

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA
2465 Campus Road, Campus Center Room 211-A
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General Senate Meeting #9 of the 93rd Senate
Tuesday, August 30, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

President Teichman called the meeting to order at 6:06pm in Campus Center 220.

ROLL CALL

Present	President Teichman, Vice-President Ogata, Treasurer Williamson, Interim Secretary Schneider, Senators-at-Large Dumaguin, Crabbe, Jones, Whitmore, Senators Barry, Carroll, Gerhardt, Green, Hong, Koo, Lewis, Miyai, Okamoto, Ryan, Schaedel, Shin, Soga, Theune [22]
Excused Absent	Senator Diaz [1]
Unexcused Absent	Senator Martinson, Wimberley [2]
Advisors	Bonnyjean Manini, Lakeasha Ruffin [2]
Guests	Vice Chancellor Neal Smatresk, Students David Kanarfogel, Dominic Kick, Randall Timothy Padgett [4]

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

President Teichman None.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President

Grant Teichman

Welcomed back new senators. Thanks to everyone for working hard over the summer.

Reported that there will be a PM tonight with the new committee assignments now that everyone is back. They will probably change again once the special elections take place.

Reported that the partial tuition award applications are online. Again, thanks for being here.

MOTION

To divert agenda to New Business Item A Visit from Neal Smatresk regarding WASQ Accreditation Update.

Motion approved viva voce, without objection. Agenda diverted.

NEW BUSINESS

Visit from Neal Smatresk regarding WASQ Accreditation Update

[The following is a transcript of the Vice Chancellor's presentation.]

Vice Chancellor

Neal Smatresk

It's great to know Grant and Katie; they help to keep me honest. Thanks for this opportunity. I'm available for meetings to clarify issues. You are welcome to come to the office to get answers or to direct questions to move the issues on.

WASC Accreditation. Last year relationships were dysfunctional, so they will come to check up. Politics and administration does not affect students, but if communications are bad, then it affects everyone. It's especially serious if the university is on probation. It's been a year and four months; we've had a new president, an interim president, a new chancellor, an interim chancellor, two new vice chancellors, a flood, administration changes, tuition increases, but things are starting to smooth out among the chaos. My vision is to go back to basics, the meat and potatoes. Now we've got interim management, things are more stable, so, pending no other changes or natural disasters, then we'll do okay. We've added 15 new classes, which accommodated 1800-2000 new students. This semester there was even no line for financial aid, so things are really, really better. Please let them [the administration] know if your school experience is not better. So I called WASC and informed them everything is going okay, and we have interim people, so they postponed the special visit, and now we can concentrate on work for students; improving academic programs, etc. We had a rough Princeton Review, in the top 10, but on the wrong issues. Number 2 for dorms like dungeons, red tape, professors that didn't give a damn, we were number 11. These are things that we are working on; spending more money for infrastructure for students, ramping up programs to get the basics covered. We want to be able to offer classes so that students can graduate on time. Surveys are taken seriously and with a grain of salt. We are looking to see if things are getting better? Is there a better vibe? Lines are lessening, its taking less time to get things done. We are making progress, but will continue to improve. Scholarly, UH is in the top 35 against prestigious schools. We want our academic reputation to match our scholarly reputation.

Student Housing. At the last college I worked at, they built a new dorm a year for five years. Here at UH, there haven't been any new dorms in 17 years. There is \$34 million in dorm repairs overdue. We now have a \$100 revenue bond to draw against revenues to build. There is a renovation bond in works. Changes could take effect even faster. Dorm policies are on the web, a lot less than previous year. We have a private-public relationship with ACC; who builds and manages dorms. The first building has 700 new beds at the Frear Hall location. Later there will be 700 – 1400 new beds over at Johnson. There are also other sites. Six years is the goal. Up to 5,000 over the current 3,000 beds. We're all on the same page to make a difference.

Homecoming. The Alumni came to see me about Homecoming. They want to participate in planning. Kevin Takemori is the head of the Alumni Foundation. One of their ideas is to hang banners from the light posts. We should all work together to start up.

