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General Senate Meeting #21 of the 97th Senate
Tuesday, April 13, 2010

OPENING

Call to Order

President Ing called the meeting to order at 6:09pm in CC220.

Roll Call

Present:	President Ing; Vice President Alton; Secretary Sakamoto; Senator-at-Large Chock, Inouye; Senators Aquino, Fallon, Grimaldo, Hagensen, Koethe, Linden, Millett, Phillips, Tabalno[14]
Excused Absent:	SAL Tsuneyoshi; Senators Baker, Bressler, Mooney [4]
Unexcused Absent:	Interim Treasurer Kron; Senators Ah Tou, Badua, Japer J., Jasper JA, Pantzer [6]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	[0]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
Advisor:	Advisor Manini[1]
Guests:	[0]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Vice President Alton
Senator Millett

Motion to accept General Senate Meeting Minutes #20.
Second.
Motion to accept GSMM #20 passed viva voce with no objections.

Official Correspondence

REPORTS

Executive

President
President Ing

Budget Update

We were supposed to have a speaker from the Ka Leo, but they are not here. We met with some legislators to open up some dialog to discuss how the budget operates. There is no open forum for this kind of thing so we just have to submit

testimony and call in. We sent out an email blast this morning and it only takes a couple minutes to fill out.

Vice President

Vice President Alton

The crossover banquet has been scheduled for May 4. We put in an order today. Senator Baker and I also went over senate rules and we might be getting a bill out.

Treasurer

Treasurer Kron

No report. Not present.

Secretary

Secretary Sakamoto

No report.

Advisor

Advisor Manini

No report.

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Phillips

No report.

Campus Sustainability

Chairperson Grimaldo

President Ing

We have a bill to be heard later tonight.

They're having a tree giveaway this weekend. You should look into getting some.

Chairperson Grimaldo

If you have more information, please let me know.

Elections

Chairperson Aquino

The announcement about elections went out today. Encourage people to vote.

External Affairs

Chairperson Koethe

Senator Millett

We tabled the past two days and it's been going well. We're going to do it again tomorrow so I would really appreciate it if you are free and can help out. The table is much more approachable if there is more than one person there. Also, if you come to help, it's good to ask people to come to the table, but don't badger people. The Ka Leo is running an article in the opinions section so hopefully it would help. Also, please ask people to not write profanity in their testimony.

I'm also going to have a meeting soon.

SAL Chock

When should we plan on getting all of this testimony to them?

President Ing

It'll be by next week that they need to finish it so we should probably turn it in by Monday.

Finance and Investments

Chairperson Tabalno

We had a meeting to hear the Bamboo Ridge Bill. We also discussed some things about budgeting.

Internal Affairs
Chairperson Baker

No report. Not present.

Student Affairs
Chairperson Millett

We're having a meeting tomorrow at 5 in this room. If you can't make it, please let me know.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs
Chairperson Inouye

PTA binders have been returned. They will be scored by the end of this week and I'll have everything ready for next general. We're having a meeting Thursday for research and grad test prep awards.

Senator Tabalno
Chairperson Inouye

Do you know the date that they'll be able to fill in the paperwork?
The day after the next general meeting.

SPECIAL ORDERS

SB 21-10

Senator Phillips
Senator Inouye
Secretary Sakamoto

Bring SB 21-10 to floor.

Second.

This is a bill to fund a survey that is going to gather information from students about the inaugural semester of the \$20 UPass. This has to be done soon.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Vice President Alton; Secretary Sakamoto; Senator-at-Large Chock, Inouye; Senators Aquino, Fallon, Grimaldo, Hagensen, Koethe, Linden, Millett, Phillips, Tabalno[13]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions:[0]

Motion to bring SB 21-10 to the floor passed.

Senator Grimaldo
Senator Inouye
SAL Chock
Advisor Manini

Motion to accept SB 21-10.

Second.

Who is going to design the questions?

The questions are going to be yes and no and an open ended question for them to answer. This is needed because the senate turns over every year and this will create a paper trail from the beginning.

SAL Inouye
Secretary Sakamoto

Are we going to do this every semester?

Ideally I would like to see this happen every other semester, which means next Spring. But it's up to the future senates.

Senator Tabalno
Advisor Manini

Is there a reason we have it at \$500?

