other ones that I'd like to see looked into is maybe staggering some of the other library hours to account for Sinclair being open later. For example, the medical library is open until 1:00 every night, and I find it strange that the library that is very exclusive is going to be open longer than the library that is open to everyone. In addition, I believe that it opens at 6:00 in the morning. The other options for staggering libraries are maybe we could have Hamilton open earlier and have Sinclair open later, and have the same amount of total hours, just shifted so that there is not as much overlap so people have someplace to study. In addition to that, keeping the library open until at least midnight because the way the school is set up through Laulima, we have a lot of assignments that are due at midnight, and with that cutoff, it is nice to have an 11:30 cutoff at the library so people can submit when things are due. I close with a question of are we an institution of learning or are we an institution of the gym? Why does the gym have longer hours than the library will?

SAL Lao
Lamarcos Rayford

Thank you, Jason. Moving down to Lamarcos Rayford.

Hello, my name is Lamarcos. I'm an undergraduate Senior in KRS. I want to open up by saying that I use the library a lot. I probably stay at Sinclair library longer than I stay at my own house. I feel that for them to close at 10:00 is unfair to all of the people who use the library during that time. I also want to look at security. There are a lot of students going through the library, so if you stop the security checks at 9:00 pm; that could cause a lot of issues if non-UH personnel come in. I'm not saying that it is exclusive to the non-students, but I think that's an issue. Sinclair is the only place where we can eat; it has comfortable couches - you can actually relax and feel at home and feel like you're getting an education and a place to study. I was kind of confused with why there's a problem with the budgeting. I'm from the KRS department and I'm into athletics, but if students aren't getting a safe place for their education, maybe the football team can have some of their budget cut and reallocated to the other libraries.

SAL Lao
Lamarcos Rayford
Jason Len
President Dela Cruz
Advisor Manini

Thank you, Lamarcos. Sorry, I forgot to ask, did you submit a written testimony?

No. Sorry, I didn't.

Do we need to submit written testimony?

We welcome written testimony as a form of documentation. You can still submit it.

Even to the young man who just submitted his testimony to the library, I think you should forward it to ASUH so we have it on record.

SAL Lao

Okay, moving down to the next testifier, Siera Yu-Nique Price. You have three minutes starting now.

Siera Yu-Nique Price

Hi guys, I'm a senior in business, so I do use Sinclair quite frequently. As a business student, we do work in a lot of group work, have a lot of study sessions, have a lot of group work that we all need to complete. We all have different schedules, so Sinclair is reliable. What makes Sinclair unique is the hours, and you can rely on them to go and meet up with other study groups. As a student who pays for their own tuition, I feel that it is a robbery that they are blaming this on a lack of funding, when we pay a lot of money for these resources. For them to just cut it is kind of a smack to the face. I just wanted to say that and put in my input to make this happen.

SAL Lao

Thank you, Siera. Moving down to Saul Bernal.

Saul Bernal

Hello guys, I'm Saul Bernal. I'm a senior studying Molecular Bioscience and Biotechnology. First of all, I think it is a shame for this university to not have a library that is open 24 hours. That is one of the benefits of a university. The other is that they are using the argument that they do not have enough money to overnight security and they need that money to fund for 100 classes. The 300 and 400 level classes are the one that people study for, so if you add easier classes, they won't attend the library. There are solutions. We could have a trusted system, where after 11:00, only people who have signed up can go to the library. Nowadays, there are many technological solutions that can be applied to the problem. For all that we pay we deserve a library where we can go to at any time.

SAL Lao

Thank you. Next up is Aovai Cole.

Aovai Cole

Hi everyone, my name is Aovai Cole. I'm here to represent the Tinumasalasala Samoan Organization, which is an RIO on campus. I'm the president of the club, and I just have to say that a majority of our members are students who come to Hawai'i from the islands, so when they come to the state, they are living with family or they are living in tiny studio apartments, and a lot of them can't afford internet, probably for the first four months they are here on island. That was the case for me - I could not afford internet when I first came to Hawai'i, so I really relied on Sinclair Library to do all of my work. Another issue is that, like I said, most of our students live with family - they live in homes that have their siblings, their cousins, their aunties, their uncles. There's not enough space or privacy for them to do some quality studying. We all know that if we are not in the right state of mind, we cannot study or take anything in. Some of our members also work odd hours. They are escorts, they are security guards, and those students finish shifts at 1 in the morning, or midnight, and if Sinclair is not open, where are they supposed to go? We also use Sinclair for our study groups. We have study groups with all of our club members, and since everyone has odd schedules, if we schedule a study group at 10:00, and the library closes at 10, we can't have it. Also, just as an individual, I'm a biology senior. I'm a full time student taking many courses that require me to stay until probably 2 at night. This is the one resource I ask for on campus. I don't use the gym, I don't go to the movie nights, I don't do anything else but study and try to earn my degree. Thank you very much.