You should be proud of being here at UH and here on the Senate. People talk down about being at UH, which undervalues the experience. This is a good place. The average SAT is 1100. We are attempting to improve the quality of the educational experience to bring value to your degree. People should value the quality of their education when they get here. And when its not, they should come to see me and make a plan of action to improve.

September 27th was a community workshop day with administration, the faculty senate and students, to look over plans and financial data, probabilities and possibilities of what we can do and what matters in the future. Also other things such as building plans for the campus, research, infrastructure and academic organization. However, the Chancellor is not available so we need to pick a different date. The student voice is sometimes missing.

MOTION

To divert agenda to Executive Reports, Vice President.

Motion approved viva voce, without objection. Agenda diverted.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Vice-President

Andrew Ogata

Welcomed everyone back. Reported there will be an overall workshop on bills, resolutions, reports, etc in the next two weeks; highly suggested for new senators. Everything is not easy to understand at first, so it's recommended that they should attend; kind of a crash course to help make things easier for the year. Check email for notice.

Suggested that we go around and introduce ourselves since this is the first full Senate meeting.

[Introductions were made around the room.]

Treasurer

Travis Williamson

No report.

Interim Secretary

Henry G. Schneider IV

Welcomed everyone. Asked that senators correct him if he gets their names wrong, so be patient as he gets to know everyone's name. Also, a reminder to get the chairs' attention and be recognized before speaking to help keep the minutes accurate.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Advisor

Bonnyjean Manini

Shared that the side noise can be distracting, so please respect the speakers. Also, echoed the need to get the chairs attention and be recognized.

Advisor

Lakeasha Ruffin

No report.

JUDICIAL BRANCH

No report.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Cultural & Ethnic Diversity

Chair Dumaguin

No report.

Elections

Chair Green

Reported that the nominations process for special elections is underway. Packets are available [at the office]. Floor nominations will be on September 13th for small colleges or if any of the applicants missed the deadline, so they can still be nominated.

President Teichman

Requested Chair Green to explain the new processes.

Chair Green

Explained that there will be wireless laptop polls with CC220 as the elections room hub. The campaign period is from September 13th. The polling booths will be open from 9:00am to 4:00pm, just have to log-in to vote. Will discuss other issues later. The committee's goal is 5,000 votes.

Senator Barry

Requested clarification if there is a conflict between the September 27th meeting [with the Chancellor] and the elections?

President Teichman

Clarified that that event will be rescheduled since school will be cancelled on the day of the meeting and the Chancellor is unavailable.

External Affairs

Chair Barry

Reported that the committee is working with the USA Committee on the blood drive; manned the booth yesterday and today. Passed out info regarding the event on September 9th from 8:00am to 5:00pm in rooms 211 and 212. Asking for volunteers to help man the booth on Wednesday, August 31st. Will also need help on Friday and next week, too.

President Teichman

Inquired about the webmaster position?

Chair Barry

Reported that she is speaking with Ka Leo and ITS about how they do it.

Finance

President Teichman

Reported that the former chair graduated. The committee's last event was approving of the budget for the event on the lawn.

Internal Affairs

Chair Whitmore

Reported that the committee will have a meeting next week. Senator Green to stand in until she is ready to step up. Reported this will be a big learning experience; she hopes all goes well.

Investments & Long Range Planning

Treasurer Williamson

Reported that at the last meeting, with everyone gone, that left only left himself and Senator-at-Large Crabbe.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chair Jones

Reported that the committee worked on the partial tuition award applications and research awards. They will be available on Monday. Reported that all awards are \$500 and applications are due on September 23rd. Research awards are due four weeks prior to the expenditure.

Senator Theune

Queried if that is from when the research is due?

Chair Jones

Clarified yes.

Undergraduate Student Affairs

Chair Lewis

Reported that most likely the committee will have a meeting next week.

President Teichman

Inquired if the committee will look at the resolution for commendation of former Chancellor Englert?

Chair Lewis

Indicated that they would [look at the resolution].

