

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
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General Senate Meeting #26 of the 107th Senate
Wednesday, May 6, 2020

OPENING

Call to Order

President Li called the meeting to order at 6:04PM on Zoom.

Roll Call

Present: President Li, Vice President Rafid, Treasurer Pacanuayan, Secretary Ocampo, SAL Manabe, Oshiro, Leval, Senators Albano, Armstrong-Patterson, Bagiao, Balico, Garrett, Chua, Juliano, Lee, Renteria, Raza, Ruan, Salameh, Seals, Shimizu, Tong, Luitel, Yoshida Ka, Yoshida Ke, Bowersmith, Aspacio, Raza, Holbert, Vogt, Garrett [30]

Excused Absent: Transfiguracion [1]

Unexcused Absent: Senators Anuszezwska, Aspacio, Gaspar, Holbert, Ka'apuni, Setefano [7]

Excused Late: [0]

Unexcused Late: [0]

Excused Early Departure: [0]

Unexcused Early Departure: [0]

On Leave: [0]

Advisors: Advisor Manini [1]

Guests: [0]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. **General Senate Meeting Minutes #23, 107th Senate - April 8, 2020**

Senator Juliano I move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for GSM #25 of the 107th Senate.

Secretary Ocampo Second.

Vote was unanimously in favor; Motion carries.

The minutes of General Senate Meeting #25 with amendments was approved.

Official Correspondence

Testimony

REPORTS

Executive

President

1. Senate Reflections

President Li

First off, I want to welcome our new 108th members to this meeting. Thank you for joining us. One topic I would really want to talk about for all of us is kind of Senate reflections. Initially I had a speech planned out but I figured I will save it for crossover. I just wanted to offer everyone a moment to reflect upon all of our accomplishments and how we got to where we are right now. I would like to open up the floor to anybody to share any memories or striking moments you experienced in ASUH.

Senator Juliano

Hello everyone, I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who joined Senate and to those who have been here since 106 when I started. It was really nice to see 106 and 107 come together and get along throughout the past couple semesters. It is sad that it did not end the way that we wanted it to, but I think in a sense we are all able to still make anything happen the way it was supposed to happen. I am really going to miss you guys, I remember sitting in 310 and knowing where everyone would sit so I am just going to remember where you are all sitting and I will cherish it. Thanks guys!

Senator Seals

A few of y'all remember me last year, but I joined in the middle in December. I just wanted to say it has been fun! We have done A lot of activities together and I really liked being part of campus life and UAA was fun trying to get the scholarships together and everything. Landon, it hurts that you are not going to be with us next semester, and you are the man! We are going to miss you!

President Li

One of my fondest memories from ASUH is that The kind of community we were able to build in the office. All of those times we would spend late night studying or showing up in between classes eating lunch. It was always those times we would have interesting conversations, tell jokes, watch YouTube videos, it was really those moments where we really got to connect with one another! That is what made me get to know everybody and appreciate being with an awesome group of people. All of those face-to-face interactions outside of the work life that I really value. It really helped grow myself as a person and improve our work relationships with one another.

SAL Manabe

My favorite memory is from summer. It was when I got to run an executive meeting over summer Which was pretty cool!

*Senator Armstrong
Patterson*

Hey guys! Sorry I was not able to stay active towards the later part of the semester, over the summer time I know I was going through a hard time but just being around you guys, you guys are very motivating people! And you guys are always dedicated towards what you wanna do and I really appreciate that! It gave me motivation to be a better person, like Landon said, You guys have created such a nice community to be around and I appreciate that.

Vice President

1. ASUH Crossover Update

Vice President Rafid

First of all I would like to welcome and congratulate all of the new members of the Senate, right before the election I was really worried because there were not many applications for people running for a seat. I was really concerned that there was not going to be enough people, but luckily we do have enough people thanks to you guys! Congratulations again and welcome to ASUH! I also wanted to say that this year was a really good year for us especially because of the amount of difficulties we experienced. but regardless of all of the difficulties we were still able to manage. I also have some updates about crossover, the date for crossover is May 15 at 6 PM. I will send a reminder in an email. I will also send an invitation to the new members of the senate.

Treasurer

Treasurer Pacanuayan

Hello everyone! This is also my last report and is the same report I have been giving this whole entire year, it is the budget report. We have a lot of money left over, we only have spent 50 to 60% of our general fund and means around \$40,000 is going back into the budget as well as RIO funding and there is a lot of leftover. I also wanted to thank everyone for pretty much everything and the Senate was the highlight of my senior year! We faced a lot of struggles and there are a lot of clutch moments that really made us close. I really want to thank everyone and hope to see you are at the crossover banquet that Raiyan is planning!

