

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
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General Senate Meeting #1 of the 108th Senate
Wednesday, May 6, 2020

I. OPENING

Call to Order

President Albano called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM on Zoom

Roll Call

Present:	President Albano, Vice President Ogata-Tambua, Secretary Gogue, Treasurer Oshiro, Senators-At-Large Anuszevska, Bowersmith, Kaeo, Williams, Senators Baguio, Chua, Columbres, Crowell, Garrett, Hesia, Hokama-Paris, Kanemoto, Keim, Lee, Pierce, Regaspi, Renteria, Saari, Sabandal, Seals, Shimizu, Smith, Tong, Vogt [28]
Excused Absent:	Senators Basim, Kim [2]
Unexcused Absent:	[0]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	[0]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisors:	Advisor Manini [1]
Guests:	[0]

Introductions

Reading and Approval of Minutes

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President

1. Welcome

President Albano

I would first of all like to congratulate and welcome everyone to the 108th ASUH Senate. This is a really unprecedented time, but I just want to commend everyone for being so willing to run in the election and just for being so willing to serve as part of the undergraduate student government for the next academic year. I know that this has been a difficult situation, but I just want to say I commend everyone for being so willing to be here and I am really really looking forward to working with all of you. As I mentioned before, I believe there are thirty members of the senate, and honestly that is quite an accomplishment. I want to say welcome and I look forward to working with all of you.

Everyone

States various introductory statements such as majors, positions, and something they have learned in quarantine.

President Albano

Thank you everyone for sharing your introduction. We will get to know each other better as time goes on and during the summer as well and we kind of work together. Let's go ahead and start with the other parts of the agenda. If you go ahead and open up the Summer 2020 ASUH Meeting Schedule. Okay, so this is the meeting schedule that we will have over the summer. Just a little bit of clarification, the operations for ASUH starts from summer session one until the end of summer session two, and we will begin official operations during fall 2020, but we will still be in operation during the summer, so we will have meetings. This will basically be a time for us to prepare for the fall and become acquainted with our committees, so this will be our meeting schedule.

That being said, does anyone have any questions?

Senator Heslia

Yes are we going to resume meetings or are we going to have meetings via zoom and then like will once the stay at home gets figured out will meetings be in person after that? Or will they continue online throughout the summer?

President Albano

Our summer meetings will be held on zoom. In the fall classes are supposed to be in person, so for now, meetings in the fall will be in person, but for now, these meetings will be held via zoom

Does anyone have any other questions?

Alright, I'll go ahead and move on to the next thing. Okay so right below the summer meeting schedule there is a link to a poll there which will allow you to vote for which day during the fall you would like to host the 108th meetings. Please try to fill this out. I will give everyone until Friday to fill it out. I have already seen some people already respond, but just you have time to look at your schedule if you could please fill this out so we can figure out when we are having our fall meetings.

Any questions about that?

The next item for my report is the request to be on leave. So in the email, I sent you guys last night there is the request to be on leave. If you have any circumstances during the summer that you will not be able to perform your duties in the senate, then please go ahead and email me the range of days that you will not be able to and would like to request to be on leave.

Senator Garrett

I just want to draw attention to advisor Manini's comment in the chatbox. Regarding if the advisors received the poll as well and also if they have to attend the meeting.

President Albano

Okay got it, I will go ahead and email the poll to advisors as well. Thank you for letting me know about that.

Senator Renteria

Same thing as Bernie.

President Albano

Any more questions with the requests to be on leave?

Alright if not we will go ahead and move on. The next part is the committee placement form. I sent this all out to you last night as well. So if you would go ahead and fill this out, and the deadline is Sunday, May 10th at 11:59. Committees are basically really important for the senate. Every senate member is placed on two different committees, and it is really important for the function of ASUH. Basically what happens is you will be placed on two different committees you will work on different issues and work on different projects that you and the committee together will get to decide on. In the email that I also sent to all of you there is information on the committees as well, so go ahead and check out the information on that as well.

Any questions?

Treasurer Oshiro

Yes thank you, I just wanted to make a comment for everybody that, even if let's say you have three or four committees that you are interested in, even though you will be officially only placed in two committees you can still attend the meetings for other committees, and you can definitely still like volunteer if they need help and stay in the loop that way. So you will not be confined with two.

President Albano

Awesome thank you, that is a really great point. Just because you are not in the other committees than the two that you are not placed in, that doesn't confine you from being able to attend their meetings as guests to get an idea on what's on the other committees

Okay so the last thing on my report is in accordance with the Summer 2020 Meeting Schedule the Executive Committee will have their first meeting on May 27 at 6:00 and that's basically it for the report. Does anyone have any questions?

Vice President

Vice President Ogata Tambua

I don't have anything else to say, just more like don't forget to do the polls and I can't wait to meet you guys in person for the fall semester, and continue to stay safe and I hope you guys are all doing well

President Albano

Thank you. Any questions for Vice President Ogata Tambua? Alright if not, Treasurer Oshiro.

Treasurer

Treasurer Oshiro

Hello 108th Senate, if you folks are really bored at home, what I suggest doing...wait Donovan are we all on the 108th Senate Drive?

President Albano

Not yet, no.