OTHER COMMITTEES

Homecoming

President Teichman

Reported that ASUH is not usually in charge, but have been for the last three years. Other groups usually hold other events, but CCB and AC offered to help our committee.

Constitutional Task Force

President Teichman

Reported that they are charged with looking at the ASUH Constitution because it was originally written in 1912. There is still one alumni and two students positions needed to be filled. Requesting that we fill the spots so committee can start to move.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Senate Resolution #07-06 Opposition to the Proposed Nine Billion Dollar Cut from the Nation's Federal College Student Aid Program

MOTION To bring special order SR #07-06 Opposition to the Proposed Nine Billion Dollar Cut from the Nation's Federal College Student Aid Program to the floor.

Roll Call Vote to Discuss **Ayes:** Vice President Ogata, Treasurer Williamson, Interim Secretary Schneider, Senators-at-Large Crabbe, Dumaguin, Jones, Whitmore, Senators Barry, Carroll, Gerhardt, Green, Hong, Koo, Lewis, Miyai, Okamoto, Ryan, Schaedel, Shin, Soga, Theune [21]

Nays: [0]

Abstain [0]

Motion approved viva roll call vote 21-0-0. Resolution on the floor.

DISCUSSION

Senator Barry Explained that students brought up this issue; she is working with State Representatives.

Interim Secretary Schneider Queried where the figures came from and how accurate they are?

Senator Barry Clarified that they came from financial aid reports.

Interim Secretary Schneider Queried if the word "wrong" in the fifth Whereas is too strong?

Senator Barry Clarified that the wording is meant to be strong to solicit a response, but it could be changed if the Senate chooses to.

MOTION To eliminate the fifth Whereas in SR #07-06.

OBJECTION

President Teichman Advised that the vote is on the motion, not the objection. There needs to be a 2/3 vote to pass.

Roll Call Vote to Eliminate **Ayes:** Senators Carroll, Green, Koo, Lewis, Miyai, Schaedel [6]

Nays: Vice President Ogata, Treasurer Williamson, Interim Secretary Schneider, Senators-at-Large Crabbe, Dumaguin, Jones, Whitmore, Senators Barry, Gerhardt, Okamoto, Ryan, Shin, Theune [13]

Abstain Senators Hong, Soga [2]

Motion not approved viva roll call vote 6-13-2. Fifth Whereas remains.

[Discussion of abstentions.]

MOTION To change the wording from "wrong" to "inappropriate" under the fifth Whereas.

Motion approved viva vote by show of hands. Wording changed.

MOTION To change the wording in the title from "recall" to "recalling."

Motion approved viva voice vote. Wording changed.

MOTION To remove Senator Diaz as an introducer as he did not get to read and sign the final draft of the resolution.

Motion approved viva voice vote. Senator Diaz removed.

MOTION

To correct all grammatical and Hawaiian orthography errors.

Motion approved viva voice vote. Grammatical and Hawaiian orthography errors changed.

MOTION

To change the wording in the fifth Whereas from “irresponsible management” to “mismanagement.”

DISCUSSION

Senator Green

Stated that he agrees with the line, but the wording is quite strong and stands out [as opinion] in between the other facts.

Treasurer Williamson

Suggested that the harsh language is good to catch the attention [of the readers].

Senator Theune

Agreed that “irresponsible” is good strong word, and we want to be recognized among other colleges opposing this amendment.

Senator Koo

Concurred that sending this resolution with other colleges is a good idea. Queried if anyone is aware of the workings of the national budget, or if they learned national income accounting? Stated that we can say it’s irresponsible, but unless we understand [the accounting] then it makes it a wrong statement.

Senator-at-Large Whitmore

Stated that it’s good that people are opinionated but we should move on.

MOTION

To call the question to change the wording in the fifth Whereas from “irresponsible management” to “mismanagement.”

Motion not approved viva voice vote. Fifth whereas stays as written.

[Senator Koo departs at 7:15pm.]

Advisor Manini

Inquired if the author had a purpose in writing out the numbers versus numerical values?

Treasurer Williamson

Concurred that it is easier to read without all the zeros.