Secretary

Secretary Ocampo

I this is also going to be my last report. When I started secretary I was kind of thrown into it so I wanted to make sure that the next secretary really got a solid foundation so she could start properly and know everything, so I wanted to say that with the help of Sheena I did meet with the incoming new secretary Mikaelyn and orientated her into the world of secretizing! so welcome Mikaelyn & everyone else who is going to join the 108th Senate! I believe in you guys! I know I said it 5 million times so you guys are probably sick of it, but please send in your videos! and lastly, just some last words, student government... I would have never thought I would have participated in anything like that, let alone if you told little freshman me that I would be secretary of ASUH; i would be like "What are you talking about!" but I am so glad that I got to be a part of ASUH my senior year and it is totally a highlight of my senior year, even though it has only been like a month or two. But I just wanted to thank all of you guys for being such amazing and great and inspiring individuals and great people to work with! To those of you who are graduating like me, Congratulations to us and I cannot wait to see you guys rule the world!

President Li

I really want to applaud Dom here For really stepping into the secretary position! She took it head on, and she wasn't like I don't wanna do this or I don't want to do that. She was eager and willing to help out and she really helped us get through that whole minutes fiasco. She learned so fast and was super helpful and supportive and I want to Give a big big thank you to secretary Ocampo for really stepping in and helping with this issue and showing us what a stable secretary is. Thank you so much!

Administrative

Advisor Manini

I just want to thank everyone in the 107th Senate! we obviously go through our growing

pains and we deal with different things and different dynamics in different situations. It has been a really unique year with things that have been out of your control but all of you have been able to figure out how to navigate and really be professional and mature in terms of dealing with the constant changes and constant uncertainty, so I just want to thank you all for rolling with it and rolling with the punches. I do agree with Landon that both Sheena and Dom Had to step into that secretary role but did so with open minds and a willingness to problem solve versus complain. The Senate has not been about individuals or about drama, I really appreciate working with all of you!

Operations Manager
Sonoda Pale

Aloha everyone! I just wanted to say thank you for all of your hard work and everyone did a great job. I am very proud of all the work you guys did and you guys accomplished a lot. Raiyan I'm really proud of your Hawaiian language class, Which is one of the most significant things I have seen in a while that the Senate has done. Dominique, thank you so much for sending in all of those minutes, I love getting them and you are doing a great job. Kezzo, awesome job! we should be done with the March cash awards soon. And thank you everyone for your patience with me as well.

Judicial Branch

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Oshiro

No report.

Elections

Chairperson Balico

Motion to ratify Spring General Elections Results 2020.

Senator Juliano

Second.

Motion passes and Spring General Elections Results 2020 are ratified and approved.

External Affairs

SAL Leval

Thank you so much to my committee!

Finance

Chairperson Salameh

Thank you everybody for all your help!

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Manabe

Ten revisions reviewed and passed.

Ten meetings in the year (four of which were in the summer 2019 session!)

Good discussions produced new ways of thinking about our procedures (and what is/is not possible).

Created changes in the Senate that will hopefully last for years to come.

Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Ruan No Report.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Vogt Closing up UPASS survey, working with Healani on prize distribution. Much mahalo to ASUH 107th Senate's Student Affairs committee members!

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Juliano I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR YOU AND WILL MISS YOU ALL! UAA 4 LIFE!

Future UAA Initiatives:

Future scholarships regarding Hawai'i Community Engagement/COVID-relief fund

Accepting unofficial transcripts next year (Healani to input G.P.A. into Master Scholarship excel sheet)

Potential collaboration with External Affairs to help pay off student textbooks giveaway

Finding a way to convince Hawaiian Airlines/airline companies to provide Spring % 2020 graduates with a flight discount to return to prospective postponed graduation ceremony on December 19

Ad-hoc Committees

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| 1. Sustainability | No Report. |
| 2. Mental Healthcare | No Report. |
| 3. Part-Time Students | No Report. |
| 4. Student Housing | No report. |

SPECIAL ORDERS

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE RESOLUTION 14-20:

Aye(s): Vice President Rafid, Treasurer Pacanuayan, Secretary Ocampo, SAL Manabe, Oshiro, Leval, Senators Albano, Anuszevska, Balico, Garrett, Chua, Juliano, Lee, Renteria, Raza, Ruan, Salameh, Shimizu, Tong, Luitel, Transfiguracion, Yoshida Ka, Yoshida Ke, Bowersmith, Aspacio, Raza, Holbert, Vogt, Garrett [30]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Senate Resolution 14-20 is approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

**Senate Bill 40-20 To Appropriate Funding for the Continuity of ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Initiative
SCR 54-20 Regarding Senate Bill 40-20**

Vice President Rafid Motion for SCR 40-20 regarding Senate Bill 40-20.