Treasurer Oshiro

Okay well once we get on there, there will be a copy of the Senate rules in there, so if you have some free time I suggest going through the Senate rules. Especially the rules around your reward for service. Which is the cash award that you get if you meet the requirements listed in the rules. If you have any questions please let me know Thank you.

President Albano

Awesome thank you. Any questions for Treasurer Oshiro? Okay awesome, Secretary Gogue

Secretary

Secretary Gogue

I just wanted to say I am super excited to work with everyone. I hope to do my best as your guys' secretary.

President Albano

Any questions for Secretary Gogue? Awesome thank you. We will go down to the advisor's report.

Administrative

Advisor Manini

Hi just a few things, so I just wanted to just let the four elected executive officers know that following finals I can meet all of you for a zoom meeting. And I do usually, so you're all informed, I do usually meet with the president weekly that's just been something we've done for years, so if you are ever trying to get something to me and you've done it or haven't done it and I haven't gotten back to you for some reason, that you can always speak with Donovan so when he meets with me he can bring it up for you, but I usually get back to ASUH folks that email me directly and ask me questions directly. I also wanted to let you know that the 107 started the year together face-to-face, but then the last few weeks that we had to do online. It did get challenging at times. Communication wasn't always easy because we were not accustomed to meeting and communicating in this way. So keep that in mind in terms of over the summer because never have we had to start off a senate online. Where we can't really get to know each other in person. And so hopefully by the time we get to fall, we can see each other in person. We're going to be so close and ready to see each other in person and go so smoothly. But if at any time it's complicated or you feel as if we need more communication, please make it a habit to reach

out for clarification. Do multiple emails if you have to. Ask for individual zoom meetings with each other if needed, so we don't have miscommunication amongst us when we can't see each other in person to get clarification easily. Finally, I wanted to encourage you all. It is the end of the semester as you know. ASUH 108th Senate is starting up now but please focus on closing up the semester and doing the best you can on your finals. Because we will not meet until May 27th well the Executive Committee will, and June for General. Donovan may be giving you things to do but I'm sure he agrees with me that the most important thing for you to be focusing on is closing up your semester and doing the best you can on finals and not letting ASUH stress you out in any way, and then after finals are over we will be more than happy to help you with your transition. So welcome again to the 108th Senate and good luck with the close of your academic year.

President Albano

Awesome thank you, any questions for advisor Manini I just want to echo what the advisor just said. I want all of us to end the semester strong. If you ever feel at times to take a step back please feel free to let us know.

Advisor Sonada-Pale

I just wanted to say thank you for letting me speak. I wanted to say welcome to ASUH, my name is Helani Sonada-Pale my office is in the 211 A room, so my door is always open for you folks. And if you ever need anything you can call me or email me. Don't feel free to ask if you have questions on processing or anything. I wanted to say that the next couple of months up until June we will be processing everything for the 107th senate. Whatever is not processed yet so we will be working on that, we will be busy. We will be closing out things for the next month and a half. That is pretty much all we are working on right now and finishing up the cash awards for the 107th Senate and processing scholarships and stuff like that. If you have any questions let me know. Communication I feel is key to success. So feel free to email me, call. Aloha.

President Albano

Thank you, any questions? Okay, we can move down to the open forum.

Judicial Branch

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Elections

External Affairs

Finance

Internal Affairs

Investments and Long Range Planning

Student Affairs

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

II. SPECIAL ORDERS

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. OPEN FORUM

Senator Vogt

I know we are skipping over committee reports today, but I just wanted to say if anyone is considering student affairs or is interested in it when they look at the committee placement forms and the information. Please feel free to reach out to myself, I am pretty confident that current committee members would extend the same invitation if you would like to know more about student affairs and what we look forward to doing in the future.

President Albano

Thank you, Senator Vogt. Any questions?

Senator Bowersmith

I just want to echo what Senator Vogt said about asking for information. I was formally on undergraduate academic affairs, so feel free to reach out to me. My email is hannah.bo@hawaii.edu

Treasurer Oshiro

Same thing, I was in campus life, I was the chair last year. And I've also been in the finance committee since I joined ASUH. So if you're interested in what those two are like, feel free to email me if you have any questions.

President Albano

Awesome thank you. I also had the privilege of serving as the Vice-chair of the external affairs committee for the 107th Senate. So if you're interested in external affairs feel free to reach out to me as well. Anyone else want to say anything for an open forum?

Alright, so just before we adjourn, I just would like to clarify what is about to happen next. If you've seen for the 107th Senate meeting we just had, basically you might have heard said motion and second. In order for the adjournment to happen for example, a motion needs to be made to adjourn. As the chair of the meeting I need to remain impartial and unbiased so I can entertain a motion to suggest that I would like a motion to happen, but basically the first person to say said motion is the person who will be recorded to have made the motion and the person who says second is seconding the motion. What is going to happen I can entertain a motion to adjourn and then we'll do voting after. It is kind of what Robert's rules system is and since we're all kind of new, we'll learn about it together. But just a protocol thing, so we can know what is about to happen

Any last-minute forum things?

VI. CLOSING
Announcements

Adjournment

Senator Baguio

Motion to Adjourn.

Senator Bowersmith

Second

President Albano

Alright awesome, now we're going to do consensus voting. All those opposed to adjourning the meeting please raise your hand now.

Vote was unanimous; Motion passes.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mikaelyn Marie Gogue
Secretary, 108th Senate