SAL Lao

Thank you. Moving down to Jackie Lau. Did you get a chance to submit written testimony?

Jackie Lau

No.

SAL Lao

Okay, you have three minutes starting now.

Jackie Lau

I feel like whatever I have to say, probably a lot of other people have already said. But, I know that the library said there're not many people using it at night. But, I'm there almost every night, and there's a ton of people there all the time, and I just feel like I'm paying for stuff that I don't even use, like the bus pass and what not, and I was unable to get a parking permit this semester, so I'm paying \$5 to park at school every single time I come. It doesn't make sense for me to pay \$5 to come to school, and then go somewhere else like a coffee shop to study there. When exams come up, I'm always going to be studying late, and I'm sure everyone else does too. So, it just doesn't make sense. 26:06

SAL Lao Thank you. Now we'll move down to Clint. Did you get a chance to write a written testimony?

Clint Morimoto No.

SAL Lao Okay, you have 3 minutes to speak, starting now.

Clint Morimoto Hi, I'm an ICS major. I was going back and forth about saying something here today because speaking in front of a large crowd gives me anxiety, but I figured since I study at Sinclair library past 10pm every week, maybe I should say something if there's a chance it'll help Sinclair library keep its existing hours. I noticed something earlier when I saw that Sinclair library will now be open from 8am -10pm Monday-Thursday. I noticed that the Warrior Rec Center is open from 5:30am - 10:30 pm Monday-Friday, and as much as I like the option of a late workout as the next guy, but I would give that up for a 24 hour library. UH has a lot of cool recreational activities and services for a lot of us to support our studies, but personal, I would trade any one of them to have access to Sinclair and Hamilton Library for 24 hours. My reason is because that is the only thing I can think of outside of our classes and our professors that is going to have a significant impact on my grades and my educational career at UH. Thank you.

SAL Lao Thank you, Clint. Moving down to Jihyeon Shim. Did you get a chance to write a written testimony?

Jihyeon Shim Yes.

SAL Lao Okay, you have 3 minutes to speak starting now.

Jihyeon Shim Hello, I'm an international student here, so I need more time to study due to the language barrier. In Hawai'i, there's not a lot of cafe to go to and study. Kissaten usually closes at 1 am. I don't want to have to pay \$6 for coffee that I don't want to drink. If the library closes at 10 pm, I finish class at 4 pm, I have dinner, I work-out until 7 pm, so technically I just have 2 to 3 hours to study. On Saturdays, the library close at 6 pm, so there's no time for me to study.

SAL Lao Okay, thank you. Next up is Rika Shinsato. Did you get a chance to submit written testimony?

Rika Shinsato No.

SAL Lao Okay, you have 3 minutes to speak starting now.

Rika Shinsato Hello, I'm Rika and I'm an undergraduate student. Generally, i regard what UH does with apathy, but this time I really have to speak up because this is the resource that I actually use. Last year, I had a part time job. My laptop was broken, so I needed a computer to do my work, so the only place I had at that time to go to was Sinclair. It is where I go to study with other people for group projects and stuff like that. I think it is pretty unfortunate and unacceptable that UH decides to cut its hours without contacting pretty much anybody and pretty much springing this on us all of a sudden. I feel that this is what UH does a lot. It uses its funds for whatever they want without really contacting us or letting us have any input at all. I just want to say that Sinclair is really important to me and other students too. This is a school, should be a school first and foremost, so I feel that a 24 hour library is a necessity for all of us as students. Thank you.

SAL Lao Thank you. Moving down to Quinn Patrick Quinn Patrick O'Malley. Did you get a chance to submit a written testimony.

Quinn Patrick O'Malley I did not.

SAL Lao That is fine. You have 3 minutes to speak starting now.

Quinn Patrick O'Malley I've only been in the UH system since the beginning of this semester. Being able to stay in that library until after 10 has helped me immensely with getting homework done on time and studying. I was there on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday until at least 1 in the morning studying for a math exam I had today that I'm pretty confident I got an A on. If that library had been closed at 10, then I wouldn't have had the chance to go in and use the computers and use wifi access since I don't own a computer simply because I can't afford one. There's no internet access in my apartment. So if that library had closed, my grade on that exam I took today would have been very different. Seeing that it is going to close at 10 starting on October 1st has me nervous about my future exams and keeping

my GPA high enough to hopefully get accepted into graduate school and then PhD program. I can understand not being open 24 hours, but closing at 10:00 is really too early. There are plenty of people there at midnight. I've noticed that it starts emptying out from 1 or so, so maybe instead of closing at 10, you could close it at 2 am or 3 am, or something like that. Closing at 10:00 is going to be detrimentally to not just myself, but plenty of other students as well and future students who are still in high school and junior high who haven't entered college yet. So, I feel that closing it at 10 is not looking out for the best regards of students and their grades and them succeeding in college. That's about it.