Senator Juliano Second.

Senator Salameh Finance committee met regarding the bill, and we all voted in favor of it for reason being we completely support the initiative and the rich and the reasoning behind it and all of the work that we introduce are mentioned in the meeting, and I am assuming that he will list the same very reasons later in this meeting. The finance committee is in support!

SCR 40-20 is approved unanimously.

Senator Albano Motion to accept Senate Bill 40-20 To Appropriate Funding for the Continuity of ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Initiative

Senator Leval Second.

Vice President Rafid Before I get into this legislation, I want to provide some background information so that everyone understands what this bill is about. Back in December, the Senate passed a Senate Bill in support of the creation of the Olelo Hawaii class. In January, we started the class and since then we have been getting tremendous amounts of success for this initiative. No matter how you look at it from the website visits, to the in person participation, and all of the new followings on our social media accounts through Instagram and Facebook. When we first started I only thought around 20 or 30 people would attend the class but when I first went upstairs in the campus center I saw more than 300 people who came to the first class. After that we consistently had around 200 to 300 people who would show up to in person classes. After we transitioned to the online version because of COVID-19; The results we were getting were incredible. We were getting over 10,000 views for each class. Basically this bill has a purpose to provide funding to recognize the service of the three kumus that are teaching this class and are planning and coordinating these classes. This bill is essentially to fund this class for the next three semesters through summer, fall and spring semester. I know many of you are going to vote yes, but I want everyone to take a moment to ask themselves why they are voting yes. Is it just another language opportunity? For me it is way beyond that and I want to thank the 107th Senate members who voted yes on this initiative for making this possible. I want to say to the next Senate that this is not just student government, this is an authorized governing body that makes important decisions for students and the community and their lives. I really want you to think why you are voting yes for this initiative and think about the impact you were making in your community. I want to thank you for making this happen and I hope you vote yes on this initiative. I know we have skipped on reading the testimonies but I would like us to read one testimony that has been really special to me from a student who has been in the class since the beginning until now with the online classes.

President Li

Aloha kakou,

And more importantly Mahalo nui loa for your kindness and consideration in support of the Hawaiian language program you have generously provided to the local community of wanna-be Hawaiian language speakers. We, my friends and myself, are honored to be students of Kumu Paige and Kumu Akea, whom have taken upon themselves the difficult task of educating a wide ranging mix of demographic students. From late teens to 80+ year old seniors, from all walks of life including foreign students, they have managed to pique the interest and simplified the learning of the Hawaiian language. With a class size of 200-600 or more students, from a room for 50 students to the ballroom and the adjacent outdoor stairs to now an online Zoom class, they have produced a small miracle for learning and teaching. Congratulations on a difficult job well done. We are a group of six friends who meet the criteria above. Of the six, four are young seniors and part Hawaiians born in the generation in which our Hawaiian parents never spoke to us in Hawaiian, choosing instead to model us as good Americans speaking English. We were the same generation who went to college having to learn a foreign language in high school for college admission because Hawaiian was not an acceptable language for admission. Of the four of us, two live off island, one on Hawaii island and the other in Seattle. The other two members of our 'ohana are haole friends, one having recently retired and living in Makaha and the other a recent college graduate from San Jose State and living in San Jose. It's definitely a mixed bag but a keen sampling of the demographics of students interested in learning Hawaiian. While there are a host of other learning programs available on the web, none is better than having a personal touch in a classroom setting. The thirst for knowledge far outweigh the obstacles of traffic in the afternoon and crossing our fingers for a lucky parking stall. This program is a game changer and allows us, the "missing" generation, to more fully appreciate our culture and heritage with the ability to speak Hawaiian. For this we are grateful to the student representatives and governing body of ASUH. We appreciate the opportunity for furthering our education. But let's not forget to extend our overwhelming gratitude to the governing body of ASUH and it's bold decision to fund this program for the community locally and globally. We'd also like to congratulate ASUH President Landon Li for a job well done and an extra special shout out to ASUH Vice President Raiyan Rafid who was instrumental in pioneering this program. We trust you will get the continued support you need to take this program into the future. With much aloha,

Uncle Joel Leong (proud graduate of UH-Manoa, KS-Kapalama)

Marmie Kaaihue - Retired DOE

Manono Beamer - Retired, Punahou

Don "Makaha" Kennedy - Retired

Russ Hayes (Seattle, KS-Kapalama)

