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General Senate Meeting #15 of the 101st Senate
Wednesday, October 23, 2013

OPENING

Call to Order

President Mizusawa called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present:	President Mizusawa, Vice President Koethe, Treasurer Tomono, Secretary Murai, Senators-at-Large Belisario, Escalante, Oshiro, Zakimi, Senators Ballard, Borge, Burk, Cox, Choy, Dobbs, Foresman, Koehn, Kwon, Lee, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Nishihara, Onishi, Pitts, Ramos, Schulz, Siador, Stump, Tegman [29]
Excused Absent:	Senators Coria, Fonacier, Ignacio, Moran, Murl, Wong [6]
Unexcused Absent:	Senator Okamura [1]
Excused Late:	Senator Chung [1]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	Senator Omokawa [1]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	Advisor Manini [1]
Guests:	Chancellor Tom Apple; Antonia Abgannawag; Alle-a Blanco; Kara Doles; Melissa Kahili [4]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

<i>Senator Burk</i>	Motion to accept GSMM #14
<i>SAL Oshiro</i>	Second.
	Motion Carries.
<i>Senator Ramos</i>	Motion to add my name to present.
<i>Senator Burk</i>	Second.
	Motion Carries.
<i>Senator Siador</i>	Motion to add my name to excused absence.
<i>SAL Belisario</i>	Second.
	Motion Carries.
<i>Senator Cox</i>	Motion to add my name to present.

Senator Burk Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Schulz Motion to change the numbers to reflect the new total.
Senator Mandado Second.
Motion Carries.
Motion Carries to accept GSMM #13 carries.

Official Correspondence

- i. Teach for America Presentation
 - ii. Chancellor Tom Apple Presentation
- Topics Discussed:
- Sustainability initiatives- hiring someone to oversee them
 - Went to the legislature and proposed getting back most of the 7 million lost last year to work on deferred maintenance, improving library and hiring people to help with compliance and environmental safety
 - Met with Representative John Mizuno on the tuition freeze

REPORTS

**Executive
President**

President Mizusawa Welcome to the new senators. Not everyone was here last time, so I'm going to have everyone introduce themselves again.

a. President's Message #25: Standing Committees Fall

Senator Tegman Motion to accept PM #25.
Senator Escalante Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Nishihara Motion to add Senator Burk to Internal Affairs and change amount to reflect the new total.
Senator Tegman Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Mandado Why is Senator Kwon no longer Finance chair?
President Mizusawa It was brought up to me by senators, and if they would like to come forward and explain that, they can.

Advisor Manini I think that if there is a change in committee members on a PM, it should be discussed in executive session, so that only senators and myself as an advisor would know.

SAL Zakimi I motion to go into executive session.
Senator Schulz Second.
Motion Carries.
The Senate entered executive session at 6:43 PM.

Senator Stump I feel that if people have complaints about their chair, it should be done on a one-on-one basis. I don't think discussing it now is appropriate. You have made your decision clear based on your PM. If this discussion should take place it should be behind closed doors.
I motion to exit executive session.
Senator Tegman Second.
Motion Carries.
The Senate resumed at 6:45 PM.

Senator Mandado If we're not going to discuss this, I think we should nay this, because I disagree with some of the people that are appointed as vice-chair or chair of committees. I don't agree with the president and what he's doing in terms of leading the senate. They were complaints about some of them and they are still having positions.

Senator Kwon I just wanted to talk about this PM. I joined ASUH when I was a freshman and what motivated me the most about ASUH was that I could use it as a force for change in this campus. I feel like now there's too much emphasis being put on committees and who the chairs are. I think if you really have a problem with your chair then you should talk to that person. Just as important as it is for the chair to lead the committee, it is just as important for the committee members to support the chair, and part of support is to have dialogue with your chair, and if after it doesn't go up to par, then that is when you should take the necessary measures to remove that chair, and you shouldn't be hiding behind a PM and forcing people to be replaced as chairs. Right now I feel that we are just doing a bunch of silly politics and this is exactly what the senators and congressmen in DC are doing, and they are talking blame and a lot of flak from everybody, and I don't think this is something we should be following. I think we should be rising up above this and focusing our efforts on what truly matters- our students. In conclusion I would like to challenge each senator here to support their chair to the best of their ability, and I would like to challenge the chairs to do what is truly right, which is to work for the students of this campus.