SAL Lao
Asami Kobayashi

Thank you. Next up is Asami.

Hello members of ASUH. My name is Asami Kobayashi. I am a biology major in the College of Arts and Sciences. Today I am here in support of the resolution because I cannot stress how important it is that we keep the hours of Sinclair Library. As a Biol major, we have had classes where it is highly suggested that we form study groups for classes such as biochemistry, organic chemistry, calculus, etc., and when we have study sessions, it almost always goes past 10:00, sometimes until 3:00 in the morning. And so it is critical that we have a space where students can study as a group where there's whiteboards, where there's round tables, where there's computers provided late at night. And so for me, it is pretty much essential that we have it open until. Also, another point is that we cannot keep allowing the university to cheat us! They have been incrementally raising our tuition, the administration gave themselves a million dollar pay raise not too long ago, and they're considering funneling even more of our tuition money into Ka Leo instead of figuring out a way to make it more cost efficient! Now they are shorting us of the library hours, and as a student who pays good money for quality education, this is a disgrace! ASUH, please continue to fight for the students' best interest.

SAL Lao

Thank you. Moving down to Spencer Keenan. Did you get a chance to write a written testimony.

Spencer Keenan
SAL Lao
Spencer Keenan

No, I did not.

Okay, you have 3 minutes to speak starting now.

The meaning of the presentation was to send a presentation, and that message to you guys, I guess, would be the academic excellence this university wants to provide for its students. I'm not necessarily here for myself, but for the greater community that doesn't really have the guts to come here and be the person to say something. I was at the library last night, and a group of 5 came to join me. Every single student on that table had a job where they're in the service industry and the only opportunity for them to study is the library. If you're here in school until 4:00, and you have a job at 5:00, and you're out until 11:00, what do you do? You go to sleep. My friends are on the couch at home. It is not a place where you want to study. I've been to four colleges now around the world, and generally every one of those places had a coffee shop open until 2 or somewhere else to go and be a student, but Hawai'i doesn't really have that here. I've tried to find it, and then you kind of go back to that concept of you on the couch figuring out if you're going to go do something or not. I feel that the library is that place to make people better students and achieve what their goals are and give them the opportunity to be the best they can be. So, that's it. The pursuit of academic excellence.

SAL Lao
Nelson Masang Jr.
SAL Lao
Nelson Masang Jr.

Okay, thank you. Next up is Nelson. Did you get a chance to submit written testimony? I did.

Thank you. You have 3 minutes starting now.

Hello, my name is Nelson. I'm a junior and I study NREM here. I am also a member of the Micronesian Connections Club. Our club advisor is here, too, and she's going to speak on behalf of the club. I was asked by my friends to come here and speak on behalf of them. There's us and a group of Micronesians that really depend on the library as a place to study. Most of us pay our way through college, and a lot of us take up work as mentioned earlier. Some of us work really odd hours at night, and the only time for us available would be far beyond 10pm to come here and study and get our assignments

done. So, I'm just here to support and give my testimony, and I hope that we can save the hours for Sinclair. Thank you.

SAL Lao

Thank you. Moving down to Creselle Morales. Did you get a chance to submit written testimony?

Crisell Porallis

No.

SAL Lao

That's fine. You have 3 minutes starting now.

Crisell Porallis

When I got the email that the Sinclair Library hours are getting cut, I got really worried because I have nowhere else to study. Well, I do, but they're not comfortable places, like the lounge in the dorms or in my room, but I don't have a true space to focus if it's not the library. I feel that cutting the hours would really hurt my study process, because it takes me a long time and I can't focus in a small space, and I need the library to help me focus. I feel like cutting the hours to 10 is not really helpful because we already have Hamilton. If there was a better plan, it would have been better to cut Sinclair library hours during the day when Hamilton is open, and open up Sinclair after Hamilton is closed so it will save money and also give people the chance to be able to access the library so that people are not limited to hours. People like me who take a nap in the afternoon, and wake up at 8 to study.

SAL Lao

Thank you. That is it for our undergraduate testifiers. Are there any other undergraduates that wish to testify?