Katherine Tuckness - San Jose

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE BILL 40-20 To Appropriate Funding for the Continuity of 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Initiative:

Aye(s): Vice President Rafid, Treasurer Pacanuayan, Secretary Ocampo, SAL Manabe, Oshiro, Leval, Senators Albano, Armstrong-Patterson, Bagiao, Balico, Garrett, Chua, Juliano, Lee, Renteria, Raza, Ruan, Salameh, Seals, Shimizu, Tong, Luitel, Yoshida Ka, Yoshida Ke, Bowersmith, Aspacio, Raza, Holbert, Vogt, Garrett [30]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

SENATE BILL 40-20 To Appropriate Funding for the Continuity of 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Initiative is approved.

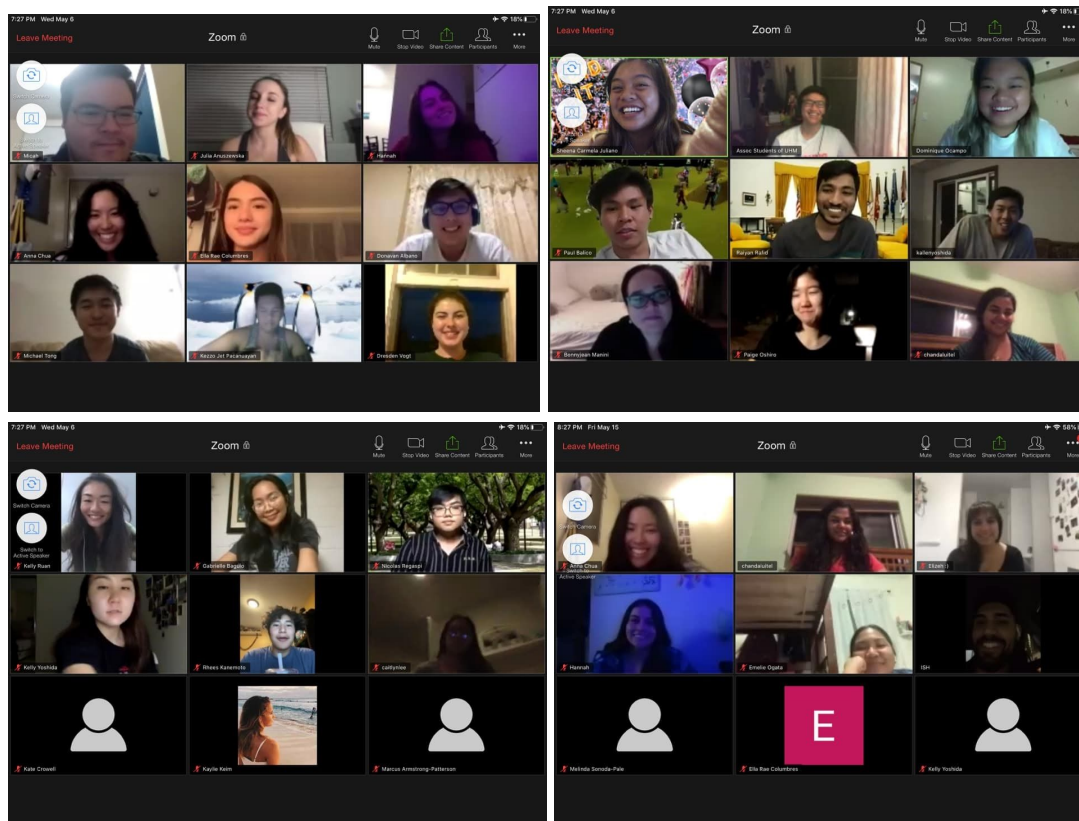
CLOSING
Announcements

President Li

I hope that these successes that we have had this you can be mirrored in the 108th senate! I know it will because I see some amazing members from the 107th continuing on into the next. Please take your experiences with you and if any of you guys need help with anything, I am not going to drop off the face of the earth. You can always contact me and my email will always be Landonli@hawaii.edu. please use me as a resource I really want to see this organization succeed! Do not be afraid to reach out! I think the 108th senate That you guys are in great shape for the next academic year!

Senator Juliano

May everyone kindly turn on their cameras so we can take a group picture?



SAL Oshiro

I just wanted to thank Landon and Raiyan for putting in so much time and for being so joyful in leading the senate! Good job Dom and Goodjob Kezzo! Thank you to everyone for making ASUH possible!

Adjournment

Vice President Rafid

Move to Adjourn.

SAL Oshiro

Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Ocampo', written over a horizontal line.

Dominique Alyssa Ocampo
Secretary, 107th Senate