Senator Mandado Thank you Senator Kwon for saying that, but in addition to having chairs talking to their committee, I think the president should also take into consideration what the senators are saying about the leaders he is appointing.

Senator Burk I disagree with putting anybody of this senate on the spot. To speak specifically to Senator Mandado's concern about naying the PM, another thing you need to consider is that you are going to disenfranchise any of the new senate members who as of right now do not have any committee assignments. To nay the PM is to not have any of these senators serve on a committee and contribute to any committee in any capacity, so on one level that's a reason to not nay the PM. I think that yes we are in our right to question the president for his actions, but this action was taken into account by those who spoke to the president.

Senator Mandado Why did we nay the PM last week?

Senator Burk I am not going to speak for those who nayed the PM last week, I think they all had reasons of their own.

Senator Stump This is not a back and forth we should be having. This is totally inappropriate.
Motion to call the question.

Senator Tegman Second.
Motion Carries.

b. President's Message #26: Relating to ASUH Student Court

Senator Burk Motion to accept PM #26.

Senator Onishi Second.
Motion Carries.

President Mizusawa This PM is to appoint a new member to the Student Court.

Advisor Manini Did they elect their own Chief Justice?

President Mizusawa No, I just appointed one.
Advisor Manini The Chief Justice was never appointed by the Senate. The justices get appointed and elect their own Chief Justice. If they're called to handle a case, they organize how they choose to organize.

Senator Kwon Motion to strike "Chief" from "Chief Justice."
Senator Nguyen Second.
Motion Carries.

c. President's Message #27: Relating to General Education Committee Delegate

Senator Nguyen Motion to accept PM #27.
Senator Nishihara Second.
Motion Carries.

d. President's Message #28: Relating to Strategic Planning Committee- Sustainability

Senator Nguyen Motion to accept PM #28.
Senator Nishihara Second.
Motion Carries.

e. President's Message #29: Relating to Mānoa Maniacs Committee Delegate

Senator Nguyen Motion to accept PM #29.
Senator Moran Second.
Motion Carries.

President Mizusawa We have the chancellor coming to our November 6th meeting, so let me know if you have any concerns or questions you would like for him to discuss. Also come up with questions for the BOR Committee on Presidential Selection.

Vice President

Vice President Koethe Thank you to those who participated in the retreat. I need you to fill out an eval sheet. Grab one from my box, and don't put your name on it. Today, we had an advocacy workshop that senator Schulz did for us, which we would repeat. Be on a look out for a workshop on the ASUH rules. I will have your binders and mailboxes up by next meeting- new senators. I am looking at conferences for you to attend on the mainland for next semester. When I pick one, there will be applications to fill out.

Treasurer

Treasurer Tomono I have good news for some of us- September stipends are in. I just wanted to make sure I sent out the September stipend memo. Everyone got double paid in May, so that is why September stipends are a little weird. You can start filling our rate sheets this Friday. They are in the office, and if you are chair or vice chair, you have to rate committee members, and senators rate your committee chairs. October stipends will be prorated. If you do not do them, you won't be eligible for your stipends. In our budget we have \$47,872.00 left to spend, and nine weeks before the semester ends.

Secretary

Secretary Murai There has been confusion with signing out SCRs- people have been signing them out in the wrong sheet, and there are some duplicate numbers assigned to SCRs, so we need to sort that out. In the office I made a box by the Xerox machine for you to put copies of legislation from your committee meetings and exec meetings to be reused at general. I am also passing around a sheet of paper for you to check off your preference of receiving minutes- either paper or electronic. I want to do a survey on the Senate's preference.

