

Motion approved viva voce

MOTION To accept General Senate Meeting #12 Minutes with ammendments

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REPORTS

President

Vaimana Conner

The Manoa leadership team meeting was this morning. A Budget advisory group to the Chancellor will be made. If anyone is interested in lobbying issues please let him know. Bruce Miller from the Office of Sustainability is working on conserving energy. Stickers have been made to put up around Campus Center, if any senators would like some, please ask.

MOTION To divert from the agenda to go to SB 22-04

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MOTION To accept SCR #50

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MOTION To add next to line item "Food" "adjusts totals accordingly."

Motion approved viva voce

MOTION To amend the date to read "November 17, 2003"

Motion approved viva voce

MOTION To accept SCR #50 with amendments

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MOTION To acknowledge TIM Night executive director Kristin Murata

Discussion:

Murata: TIM is a non-profit organization. There are six different departments. They meet weekly every Monday night. They are putting the event together for the first week of March. TIM night is all student run. News stations come down to publicize. Senator Kukona: How many people who are attending the event are given programs? Why are there appropriations for 350 programs?

MOTION To call the question

ROLL CALL: Ayes:

Secretary Nagasako, Treasurer Hayashi, Senators-At-Large Chung, Dahilig, Dayoan, Senators Anthony, Chinen, Ching, Dayoan, George, Honda, Hunsinger, Kodani, Lachman, Luchs, Lum, Lum Yee, Matsumoto, Novitske, Ogata, Renaud, Shimizu, Velasco, Wong, Wun [25]

Nays: Sentor Kukona [1]

Abstentions: Senators Becka, Mellinger [2]

Motion passed 25-1-2

MOTION To divert back to the agenda

Cultural and Ethnic Diversity
Keevan Matsumoto

The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, November 25th. A representative from the Commission on Diversity will be coming in to talk to the committee.

Elections
Kalae George

The committee had a meeting today, but there was no quorum. The committee is getting started on the Spring 2004 Special Elections. A Bill is being written to appropriate money for elections.

External Affairs
Katie Mellinger

The committee held a meeting today, but there was no quorum. They are currently discussing the Undergraduate Student Service and Leadership Distinction Award. The award is for any graduating senior who has served two semesters on a campus organization in a leadership role. Applications are available in the ASUH office. An e-mail will be going out on November 19th.

Finance
Andrew Lachman

The committee met today about SB 22-04 which is the one that just passed

Internal Affairs
Jon Chinen

The committee has held two meetings since the last General Senate meeting. They are continuing work on constitutional amendments. Changes will be introduced either at the end of this Fall semester or at the beginning of the Spring semester. There will be no meeting on Monday, November 24th.

Investments and Long-Range Planning
Lexi Novitske

A guest came in to analyze our portfolio and presented some valuable information. The chair met with Merrill Lynch for the third quarter report. A resolution on changing investment managers will be coming to the floor tonight.

Student Affairs
Senator Lum

The committee held a meeting on Monday, November 17th and discussed some of the issues they have been working on. They will be making contact with the person in charge of online book purchasing website. The committee is currently working on the ASUH website, and forms filled out awhile ago have been misplaced, so new forms will be given out for Senators to fill out their information.

Travel
Vaimana Conner

There will be a meeting this Thursday, November 20th at 3:00 p.m. for those who signed up to be on the Ad-Hoc committee. The committee will discuss the policies and guidelines

NEW BUSINESS

PM #15

MOTION To accept PM #15

Discussion: Senator Matsumoto: The nominee has been interviewed by the Cultural and Ethnic Diversity committee. Senator-At-Large Dayoan: In the future, the candidates should have to all go to other committees to be interviewed.

MOTION To call the question

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PM #16

MOTION To accept PM #16

Motion approved viva voce

PM #17

MOTION To accept SCR #48

Motion approved viva voce

MOTION To accept PM #17

Discussion: Senator-At-Large Dayoan: Thoroughly supports this PM, because the nominee was involved with ASUH for three to four years.

MOTION To call the question

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PM #18

MOTION To approve SCR #51

Motion approved viva voce

MOTION To accept PM #18

Discussion: Senator Chinen: The Internal Affairs Committee reviewed the candidate and the entire committee was satisfied and that is why they endorsed her for appointment

MOTION To call the question

Motion approved viva voce

PM #19

MOTION To amend under “2)” to change “the Vice Chair” to “a member”

Motion approved viva voce

MOTION To add under “Finance” “Mea Aloha Shimizu”

Motion approved viva voce

MOTION To change under “Finance” “Alexadra” to “Alexandra”

Motion approved viva voce

MOTION To call the question

Motion approved viva voce

MOTION To add PM #20 to the agenda

Motion approved viva voce

PM #20

MOTION To accept PM #20

Motion approved viva voce

SRes 04-04

MOTION To accept SCR #49

Discussion: Senator-At-Large Dayoan: What is the definition of “socially”? Senator Novitske: Under “Be It Resolved” there is the definition.