It's unpredictable because it's based on the amount of time that it takes and whether or not the people have to work over time. It's just so that we have enough.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Vice President Alton; Secretary Sakamoto; Senator-at-Large Chock, Inouye; Senators Aquino, Fallon, Grimaldo, Hagensen, Koethe, Linden, Millett, Phillips, Tabalno[13]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions:[0]

Motion to accept SB 21-10 passed.

SB 23-10

Senator Phillips
SAL Inouye

Motion to bring SB 23-10 to the floor.

Second.

Senator Grimaldo

The reason this is special ordered is because with the end of the fiscal year, it's very important that we get this done today. What we're trying to do is, as we have April 22, Earth Day, coming, we're going to have some trees planted down my Duke Kahanamoku Pool. Originally, we wanted fruit trees but David Hefner referred us to the Head of Landscaping. She had concerns about fistfights over fruit and unsafe harvest. Apparently, some students have threatened to sue due to fruit palling from trees. This bill is fairly unspecific because we don't have to limit the type of tree. We researched several different nurseries within Honolulu and I found a company that I didn't specify because they might not have the trees we want. We're still talking to Roxanne about the types of trees we can get. We're planting around the dorms, the expansion area, and the pool area.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Vice President Alton; Secretary Sakamoto; Senator-at-Large Chock, Inouye; Senators Aquino, Fallon, Grimaldo, Hagensen, Koethe, Linden, Millett, Phillips, Tabalno[13]
Nays: [0]
Abstentions:[0]

SAL Inouye
Senator Phillips
Advisor Manini
Senator Linden

Motion to bring SB 23-10 to the floor passed.

Motion to accept SB 23-10.

Second.

The account number is wrong.

Motion to change the account number in sections 2, 4, and 6 to 325230 and to renumber the sections and to fix all typos.

Second.

Motion passed viva voce with no objections.

Senator Millett

Vice President Alton
Chairperson Grimaldo
Senator Linden
Chairperson Grimaldo

Why didn't this go through a committee?

Because we haven't made quorum.

Why are we special ordering this now?

It's because we want to do this on Earth Day and we want to accomplish something this semester.

Senator Fallon

A similar bill went through last senate, specifically for fruit trees and we presented this to the housing director. He took a month off and we've been getting shuffled around since then. We wanted this to be less specific though.

Senator Tabalno

Are we going to be doing anything to show that ASUH is planting and taking care of these trees?

Chairperson Grimaldo

On Earth Day, not only are we going to be planting, but while we're planting these trees with other students out there taking part in Earth Day we can let them know that we're doing this. I would like to have made a plaque for this tree but due to budget constraints I didn't want to add it in just so we can boast that we planted these trees.

Senator Tabalno

I'm just wondering how we'll be recognized as giving these trees.

Chairperson Grimaldo

Through talking with Roxanne, I'm going to let her know that we're on board with them for Earth Day's tree planting and I anticipate word of mouth being able to speak for itself. I think that students will notice that the trees will be there.

Senator Koethe

Are we planting the trees?

Chairperson Grimaldo

We'll be there along with the people who were planting trees, but we won't be installing these particularly trees. A company called All Tree Services will be planting them.

Vice President Alton

April 22 is in a week. Will you have enough time?

Chairperson Grimaldo

I think it is possible. I've been talking about it to other people.

SAL Chock

I commend you for pushing this through, but I think that one of the best things you've said, this doesn't necessarily have to be done this year. I think you can set it up for this to be done for next senate. Because it's going to be really difficult to put all of this through that quickly.

Senator Phillip If we approve this this semester, maybe we can get a park bench next semester under the trees.

Chairperson Grimaldo I wanted to get this through because we don't want to have this pushed back just for it to not happen. If we push this through, we'll have the money appropriated.

Senator Fallon I don't think we have time to get it in by Earth Day. I don't think it's a big deal to do it on Earth Day though. The reason why I don't want to pass this to the next senate is because it's already been passed and has been delayed enough.

Vice President Alton Is there a reason nothing is line itemed?

Chairperson Grimaldo It's because we don't know what specific trees they'll let us plant. We are still discussing what trees we can plant.

Vice President Alton But the way it is right now, you could spend \$1500 on one tree.