MOTION

To add the word “year” in the first Whereas on the second page.

Motion approved viva voice vote. Wording changed.

MOTION

To remove the word “Government” in the first Be It Resolved on the second page.

Motion approved viva voice vote. Wording changed.

MOTION

To call to question special order SR #07-06 Opposition to the Proposed Nine Billion Dollar Cut from the Nation’s Federal College Student Aid Program.

President Teichman

Advised that there needs to be a 2/3 vote to pass.

Roll Call Vote to Accept

Ayes: Vice President Ogata, Treasurer Williamson, Interim Secretary Schneider, Senators-at-Large Crabbe, Dumaguin, Jones, Whitmore, Senators Barry, Carroll, Gerhardt, Green, Hong, Lewis, Miyai, Okamoto, Ryan, Shin, Soga, Theune [19]

Nays: Senator Schaedel [1]

Abstain [0]

Motion approved viva roll call vote 19-1-0. Resolution passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS & GENERAL ORDERS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Act 04-06 Bachman Hall Lawn Event Budget Recall

President Teichman

Reported that the budget needs to be recalled to pay people that fronted money for the event.

MOTION

To recall Senate Act 04-06 Bachman Hall Lawn Event.

Roll Call Vote to Recall

Ayes: Vice President Ogata, Treasurer Williamson, Interim Secretary Schneider, Senators-at-Large Crabbe, Dumaguin, Jones, Whitmore, Senators Barry, Carroll, Gerhardt, Green, Hong, Lewis, Miyai, Okamoto, Ryan, Schaedel, Shin, Soga, Theune [20]

Nays: [0]

Abstain [0]

Motion approved viva roll call vote 20-0-0. Senate Act recalled.

MOTION

To recess for 5 minutes.

RECESS

Senate enters recess at 6:18pm.

CALL TO ORDER

President Teichman reconvened the meeting at 6:29pm.

MOTION

To amend the dollar amounts under "Appropriation" on the Senate Act 04-06.

Motion approved viva voice vote. Dollar amounts changed.

MOTION

To call to question amending Senate Act 04-06 Bachman Hall Lawn Event.

Roll Call Vote to Reaccept

Ayes: Vice President Ogata, Treasurer Williamson, Interim Secretary Schneider, Senators-at-Large Crabbe, Dumaguin, Jones, Whitmore, Senators Barry, Carroll, Gerhardt, Green, Hong, Lewis, Miyai, Okamoto, Ryan, Shin, Soga, Theune [19]

Nays: [0]

Abstain Schaedel [1]

Motion approved viva roll call vote 19-0-1. Senate Act reaccepted.

Senate Rule Revision 01-06 Students for Students

MOTION

To call to the floor SCR #14 regarding SRR #01-06.

DISCUSSION

Senator-at-Large Whitmore Requested time to read over the revision.

Senator Green

Clarified that senators should look at the changes on the SCR since those are the changes made by the committee.

MOTION To call the question to call to the floor SCR #14 regarding SRR #01-06.

Motion approved viva voce, with two objections (Green, Barry).

MOTION To accept Senate Rule Revision 01-06 Students for Students.

[Vice President Ogata departs at 7:37pm.]

DISCUSSION

MOTION To remove the second to the last sentence under Purpose in Section I and replace the word “show” to “learn” in the last sentence under Purpose in Section I.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

MOTION To remove the second to the last sentence under Purpose in Section I.

Motion approved viva voce, with one objection (Green). Revision amended.

MOTION To remove “of the Senate and show accountability” under Purpose in Section I.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

MOTION To replace the word “show” to “learn” in the last sentence under Purpose in Section I.

Motion approved viva voce, without objections. Revision amended.

President Teichman [POI] How can the president be required to do his report if the senator reports are turned in at the last minute?

MOTION To give the president three weeks to compile his/her report after the senator reports are turned in.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

MOTION To change part (d) to “one month after the deadline” under Section II. Rule 14-1 Duties of Senate Members.

Motion approved viva voce, without objections. Revision amended.