MOTION To call the question

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MOTION To accept SRes 04-04

Discussion: Senator Novitske: It is important for the Student Senate to support positive companies since we are representatives of the student body. There are ways to rate the stocks, based on a set criteria. Guest Mimura: Opposes SRes 04-04. The idea of promoting social justice arises from very noble motives. However, it will cost students money. Socially responsible investments was thought of by the ASUH Senate five years ago. However, it was thought that the portfolio was too small to make a difference in the stock market. Economically speaking, the ASUH portfolio is too small. The stock market affects the ASUH portfolio, not the other way around. The stock market was created to benefit the stockholders, not the companies. Adopting socially responsible investing will ask students to sacrifice scholarship money. ASUH can not impose their moral beliefs upon students, and restrict the monetary gain of students. Finding the best stocks that return high profits at low risk is the job of the portfolio manager. Senator Ching: Disagrees with the resolution because we represent 10,000 individuals and the point of the portfolio is to gain money to fund programs for them. Senator Novitske: There are ratings we can use. In our policies, it says that ASUH wants a 9-10% return, and investing in socially responsible stocks can do that. Senator-At-Large Dayoan: As a former Investments and Long-Range Planning chairperson, don't let the fall in stocks for the past 3-4 years affect your decision. What did Merrill Lynch have to say about this? Senator Novitske: Showed them the resolution, and they said that there would be no problem in changing investments. Senator-At-Large Dayoan: We did pose this question last year too, and Merrill Lynch didn't agree to it right away. Merrill Lynch doesn't even pick the stocks, the managers under them do. Senator Matsumoto: Socially responsible investments works for companies that participates in them. Some have seen a 125% return. Senator Novitske: Our policy statement is available if any senators want to view it. Senator Shimizu: If our portfolio is too small to make a difference, why do our votes even count? We need to stand for something. Senator Ching: Would like to hear what

companies would be not socially responsible. Senator Novitske: Phillip Morris is an example. It is ultimately left up to the committee to decide. Guest Mimura: Want to acknowledge once again that wanting to do socially responsible investing is very noble. But you have to ask if the policy works? And what it costs. Companies don't issue stocks directly to stockholders. Instead they go to investment bankers who take all the shares and then sell it to an investor.

MOTION To recognize Guest Mimura for no more than 10 more minutes

Objection
Call for division

Motion failed viva voce

Discussion: Senator-At-Large Dayaon: The main problem is that I have personal beliefs, that are not always shared with others. For example, many people are against animal testing, while some would rather trade lives of humans for lives of animals. How are we going to determine what all students believe? Senator Novitske: Would like to reflect principles of industry

MOTION To add under the 3rd Whereas, "based on principles of the industry"

Discussion: Senator-At-Large Dayaon: Is there set number of principles? Senator Novitske: Yes. The stocks are graded.

MOTION To call the question

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Discussion: Senator Shimizu: Back to the influence of stocks. Even if cashflow doesn't go directly to stockholders, don't we still impact the companies? Guest Mimura: A company can give up ownership of their company and divide it up into shares, and offer it to the public (IPO, which stands for Initial Public Offering). If ASUH were buying the stocks directly from the company, then it would affect the company, but they don't. If ASUH chooses not to buy the stocks, someone else will.

MOTION To extend the discussion for 10 minutes

Motion failed viva voce

MOTION To extend the discussion for 5 minutes

Motion approved viva voce

Discussion: Senator Ching: What gives us the power to dictate our morals on other people? And what degree of morality are we seeking? It is not clarified in the resolution. Senator Ogata: As senators, we want to represent students. That would be difficult to do if the senate approves the resolution. ASUH should at least conduct a survey to see what students' beliefs are first.

MOTION To amend under "Be It Resolved" change "strings" to "strengths"

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Discussion: Senator Luchs: If we as ASUH can't agree, how would a discussion among

10,000 students go? How do we make a decision of how to represent the students?
Senator Wun: It is hard for a committee to decide because it is transient in nature.

MOTION To call the question

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ROLL CALL: Ayes: Senators Honda, Kukona, Lum, Matsumoto, Novitske, Renaud, Shimizu [7]
Nays: Secretary Nagasako, Treasurer Hayashi, Senators-At-Large Chung, Dahilig, Dayoan, Senators Becka, Chinen, Ching, Dayoan, George, Kodani, Lachman, Luchs, Lum Yee, Mellinger, Ogata, Velasco, Wong, Wun [19]
Abstentions: Senators Hawthorne, Hunsinger [2]

Motion failed 7-19-2

OPEN FORUM

Senator Kukona: Concerned about how funds are being dispersed, so is proposing that the Internal Affairs committee split up into activities and lobbying and fundraising. Which would safeguard the dollars we do have

President Conner: CCB interviews are coming up, would anyone like to sit on the selection committee? They will be held on Dec 1st and 2nd from 5-7 pm. In the packet for tonight's General Meeting, there is the Caucus priority issues memo that has been drafted. It will be presented at the Caucus meeting coming up this weekend.

Senator-At-Large Dayoan: Went to the Karate tournament that ASUH funded. Thinks it was a really worthy event to fund. People from all over the world were there, including a lot of student spectators enjoying it. If they ask for money again, would like to fund their events.

President Conner: December 9th will be the last General Senate meeting of the semester. Get items for the beginning of the Spring semester prepared for that meeting.

MOTION To recess for 5 minutes

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The meeting was called back to order at 8:53 p.m.

Senator Anderson has resigned, so Mea Aloha Shimizu will now be on the Senate.

Senator-At-Large Dayoan's and Senator Novitske's presentations on NCSS

President Conner: Thank you to Senators for the presentations. Senator Kukona is scheduled to present at the next General Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION To adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Martina J.M. Nagasako
ASUH Secretary