Advisor Manini It says "trees" though so it would make it okay to purchase more than one.

Chairperson Grimaldo If we wanted to purchase one tree from one nursery and one tree from another one, we didn't want to limit the number of nurseries we could buy from. We're looking at 50-120 trees to buy.

Senator Phillips left at 6:55

Roll Call:

Ayes: Secretary Sakamoto; Senator-at-Large Inouye; Senators Aquino, Fallon, Grimaldo, Hagensen [6]
Nays: Vice President Alton; Senator-at-Large Chock; Senators Koethe, Linden, Millett, Tabalno[6]
Abstentions:[0]
Motion to accept SB 23-10 failed.

NEW BUSINESS

SCR 34-10

SAL Inouye **Motion to accept SCR 34-10.**

Senator Millett **Second.**

SAL Chock **Motion to amend the SCR under conclusion to read Senate Bill 19-10**

Senator Millett **Second.**

Senator Koethe **Motion to amend 96th to 97th Senate.**

Senator Millett **Second.**

Motion to amend passed.

Motion to accept SCR 34-10 passed.

SB 19-10

SAL Inouye **Motion to accept SB 19-10**

Senator Millett **Second.**

Secretary Sakamoto **Motion to change the date of the event to May 4, 2010.**

SAL Inouye **Second.**

Motion passed viva voce with no objections.

Secretary Sakamoto **Motion to amend provisions to include that this will be paid by reimbursement.**

SAL Inouye **Second.**

Advisor Manini Are you sure it's May 4 or is it May 14? If it's the 14th they have to get everything together and order everything now so that we can file the paper work for reimbursement.

Secretary Sakamoto They've already been putting in orders and everything.

Vice President Alton Are we the sole sponsor? Will this event go on without our funding?

Secretary Sakamoto We are only partially funding it for refreshments. It will go on regardless.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Vice President Alton; Secretary Sakamoto; Senator-at-Large Chock, Inouye; Senators Aquino, Fallon, Grimaldo, Hagensen, Koethe, Linden, Millett, Tabalno[13]
Nays: Vice President Alton; Senator Aquino[2]
Abstentions:[0]

Motion to accept SB 19-10 passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

SAL Inouye
Senator Millett

Motion to accept SCRs 35-10, 36-1, 37-10, 38-10.

Second.

Motion passed viva voce with no objections

SAL Inouye

Motion to award Ms. Jung Yun Chang \$750, Ms. YiLu He \$750, Ms. Janice Okimoto \$750, and Ms. Elise Carena Montany \$750.

Senator Koethe

Second.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Vice President Alton; Secretary Sakamoto; Senator-at-Large Chock, Inouye; Senators Aquino, Fallon, Grimaldo, Hagensen, Koethe, Linden, Millett, Phillips, Tabalno[13]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions:[0]

Motion to award said people said amounts passed.

Senator Koethe

Thank you for those who signed up to work at the table. If you're interested in taking some testimony sheets to class please let me know. Earlier in the semester we funded the Celebrate reading festival which is on Friday. I won't be able to make it but if one of you wants to go, please let me know. Also, I'm throwing an event for the March of Dimes. It's on Thursday and you can get free stuff and free food thanks to RIO Funding.

Senator Tabalno

I'm concerned about the way the discussion and voting went on for SB 23-10. It was an important question and I wanted to make a motion to allow people to be time to take in all the discussion and consider their decision.

President Ing

We did have a 15 minute discussion and I asked if there was any further discussion. The bill can be reintroduced in the next meeting. Every vote cannot be unanimous.

Senator Tabalno

I just feel that it wasn't handled properly.

Senator Fallon

I know how you're feeling because I've been put in that position before. However, this is a general function of the senate. If you wanted to object, you could have said point of order or raised an objection or call a recess so you know what's going on.

President Ing

Also, in the past Senator Baker and I have been pressured to move the meetings along faster.

Senator Tabalno

Well, I suggest we don't pressure them anymore and I want it known that no one should feel pressured into a decision.

Vice President Alton

This happens with special orders. But I agree with what you said.

Advisor Manini

I think the best thing would have been to call a recess because that gives you time to think about it and that you won't have any other business to be thinking about.

CLOSING

Adjournment

SAL Inouye
Senator Linden

Motion to adjourn.

Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

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