Senator Green Reminded senators that they don’t have to vote yes if they do not feel that this revision is what they want. The committee amended the revision as best it could, but if its not supported then senators can vote no if they feel it is a bunch of paperwork.

Senator-at-Large Whitmore Reported that in previous years, ASUH has been criticized for not producing or not working with the students and not representing their needs. It [serving on the Senate] is a good learning experience and should not be used as a way to punish. [The goal is] to produce effective legislation. This is a radical change, but it’s good.

Senator Barry Echoed Senator-at-Large Whitmore’s comments, but stated we should vote not for ourselves, but what is best for students. Are we doing enough?

Senator Gerhardt Inquired if we need to be asked to do this, because [as elected Senators] we should already be trying to do so. We should ask, “Why did you run,” or “Why are you here,” if you are not accountable for your actions. You chose to make a difference, and those that have been here are making great strides.

MOTION To call the question to accept Senate Rule Revision 01-06 Students for Students.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

Treasurer Williamson Reminded senators that we are already held accountable by the stipend process, and that contribution does not have to be legislation.

Senator-at-Large Whitmore Clarified that it is only two reports a semester, and does not have to be legislation.

MOTION To call the question to accept Senate Rule Revision 01-06 Students for Students.

President Teichman Reminded that it is a Rule Change, so 2/3 of a roll call vote is necessary for passage.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

Guest Padgett Clarified that the original legislation is a great idea for one reason. Reported that he had previously testified. It was to give a benefit to writing legislation; didn't have to create new work. It is a learning process since you don't have to do many jobs. Now it's a tattle tale report, so he does not support it.

MOTION To call the question to accept Senate Rule Revision 01-06 Students for Students.

Roll Call Vote to Accept **Ayes:** Treasurer Williamson, Senator-at-Large Whitmore, Senator Lewis [3]

Nays: Interim Secretary Schneider, Senators-at-Large Crabbe, Dumaguin, Jones, Senators Barry, Carroll, Gerhardt, Green, Hong, Miyai, Okamoto, Ryan, Schaedel, Shin, Soga, Theune [16]

Abstain [0]

Motion not approved viva roll call vote 3-16-0. Rule Revision defeated.

Constitutional Amendment

MOTION To put the Constitutional Amendment that states "Shall the ASUH Constitution be amended to allow all undergraduate students at the University of Hawai'i to be represented by ASUH?" on the ballot for the Special Elections.

DISCUSSION

Senator Green Reported that the recommendation came from a memo at the last Internal Affairs meeting. The committee recommended putting it on the ballot to ask the student body if all undergraduate students should be represented. Currently, if they are not full-time, they are not represented. The GSO accepts all graduate members. We should incorporate all too.

Senator-at-Large Whitmore Inquired if it will change the definition for students?

Senator Green Replied no, they have to pay.

Senator Okamoto Inquired what is the definition?

Senator Green [Read the definition.] Reported that there are about 4,000 students who don't meet those requirements.

President Teichman Clarified that ASUH will represent all undergraduate students that pay fees.

MOTION To call the question to accept putting the Constitutional Amendment that states “Shall the ASUH Constitution be amended to allow all undergraduate students at the University of Hawai’i to be represented by ASUH?” on the ballot for the Special Elections.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

Advisor Manini Clarified that the intention is to reach other undergraduates; it was discovered that there are students that are classified in the University as full-time, but don’t have 12 credits. They are not paying fees, but some would like to be a part of ASUH. The ASUH Constitution doesn’t support their inclusion, but the federal ADA law trumps it so that we are in line with U.S. laws. Secondly, we should provide support to all undergraduate students.

Senator Schaedel Inquired if someone takes one or two classes, they could abuse [the rule]?

Senator Gerhardt Inquired if there has to be a certain amount of votes cast [to pass]?

Senator-at-Large Whitmore Clarified that 10% of student body needs to vote on it and 2/3 of them has to vote “yes” to pass.

Senator Lewis Reported that in the committee discussion, they addressed these situations, they want to encompass everyone, rather than single out people due to disability; they want to rock the vote! They also want to include part-time students and be appreciative of them for their participation.