Advisor

Advisor Manini

Welcome to new senators, I know some of you were here last week, and some of you weren't. I'm looking forward to working with you.

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Oshiro

I wanted to welcome new senators of my committee, it should be fun. Homecoming fair is this week on Friday from 4:30-7:30 PM. I think we finalized the volunteer sheet. We have our action plan, which Ryan will go over.

Senator Mandado

The sheet has our timeline. The first shit is at 3:15 PM. We encourage all senators to be part of this homecoming event. If you wanted to help me out, let me or Vice Chair Coria know. The marching band will not be there at 7:20-7:30 PM, so instead we will be doing games.

Chairperson Oshiro

Make sure someone is always manning the inflatable.

Advisor Manini

The layout is really beautiful, good job. Maybe for next time, have contact info for people. Otherwise, very good job.

Elections

Chairperson Tegman

Congratulations to all the new people, and good luck to those in my committee. I will hold a meeting in the next week. I will send out an email to set up a meeting. We will discuss goals and assign tasks.

External Affairs

Chairperson Zakimi

Hi everyone! Welcome to Dulce, the newest member of External Affairs. We had a meeting on Monday and we went over SB 17-14 which we will be going over in tonight's general. I also wanted to remind you that the Ka Leo arts festival is tomorrow. I sent out a Google doc link, so you can sign up on that. I also wanted to remind the new senators, if you have not sent me your senator profile, or taken a picture with me, please contact me.

Finance

Chairperson Burk

Welcome to everyone on the finance committee. RIO funding packets are supposed to be made available to RIOs on Friday. Vice Chair Nguyen and I will be at the office tonight making sure those packets are ready. I want to establish a regular meeting time, so I will be sending out a doodle.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Nishihara

Welcome to new members. Be on the lookout for an email. I am trying to establish a regular meeting time.

Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Lee

We will not be having a meeting on October 28th. I will be sending out an email to finalize a meeting day. The BOR finally passed our selection for changes in managers, so you never have to hear me say it again!

Student Affairs

Chairperson Belisario

Welcome to the new senators on my committee. I just want to address what student affairs does and some of our accomplishments. We have enhanced lighting on lower campus, one of the senators for last year's committee called parking services, and now carpool passes are available after 4 on upper campus. And my favorite, we implemented the u-pass in 2011. Basically, since we are on our third agreement, I am drafting that up. It is between the university and city and county. We are changing the dates of payment from November and April to December and May. The other changes are that we are keeping all the money from the replacement u-passes. We have two options- to keep the replacement money, or raise the u-pass fee and keep a portion of the fees. I am scheduling a meeting with the city next week. There is possibly going to be an increase,

so I want to do a survey again so we have a stronger number to present to the BOR. I spoke with Shawn from facilities about the vending machines- we want it to be open on Sunday. We are also asking paradise palms to extend their hours.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Escalante Welcome to my new committee members. Our meeting on Friday is being cancelled due to the Homecoming fair, so we are rescheduling to November 6th. We will be working on advertising our grad test prep and research awards, possibly meeting with a student guest who wants to work on a social network for academic related stuff, and possibly meeting with the Na Pua No'eau guy. They are a Native Hawaiian support service, and their funding got cut from 1.2 million to \$300,000 so we are going to speak to them about how it affects Native Hawaiian students. Applications for the scholarships were due last Friday. We got 119 applicants, a 40% increase from last semester. We haven't been getting applicants for the grad test prep awards so please let your constituents know.

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

a. Senate Bill 16-14: Reimbursement of RIOs for Spring 2013 Funding Cycle

Senator Nguyen Motion to accept SCR 30-14
SAL Belisario Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Burk We mistakenly had motion to change the accounts because the account ending in 42 is the RIO funding account and the one ending in 32 is the general funding account. After further advice from Advisor Manini, we cannot do that. But for now, we have to accept the SCR as it is.