Travis Lovato

Hi everybody, my name is Travis. I just want to say that it angers me that the school wants to limit the hours. I'm a pre-medical student and I take my school work very seriously. I'm getting married soon in January and probably will have to work pretty soon. My schedule as a pre-medical student is not cut and dry, and a lot of students schedules aren't like that. I get emails for events that aren't even related to my major. I don't think a majority of students care about them. I thought about what would be the reason for them to do this, and it's probably financial. I don't understand because they keep the lights in the gym on 24/7, and they probably keep the lights on in the library 24/7 whether there are people in there or not. The only staff I see in there is 2 security guards, so it just really confuses me why they can let this happen. I don't think it's reasonable. I just wanted to say that. Thank you, guys.

Grad students

SAL Lao

Thank you. Moving down to graduate students. First up is Kalawai'a Goo. Did you submit a written testimony?

Kalawai'a Goo

No, I did not.

SAL Lao

Okay, you have 3 minutes to speak, starting now.

Kalawai'a Goo

I support all of the previous testimony in not modifying the existing hours. If it's about access, I think it should be open longer. I support everyone from the previous testimony, but I'd also like to offer a thing called emotional contagion, which is something that we do when we go to a place and pick up on its energy. This was kind of touched upon earlier. So this is the idea that I can study at this place, I can sit on the couch when I go home. This is a very conducive place for studying. For them to take this access away, there's a lot of barriers to get an education, the cost of tuition, which are very stressful. So, I'm here to help move this forward.

SAL Lao

Okay, thank you. Next is Diliaur Tellei. Did you get to submit a written testimony?

Diliaur Tellei

I did not.

SAL Lao

That is fine. You have 3 minutes starting now.

Diliaur Tellei

I'm Diliaur and I am a graduate student in the Computer Science Department. I am here in support of SR 02-18. I am also the advisor of the Micronesian Connections Club. Personally, I disagree with the sudden nature of the announcement and the utter lack of transparency and their reasoning. Among my colleagues, it was brought up that a flagship campus without a 24 hour library is, frankly, kind of embarrassing. Not only that, but I live on campus, and Sinclair is the most accessible, closest option with the best hours, and also, it's free. I don't have to go to Starbucks or Kissaten, and pay for drinks for wif. Echoing what Nelson said, our Micronesian club members frequently use Sinclair to

study and meet. Our members need flexible hours due to their working schedules and living arrangements. Ultimately, we do understand budget constraints, but the way in which it was done and the way that administration has spent money in a questionable manner, and the fact that the hours would be so limited, is unacceptable to me. At least there should be a compromise that takes students' lived experiences into account.

SAL Lao

Thank you. Last graduate student on our list is Amy. Did you get to submit a written testimony?

Amy Chinen

No.

SAL Lao

That's fine. You have 3 minutes to speak, starting now.

Amy Chinen

Thank you for hearing my testimony. I'm a grad student here. I also did my undergraduate study here. I have an office now, so I study there, but I'm here to show up for my undergraduate friends and students that I teach General Chemistry Labs to. I want to echo some of the other testimonies that I heard. To be a public research institution without a 24 hour library is like, "What are you guys doing?" Also, to say that, The way that this was handled sends the wrong message to our students. I tell my students that even though you are not interested in chemistry, there is still something that you can take away from the class, such as learning how to use their higher intuition to solve complex problems. For the university to say that this is a hard problem is not in the spirit of investigation and innovation that this university should be instilling in our students.

SAL Lao

Thank you. That is it for the testimonies on the list. Does anyone else wish to testify?

Cathy Ferreira

My name is Cathy Ferreira. I transferred to here from Kapiolani Community College. I would like to speak on behalf of my two friends who are KCC students. I myself came here the last two years to come to Sinclair library just because it was open after our library was closed. This was really important to me, and the students here are still doing that as well. They are not a part of the UHM system, but they are a part of the UH System in general. I felt that I need to take ASUH, the Senators, and the advisor for allowing us this opportunity to speak up and say that the library should be open until at least 12:00 if not 24 hours.

President Dela Cruz

To wrap up this portion of the meeting, I'd like to say thank you for coming to this meeting and submitting testimony, whether it was in person, verbal, or through email. This shows how much support you have for this issue. That's why we are all here and convened a Special General Senate Meeting to address this issue. We have a resolution that you are all aware of that we will be introducing. Your voice's that you have shared with us today show your support and help us create this stance.

REPORTS

Executive

President

- a. PM #6: Relating to the Establishing of a "Save Sinclair" Ad-hoc Committee

President Dela Cruz

Although this is just a recess appointment, this is to establish a committee within ASUH to lead advocacy efforts so that we can further the student voice, whether it's submitting this resolution, any further motions that we need to make.