Senator-at-Large Whitmore Inquired if they could take a full load and still not participate?

Senator Theune Inquired what is the 10% to pass the vote?

President Teichman Replied that is [the amount] required of the current membership.

Treasurer Williamson Replied that as of now, non-full time students still get to take advantage [of events]. So since we serve them anyway, they might as well as pay fees to be a part of ASUH.

Senator Green Replied that they are not carrying a full class load, which could make them more available for participation in student government. The current membership is about 10,000 and expected enrollment is about 14,600, so we will probably need about 1,100 “yes” votes to pass.

MOTION To add under Section 4 a provision that if the 10% of the vote needed to pass the amendment is not reached in the Special Elections, that the question is put on the next ballot in every election thereafter until a valid decision is reached.

Motion approved viva voce, without objections. Provision added.

Senator Theune Repeated that as of now, non-full-time students still get to take advantage of our events. So since we serve them anyway, they might as well as pay fees to be a part of ASUH.

Senator Schaedel Inquired how we will let the constituents know?

Senator Green Stated that if a student does not want to be a member, they can ask and will be refunded within two weeks. The committee and general senate will have to let people know [about the amendment].

Senator Schaedel Stated that it should be in Ka Leo to inform students.

Senator Green Stated that it needs to be posted in writing.

MOTION

To call the question to accept putting the Constitutional Amendment that states "Shall the ASUH Constitution be amended to allow all undergraduate students at the University of Hawai'i to be represented by ASUH?" on the ballot for the Special Elections.

Roll Call Vote to Accept **Ayes:** Treasurer Williamson, Interim Secretary Schneider, Senators-at-Large Crabbe, Dumaguin, Jones, Whitmore, Senators Barry, Carroll, Gerhardt, Green, Hong, Lewis, Miyai, Okamoto, Ryan, Schaedel, Shin, Soga, Theune [19]

Nays: [0]

Abstain [0]

Motion approved viva roll call vote 19-0-0. Amendment added to ballot.

Presidential Message #17-06

MOTION

To call to the floor PM #17-06 Revised Committee Appointments.

DISCUSSION

President Teichman

Reported that these appointments will fill newly opened positions until the special elections when he will need to add new senators.

Motion viva voce inconclusive. Call for roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote to Accept **Ayes:** Treasurer Williamson, Interim Secretary Schneider, Senators-at-Large Crabbe, Dumaguin, Jones, Whitmore, Senators Barry, Carroll, Lewis, Okamoto, Ryan, Shin, Soga, Theune [14]

Nays: Senators Gerhardt, Green, Hong, Miyai, Schaedel [5]

Abstain [0]

Motion approved viva roll call vote 14-5-0. Appointments approved.

OPEN FORUM

Guests

Guest Padgett

Handed out flyers for the 60th Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima Forum. There were 50 students that went to Japan; it was the largest group they've had. Three will speak tomorrow. Please let people know.

President Teichman

Requested the Ka Leo staff to introduce themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Teichman

Requested that even though it's the first meeting, please practice RRoO and know the office location. Student government is what we want it to be, but it does not always have to be that way; it can change. Please bring something to table to make things happen. Meetings are every Tuesday, alternating between Executive and General. Requested that committee chairs start communicating with their committees.

Senator Theune

Clarified that the next meeting is an Executive meeting on September 6th and General on the 13th?

President Teichman

Confirmed that it is.

Senator Green Requested help for the elections sign making tomorrow.

Senator-at-Large Whitmore Requested a meeting with the Internal Affairs committee after the meeting.

Students for Students

Treasurer Williamson

Stated that he was confused because all the presenters voted nay, and it was not passed?

Senator Barry

Clarified that originally it was for the production of legislation or a brief report of what they are doing in the senate. But making everyone write extensive reports is not what was intended, so she ultimately did not support.

Senator Green

Clarified that he voted against the revision because he didn't like it from the start. It would create more work than we already do; it's not a fair measurer of what we do. Work that has been seen and done over the summer has been already acknowledged.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

To adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

Motion approved viva voce, without objection.