Senator Burk Motion to accept SB 16-14.
Senator Nguyen Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Burk Motion to change all instances of account #332532 back to account #332542
Senator Nguyen Second.
Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote to Accept SB 16-14:

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

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion Carries.

b. Senate Bill 17-14: March on the Capitol

Senator Nguyen Motion to accept SCR 29-14.
Senator Stump Second.
Motion Carries.

Senator Nguyen Motion to accept SCR 31-14.
Vice President Koethe Second.

- Senator Burk*
Senator Mandado Motion Carries.
Motion to accept SB 17-14.
Second.
Motion Carries.
- Senator Tegman* This organization has taken the lead to have a march to the capitol to increase funding for UH. There was a march similar to this 15 years ago where they had 5,000 people participate, so we want to do that again. We are asking for money for water, and shirts for the leaders to be identified.
- Antonia Agbannawag* I'm with the Student Network for Action and Progress and as a student advocacy group we are trying to bring the student voice to the legislature so through this march we are organizing, we are giving visibility to the students are suffering from the decreased funding every year. Every year they decrease funds is an increase in our tuition. It not only affects us, but maintenance, staff, programs and everything Chancellor Apple cited. It affects the overall future of our state. We plan to demonstrate the effects of the cut in funds. Starting off at Bachmann Hall at 1:00 PM on November 22, 2013, that's a Friday, we will march to the capitol, which is a 2.9 mile trek. As Senator Tegman mentioned, we are basing our expected turnout on the past march to the capitol. We are asking ASUH to support us in this, but we have also garnered plenty of support from other groups on campus, such as the Young Democrats at UHM and Pi Sigma the Political Science honors society. We have a solid plan, but this is just the support we are asking from ASUH.
- Senator Schulz* I would like to add in a provision for ASUH to be recognized as a partial sponsor.
- Senator Stump* I have no problem with recognizing ASUH as a sponsor.
- Advisor Manini* The difference is in liability. ASUH is more liable as a sponsor if someone decides to sue, although that risk is always there.
- Senator Stump* This event does require 1 million dollars of liability insurance, which SNAP PAC has bought. If ASUH is at a greater risk of liability, then I leave it up to all of you.
- Senator Burk* I think recognizing ASUH as a cosponsor allows ASUH to utilize resources to participate in this event and mobilize senators; especially since the External Affairs committee has its advocacy task force.
- Senator Schulz* Motion to add in Section III provision that ASUH shall be recognized a cosponsor of this event.
Senator Mandado Second.
Motion Carries.
- Senator Mandado* I really love this bill and I think we should award more money for supplies to make signs, advertise this event, and food to feed people.
- Senator Stump* There is language in the bill that leaves advertisement up to the External Affairs committee.
- Senator Schulz* For the External Affairs committee, we are going to be tabling and advertising this march at the capitol. Do you think we should put in a line item for advertisements?

- Advisor Manini* You still have to appropriate money for advertisement in the bill if you want to spend money on that.
- Senator Ballard* How many people do you hope show up?
- Senator Tegman* 15 years ago there were 5,000 people so we want that many or more.
- Senator Pitts* How are you going to get interest in the event?
- Senator Stump* We have been speaking to different group, handing out flyers, asking representatives as well as looking at ads in the Star Advertiser.
- Antonia Agbannawag* We are meeting with GSO, and are speaking with all the departments on campus.
- Senator Ramos* Is there going to be a press release?
- Senator Stump* Yes, there will be several op-eds.
- Senator Nguyen* To External Affairs, I know you are planning on tabling, so if we were to actively participate, would it increase the liability we are exposed to, opposed to just simply funding it.
- Senator Schulz* As someone who is a proponent of advocacy, this event is perfect for us to get involved, and is a liability we can take on. I'm sure they're a bunch of people in this room that will support this.
- Senator Mitsui* I see that this is holding a lot of pressure on the state leg, and I agree that it is tragic that the state has had to increase funds, but I feel like the language is obligatory a privilege that we have state funds. The language does not reflect what I think it should reflect.
- Senator Pitts* This is a state university.
- Senator Mitsui* Yes, but this is not looking at the university.
- Senator Kwon* I think the decrease in funds to UH is the most important issue at the university and we should support our constituents, and we should consider funding more for this event.
- Senator Burk* I agree completely with what senator kwon was saying. It is not only an issue with the funds they are decreasing, but also an issue of them appropriating money to west Oahu or other colleges, which cuts into our funding. They are also actively lobbying for more funds. There needs to be a push for asking for money, and demanding our money not be spent elsewhere.
- Advisor Manini* You should be challenging the fact that money is being used at other campuses, especially since you pay so much more in tuition.
- Senator Kwon* Tuition is rising and funding is decreasing, so the legislature needs to wake up and this event is what they need.
- Senator Schulz* Motion to add a line item for supplies for \$500.00 and a line item for advertisements for \$500.00, and to adjust the total from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00.
- Senator Mandado* Second.
Motion Carries.
- Senator Pitts* Is this only going to reflect the rising tuition, or also to address where funds are going?