SAL Chen

Move to accept PM #6.

SAL Honda

Second.

President Dela Cruz

If you would like to add your name to this committee, you can add it now, or submit another PM.

Senator Finau

Move to add Senator Finau, Senator Willis, and Senator Nishihara to the list.

SAL Chen

Second.

Motion carries.

SAL Honda

Move to add my name to the committee.

SAL Leval

Second.

Motion carries.

Senator Chun Move to add my name to the committee.
SAL Chen Second.
Motion carries.

Treasurer Hinshaw Move to add my name to the committee.
SAL Chen Second.
Motion carries.

Motion carries.

b. Legislation & Agenda Item Request Deadline: Fridays, 5pm

c. Executive Committee Meeting: October 4, 2017 (6 pm, CC310)

President Dela Cruz There is an Executive Committee Meeting on October 4 in CC 310.

d. Special General Senate Meeting: October 4, 2017 (7 pm, CC310)

President Dela Cruz This is to ratify the special election results.

Vice President

VP Urasaki No report.

Treasurer

Treasurer Hinshaw No report.

Secretary

Senator Nishihara No report.

Administrative

a. Advisor

Advisor Manini No report.

b. Operations Manager

Judicial Branch

a. Student Court

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Finau For homecoming, everything has been finalized. Food has been finalized. For t-shirts, we are waiting for the super quote process to end. We'll find out next week Friday, I believe. I'll email out the design. KTUH DJ is booked, the venue is booked, and we are sending an email to the RIOs to see if they'd like to gain exposure and we asked the cheer and dance team to see if they'd like to perform. Also be on the lookout for a volunteer list. In addition to this we'll start going over Sinclair Study Nights so we can get this permit thing with the university figured out in advance.

Elections

a. Fall 2017 Special Elections Candidate Nominations

Chairperson Utashiro Campaigning started on Monday and elections will start the following week. All of the seats are filled except for SOEST. The only contested seats are secretary and business. Because of that, we decided to cancel our tabling.

External Affairs

Chairperson Leval Please check your emails. I sent an email with tasks.

Finance

Chairperson Honda

As of tomorrow, the RIO funding packets will be available to RIOs for pickup. Thank you finance committee for being especially helpful through the process!

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Lao

I'll be sending an email tonight to schedule our next meeting.

Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Ng

We had our first meeting yesterday with our financial advisors. We just need to finish the paperwork to hire our new managers. Our next meeting will be on October 17 at 7pm in CC309.

Student Affairs

VC Nishihara

No report.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Chen

Our Scholarships and Awards are due on October 6. I am going to set up an excel sheet to sign up for Grad Fair, which will be on October 26 and October 27 from 11-2pm.

SPECIAL ORDERS

- a. Senate Resolution 02-18: In Strong Opposition to the Decision Making Process, Implementation Process, and Changes Regarding Sinclair Library Hours

SAL Chen

Move to special order SR 02-18.

SAL Leval

Second.

SAL Chen

Due to the implementation of these hours in the next couple of weeks, we feel that it is dire to special order this resolution in order to show the administration that we are passionate about this issue and that we want to discuss with them based on the research that we found and their conversation with us that there are things that don't necessarily line up. We want this to reach them prior to the actual implementation of the hours

ROLL CALL VOTE TO SPECIAL ORDER SR 02-18

Aye(s): Treasurer Hinshaw, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Chun, Finau, Hortizuela, Lieu, Ng, Nishihara, Petersen, Willis, Utashiro [14]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Motion carries.

SAL Leval

Move to accept SR 02-18.

Senator Finau

Second.

SAL Leval

This resolution is an expansion of the initial statement that ASUH put out regarding the Sinclair Library hour changes. Here are just a couple of notable parts from this resolution. We have a whereas statement that states ASUH passed a resolution that requested these 24 hour library hours. We included statistics regarding UHM's peer benchmark institutions, and how 8 of 9 peer universities offer 24 hour library hours. We also included a study that shows that 90% of students agree that the availability of late night library hours had a positive impact on their academic success. That, along with the sentiments expressed by ASUH's initial stance on this issue is included in this resolution.

Aaron Nee

By when can we submit our written testimony?

President Dela Cruz

The deadline was today for this meeting, but you can still submit testimony regarding the issue since we will continue to tackle this issue, and any testimony will help.

Caucasian person

I have written a testimony about the 2% increase in our tuition. Why is there an increase in tuition but a cutting of library hours? Where is the 2% going towards?

Treasurer Hinshaw On the third page, the first WHEREAS statement, is it necessary to include the in-text citation? I don't remember seeing a resolution formatted like this before.

Advisor Manini I would leave it, or move it down so it's by the link.