- Senator Stump* This march is for funding. It is to address the decrease in funding over the last five years. It is for tuition, but also in other things as well such as positions being cut as a side effect of funding. We can unite undergrads, grad students, JABSOM students etc.
- Senator Nishihara* In paragraph three under purpose, is the funds referring to the UH system or UH Mānoa?
- Antonia Abgannawag* It's all for UH Mānoa.
- Senator Kwon* We just made a motion for \$500.00 for each line item, but I am inclined to increase it to \$1,000.00 each. Motion to increase advertisements and supplies to \$1,000.00 each, and change the total to \$3,000.00.
- Senator Schulz* Second.
Motion Carries.
- SAL Zakimi* I feel uncomfortable throwing out numbers, for funding without quotes from companies and things like that.
- Senator Stump* We have prices for ads here right now, and we know we will be needing supplies for sign making and the like.
- SAL Belisario* Even before we allocated funds, how were you going to supply your events?
- Senator Stump* We were going to do it all on our own, even with our own funds because it is something we feel strongly about.
- Senator Burk* I wanted to echo Senator Zakimi's concerns. I do support this event, but I am curious to see how you are going to use the funds in time. Is your super PAC in the position to spend \$3,000.00 out of pocket should we reimburse you?
- Senator Stump* We spoke about this last week after the finance meeting, we do have methods in place for dealing with reimbursement.
- Treasurer Tomono* While I agree with SAL Zakimi, I wanted to emphasize the purpose of ASUH as advocacy. We do have \$47,000.00 to spend for the rest of the semester. I don't think \$1,000.00 will go to waste, especially with the cost of Ka Leo ads.
- Senator Kwon* What is a march without signs? And if you can't get the word out, then the march is a failure. I motion to call the question
- Senator Tegman* Second.
Motion Carries.
- Senator Mandado* I encourage everyone to support this bill, and I motion to call the question.
- Senator Kwon* Second.
Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote to Accept SB 17-14:

Ayes: Vice President Koethe, Treasurer Tomono, Secretary Murai, Senators-at-Large Belisario, Escalante, Oshiro, Zakimi, Senators Ballard, Borge, Burk, Chung, Cox, Choy, Dobbs, Foresman, Koehn, Kwon, Lee, Mandado, Nguyen, Nishihara, Omokawa, Onishi, Pitts, Ramos, Schulz, Siador, Tegman [29]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: Senators Mitsui, Stump [0]

Motion Carries.

c. Senate Bill 18-14: Study Nights at Sinclair

Senator Nguyen Motion to accept SCR 32-14.