SAL Chen Move to move the citation of the first WHEREAS on the third page to the bottom of the page in the footnotes.

SAL Lao Second.
Motion carries.

SAL Leval Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.

Treasurer Hinshaw Second.
Motion carries.

President Dela Cruz Thank you to the introducers for writing this bill very quickly and for the amount of research that was put into it.

SAL Leval Move to include the citation for the fourteenth WHEREAS statement.

SAL Chen Second.
Motion carries.

Jason Len I think there might be a typographical error on the sixth whereas statement on the second page. I think it should be 4 of 9, since there are 9 peer institutions.

SAL Lao That's correct, I think the 8 in that whereas should be 9 peers and 9 benchmark institution.

Senator Finau Move to change the third to last BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to read, "...library hours before the October 1st change in hours are implemented; and," to clarify that the change of hours refers to the October 1st change.

SAL Lao Second.
Motion carries.

Senator Finau Would it be helpful to include a stronger wording in the second BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to emphasis that we feel they should look into implementing alternatives? Anyone can say that they will look into this, but this would be more of an active statement.

SAL Leval Move to change the second BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to read, "... the ASUH strongly recommends that during the survey process the UH Mānoa Library implement alternative, less impactful accommodations..."

SAL Chen Second.
Motion carries.

SAL Chen I'd like to recommend that right before the last BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED statement to add another statement stating, "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASUH strongly requests that University officials put a halt to the implementation of the new Sinclair Library hours; and,"

SAL Leval Second.

Advisor Manini I think it would wiser to include a request for the halt before the recommendations to look for alternatives. This is because if halting the implementation is not feasible, then they can explore alternatives.

SAL Chen Amend my motion to move to relocate the statement to before the second to last BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED.

Treasurer Hinshaw Second.
Motion carries.
Motion carries.

Treasurer Hinshaw Are we really representing 10,000 or is it 11,000? I remember hearing that we represent 10,700, so it would be more accurate to put 11,000.

Advisor Manini While Senator Lao looks at the numbers, can we look at the BE IT RESOLVED statements? Since a BE IT RESOLVED statement was added before requesting alternatives, I suggest that a statement be added stating alternatives should be implemented if the implementation cannot be halted.

SAL Chen Move to change the second to last be it further resolved statement to read, "... The ASUH strongly recommends that during the survey process, if the implementation of the change in Sinclair Library hours cannot be halted, the UH Mānoa Library implement..."

SAL Leval Second.
Motion carries.

SAL Lao The Fall 2017 enrollment is not up yet, but enrollment for Fall 2016 is listed as 10,700, but spring 2017 is listed as just under 10,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SR 02-18 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Vice President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Chun, Finau, Hortizuela, Lieu, Ng, Nishihara, Willis, Utashiro [14]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Motion carries.

b. Senate Bill 14-18: To Appropriate Funding for a "Save Sinclair" Campaign

SAL Chen Move to special order SB 14-18.

SAL Lao Second.

SAL Honda Due to the sudden implementation of these hours, time constraint and us wanting to make an effort to advertise and campaign about our cause, we need to special order this bill, especially since we have less than 2 weeks to get everything together before they implement the new hours. We want to reach them prior to the actual implementation.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO SPECIAL ORDER SB 14-18

Aye(s): Vice-President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Senators-at-Large Chen, Honda, Lao, Leval, Senators Chun, Finau, Hortizuela, Lieu, Ng, Nishihara, Willis, Utashiro [14]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Motion carries.

SAL Lao Move to accept SB 14-18

Senator Finau Second.

SAL Leval The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funding for our "Save Sinclair" Campaign. As you can see, this bill is appropriating funds for supplies, which will include protest supplies, refreshments for those in attendance, venue rental, probably for Campus Center Courtyard, as well as equipment for the events that we'll be holding.

Treasurer Hinshaw What is the venue rental?

SAL Leval The venue rental is tentatively for Campus Center Courtyard.

SAL Lao Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors and the date at the top to September 20, 2017.

Treasurer Hinshaw Second
Motion carries

Treasurer Hinshaw Move to add Senator Petersen's signature to the bill.

SAL Chen Second.

Motion carries.