- Senator Burk* Second.
Motion Carries.
- Senator Burk* Motion to accept SB 18-14.
Senator Nguyen Second.
Motion Carries.
- SAL Belisario* The student success center at Sinclair started doing study nights during finals week. They provide food and snacks to students to encourage students to stay at the library and study. This provides money for food, and study supplies. Last year, they got 5,000 from SAPFB to fund the event. They catered from Sodexo and provided free money from the curb. They are planning on order pizza for Sunday night and a lot of snacks. Now that the Curb is stationed at Sinclair, they are asking to give out free coffee the whole week. They will also have tails of aloha- therapeutic dogs on campus. Students can pet them for stress relief. This service will be provided for free- all from volunteers. They are also having master's students to assist students with references and to check papers. A concern that was brought up is if this is competing with CCB's cram jam, but it isn't because it just services more students. For the promotional items, it was not originally on the bill, but I asked for 1,000 for mechanical pencils, highlighters and post-its. Senator Burk also suggested handing out free print cards with \$1-5 on it. We have to work with Hamilton library to approve that, but hopefully it goes through. ASUH will be recognized on promo items. They are also planning on having small bags to provide these in also with a list of services they are providing. There is a 42% increase of students during finals week, so we should attend to their needs and the demand.
- Senator Schulz* How come we are appropriating \$5,000.00 for food and beverages? It seems like a lot of money.
- SAL Belisario* It comes out to \$1,000.00 every day of the week.
- Senator Burk* What is the plan regarding food? When do you plan on eating the food? Is it there all day, or is there a set time?
- Alee-a Blanco* Our late night hours are the busiest, so Sunday night we plan on allocating a certain amount of snacks. We will have them by the reference desk. We wanted to do it during late night hours. We have student workers until midnight.
- Senator Tegman* How is it being advertised?
- SAL Belisario* They will be ordering a banner and advertising through Ka Leo.
- Senator Tegman* If cram jam is being advertised, and it is a well-known event, does it need Ka Leo advertising?
- Alee-a Blanco* We advertised in Ka Leo last year, but we didn't do the best job. We advertised on Facebook and Instagram. It was mainly word of mouth. We also put in an advertisement through the calendar system. We wanted to do Ka Leo again. We wanted to do more posters, but we do not want to compete with cram jam, so we want a quieter alternative to cram jam.
- SAL Belisario* Motion to change the \$1,000.00 for promotional items to \$3,000.00.
Treasurer Tomono Second.
- Senator Burk* Is there a correlation with the quotes and the increase in money being requested?

- Alee-a Blanco* Yes, because we are adding the ASUH logo, we have to order everything new, and not use the old ones. Most of the money will go through print cards, and we just need to make sure Hamilton has the inventory to provide for us.
- Senator Ballard* Most of the money will go through print cards, and we just need to make sure Hamilton has the inventory to provide for us.
- Senator Burk* If you are looking at putting other things in, that are not promotional items, fiscally speaking, you would have to make another line item for supplies, for the purposes of materializing the event.
- Senator Dobbs* If we are going to appropriate more money, it should be for food and coffee, because most students would already have those supplies.
- Senator Belisario* I would like to withdraw my motion. I motion to strike the line item for activity supplies, and I motion to change \$5,000.00 for food and change it to \$5,500.00
- Senator Tegman* Second.
Motion Carries.

Roll Call Vote to Accept SB 18-14:

Ayes: Vice President Koethe, Treasurer Tomono, Secretary Murai, Senators-at-Large Belisario, Escalante, Oshiro, Zakimi, Senators Ballard, Borge, Burk, Chung, Cox, Choy, Dobbs, Foresman, Koehn, Kwon, Lee, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Nishihara, Onishi, Pitts, Ramos, Schulz, Siador, Stump, Tegman [30]

Nays: Senator Ballard [1]

Abstentions: [0]

Motion Carries.

OPEN FORUM

- Senator Mandado* I am still disappointed with the PM, so I would like the president to send out an email explaining his decision.
- Senator Zakimi* Think about what we discussed at retreat- positive communication. Go to the advocacy workshop, because there will be one and I will be leading it.
- SAL Oshiro* I need help cutting passports and stapling them, because I have 1,000.

CLOSING

Adjournment

- Senator Kwon* Motion to adjourn
- Senator Mandado* Second.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.