- Senator Finau* How were the numbers determined?
SAL Chen This is a rough estimate based off of what the Ad-Hoc committee has planned, which is dependent on the testimonies we'll be receiving tonight. It is just a rough estimate. We don't have any solid numbers yet, until we finish delegating tasks.
- SAL Lao* I have a question about the purpose. Reading through it the first time doesn't make it clear whether this is going to be an event or not. The line items under appropriations make it seem like an event, but the title makes it sound like supplies for an awareness campaign as opposed to some sort of event.
- SAL Chen* Per Advisor Manini's discussion with us, we didn't want to put a specific date out, yet. We have something planned out, but nothing has been set in stone. In terms of reserving the venue, we wanted to be vague.
- SAL Leval* To clarify, the reason why the purpose statement is vague and doesn't include date and time is the Ad-Hoc committee, under the advice of Advisor Manini, has decided to keep the strategy details undisclosed so the strategy is not compromised by people who might not support this initiative.
- Advisor Manini* I would just say under the purpose, "To appropriate funding for a "Save Sinclair" Campaign." and strike everything else in the purpose, since you don't have to say anything else. The Ad-Hoc committee is going to decide what to do. I remember you guys talking about purchasing poster, paper, refreshments. It seems that there will be students sitting in the sun and out late at night, so people will need bottled water to stay hydrated and small snacks for sustenance. This is why the numbers wouldn't be as high.
- President Dela Cruz* I'd like to also answer that question as the lead for the Ad-Hoc committee. The title encompasses all advocacy efforts regarding the library hour change issue, so campaign encompasses any efforts, including tangible goods needs to support these efforts.
- Senator Finau* I am in support of what this bill is, but I would like to entertain a motion to table this under further planning has been conducted to understand the actual amounts. I feel like just guessing the amounts isn't the smartest thing. I feel that there wasn't enough planning to come up with a bill right now. I also don't believe that an event will be happening between now and next general.
- President Dela Cruz* Because of the processes that ASUH goes through in terms of funding, it would take at least 2 weeks because we have to approve of the minutes. We wouldn't be able to buy anything until the next general senate meeting, which is limiting because we need to start buying things for advocacy efforts dependent on what the Ad-Hoc committee decides to do.
- Senator Finau* I'd like to retract my motion. I would just recommend that further information is provided because there is very little. I presented it because I understand the planning process in planning events, and I do not think that it is wise to estimate the budget especially through a bill. I'd like to recommend to the committee to do more research. .
- SAL Lao* I echo Senator Finau's concerns. For me, it is hard to appropriate \$1,300 that are student monies towards something that has so little details and purpose. However, I understand that if we don't pass this tonight, we wouldn't be able to purchase anything for another three weeks. With that being said, I am in support of this with reservations.
- VP Urasaki* I understand the concerns of Senator Finau and SAL Lao. At first glance, the bill seems vague, and it was done so with a purpose. I believe that you two are now on the Ad-Hoc committee. When we meet as ad-hoc committee what we have planned, I can assure that the details will be less vague. We can always allocate less or more money by recalling the bill. You are now on the committee, and we are looking for your input. We have stuff planned that was purposely not put on the bill.
- SAL Chen* We have specific things we want to buy as supplies, but we wanted to leave it as just supplies instead of listing everything we intend to purchase. In our conversation in the

- Ad-Hoc committee, we talked about supplies such as signs, paint. We wanted to leave this as general line items so we can have alternative price checks. We did price checks for the items we intend to purchase.
- Advisor Manini* Your purpose is advocacy, so investing in purchasing blow-horns for this initiative can be kept for future use for advocacy. With this particular event, regardless of how much experience you have with planning events, this is a very time sensitive event, so everything has to be accelerated, because we don't have time, which is why we are special ordering things. October 1st is going to be right around the corner. This is not going to be the same as other events that we have done. We will probably be doing things overnight that would normally take 3 or 4 days or a week to do. The timing for this initiative has to move fast.
- SAL Honda* Is this an awareness campaign or is this a protest? I'm not sure how you guys see it, but I see them as two different things. Also, how much funding is Sinclair Library down by to extend their library hours? I feel like we should be putting our money towards an actual solution to the problem.
- President Dela Cruz* To answer your question, it is not to raise awareness of the issue, as it has already been brought up by the administration, but it is to raise awareness to the public as well as to our UH administration. That's what the purpose of this campaign is for.
- SAL Lao* I'm looking at the University of Hawai'i's budget appropriated to the library. If you want to look at it, it is available online. This is for July 2016.
- SAL Honda* I just want to say that we should actually put our money towards something that can solve the issue.
- SAL Leval* When we say Save Sinclair campaign, it encompasses everything under such campaign, whether it'd be awareness issues, advocacy efforts such as protest, anything having to do with raising awareness about student concerns regarding the new changes.
- President Dela Cruz* There are other solutions in terms of how we want to approach this. The Save Sinclair Ad-Hoc committee is working on a strategy and approaching this issue, which includes writing a letter to the Interim Chancellor to possibly put a halt on this. If these do not fall through, then this is our strategy and so we would need the funding for these supplies.
- Aaron Nee* I would suggest writing a petition and having students sign a petition agreeing to keep the library hours as they were before.
- President Dela Cruz* Thank you. That is an idea the ad-hoc committee has talked about.
- Senator Utashiro* I would recommend to increase the amount for supplies and refreshments. Seeing how much supplies and refreshments could cost, it might be a good idea.
- Senator Finau* I am in support of that, but is there a fee for the new permits to distribute food?
Advisor Manin Closed package and pre-packaged items do not require a permit or handwashing station. If the items are pre-packaged such as bottled water and pre-packaged snacks, we do not need to go through the permitting process.
- SAL Chen* What should it be increased to?
Senator Utashiro I think increasing supplies to \$2000 and refreshments to \$1000, just in case. We can always readjust it after the event.
- Senator Finau* I'd like to recommend decreasing the line item for supplies to \$1000 or \$1200. I think \$2,000 is a little too much.
- SAL Chen* I think that is still a bit too much. Maybe \$800. If anything, we could recall it.
Senator Utashiro I understand that you can recall it, but in the interest of time, if you realize that you need more, then this would act as a safety net instead of having to recall it.
- Senator Finau* I agree, I think having a safety net is important. If we have to recall the bill, then we would have the same time issue that we would have if this bill was tabled. So, I think it is better to overestimate.
- SAL Leval* Move to increase supplies to \$1000, Refreshments to \$800, and have the totals reflect the changes.

SAL Chen Second.
Motion carries.

Treasurer Hinshaw Move to call the question.
SAL Leval Second.
Motion carries.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 14-18 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Vice-President Urasaki, Treasurer Hinshaw, Senators-at-Large Chen, Lao, Leval, Senators Chun, Hortizuela, Lieu, Ng, Nishihara, Willis, Utashiro [12]

Naye(s): Senator-at-Large Honda, Senator Finau [2]

Abstention(s): [0]

Motion carries.

Advisor Manini I would recommend that you talk to campus center board since they have expressed support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

a. "Save Sinclair" Campaign

President Dela Cruz Now I'd like to open up discussion about the Sinclair Library issue. The Ad-Hoc committee will be able to help lead ASUH in terms of finalizing details and spreading the word, and collaborating with the students as much as we can to move forward with these efforts in terms of advocacy. Based off of the testimony that we received, the committee will decide on what will be the best moves to make, whether it's having a rally, or march, or sit-in at the library. This is more of a heads-up to those who feel impacted by this issue. You are all welcome to be a part of this change.

SAL Chen Thank you everyone for coming here tonight and sharing your thoughts and concerns with ASUH. We'll do our best to serve you.

Advisor Manini For those of you who are still here, I just want to say that we'll need you to gather others to help fight this issue in case the Administration doesn't listen to the ASUH Senate to halt this change. I'm not sure if they will take us seriously, so, if for some reason they don't take ASUH seriously, you will be needed to rally your friends and get them to come out and participate. That is the only way that administration will be able to see that you are passionate about this issue.

President Dela Cruz We'll do as much as we can to inform the students.

Asami Kobayashi I'm a board member of the Mānoa Neighborhood Board. I was wondering if I could use your resolution to pass at our neighborhood board meeting? I'd like your guys' permission first.

President Dela Cruz Yes, you could say you support the ASUH resolution or take ideas from it.

Student Being a student from KCC, I was wondering if other campuses have been notified of what's going on? I just learned about what is happening yesterday.

Senator Finau I don't know if they sent an email to the other campuses, but my friends who go to the other community colleges were not notified of this. The email blast that we received was sent to the UHM students. There could potentially be an email that was sent out to the entire UH System.

VP Urasaki and I sit on the UH Student Caucus and we did mention the issue to the other Caucus delegates. Those delegates from the other campuses are aware, but it was up to them if they wanted to relay the information as soon as possible. I do believe that there is an article on UH news of the issue. This is public for them to see.

Jason Len As a student from the lower campus, nothing was sent to the general body there. But I do know that Leeward campus has extended their library hours.

OPEN FORUM

Senator Utashiro Elections will be tabling for the duration of the voting period from 10am - 2pm. We will have computers at the tables so people can vote there if they want to. I'll be sending out signup sheets soon.

CLOSING

Announcements

- a. Special Election Campaign Period - *Begins 9/18, ends 10/2*
- b. Special Election Voting Period - *Begins 9/25 and ends 10/2*
- c. Scholarships & Awards - *available 8/14, due 10/6/17 4:30 PM*

Adjournment

Treasurer Hinshaw Move to Adjourn.
Senator Willis Second.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Senator of the College of Engineering, 105th Senate