

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
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Executive Committee Meeting #16 of the 102nd Senate
Wednesday, February 4, 2014

I. OPENING

A. Call to Order

President Nishihara called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM in CC 310.

B. Roll Call

Present: President Nishihara, Vice-President Zakimi,
Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-
Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators
Kawagishi, Mandado, Nguyen, Schulz, Oshiro [12]

Excused Absent: Senators Kwon, Tagaban [2]

Unexcused Absent: [0]

Excused Late: [0]

Unexcused Late: [0]

Excused Early Departure: [0]

Unexcused Early Departure: [0]

On Leave: [0]

Advisor: [0]

Guests: Alyssa Marie Kau, Melinda Sonoda-Pale [2]

C. Reading and Approval of Minutes

i. EM#15 January 21, 2014

Senato-at-Large Lee Motion to accept EM #15.

Senator Manadado Second.

Senator Mandado Motion to fix all grammatical and typographical errors.

Senator Nguyen Second.

Motion Carries.

Senator Nguyen Motion to change the total number of present to 12 and excused absence to two.

Senator-at-Large Omokawa Second.

Motion Carries.

D. Official Correspondence

II. REPORTS

A. Executive

1. President

a. U-PASS Update

President Nishihara Senator Mitsui and I went to the City and County of Honolulu yesterday and presented our resolution. It went very well.

b. Legislative Affairs

President Nishihara I sent out an email today and our legislative fellow is here to talk to you more about it.

Alyssa Marie Kau The deadline for 2 pm today is for HB555. This bill will cut 30 undergraduate programs who fall less than 10 graduates each year. The hearing will be tomorrow for HB555 at 2 pm in room 209. HB541 . Some of you have worked on this last year. Isaac Choy asked us to prepare legislation for this. HB636 and HB 552 proposes adding three voting members to the BOR. Another bill on the agenda for Tuesday is HB547 and HB397. The bills will ensure Title IX insurance. The last bill is HB451 and SB923 . The final bill which requires a different line of action is SB487.

President Nishihara If you want to submit personal testimony, please do so.

Senator Schulz Alyssa, will you be there on Tuesday?

Alyssa Marie Kau Yes, on Tuesday and Thursday.

Senator Schulz Stephen and I will be there to testify on Tuesday. I want the executive committee to please go to these days and submit testimony.

Senator Nguyen Could you present last senate's resolution on this matter?

President Nishihara Yes. I could.

Alyssa Marie Kau As a consultant, be careful in bringing up that testimony again. He's already heard it and wants to hear solutions.

Senator Nguyen One thing I want to caution is that he could use this tuition bill as leverage for other bills that we might want to push for. I would caution that we don't go there too strongly yet. Just until all the bills we want passed have been seen at committee.

Alyssa Marie Kau With all the bills he did on Tuesday, he passed them all with amendments. When I talked to Sylvia Luke about this issue, she's in support of converting funds. I know that this will also be referred to finance.

Senator Schulz Do you know in terms of tomorrow that HB555 will pass?

Alyssa Marie Kau Yes. If Isaac Choy says yes, his committee will say yes. It does have to go through finance. If this does pass, I can schedule meetings will select representatives from the finance committee. If you would like to meet with higher Ed, that'd be great. Vice Chair Ichiana would be a good person to meet with and also Tokume.

President Nishihara These meetings will happen regardless.

Alyssa Marie Kau If you schedule any meetings with finance, you need to be prepared with flow charts and facts and figures.

Senator Schulz President Nishihara, couldn't you present about the budget task force?

President Nishihara Yes. I will look into it.

- Senator Schulz* Given the discretion of the BOR to push it from 3 to 6 years for HB555, is it so that they can extend a period for a specific major to continue being funded?
- Alyssa Marie Kau* Yes. This is the decision of the dean of the departments level. To clarify, you wanted financial information for HB555?
- Senator Schulz* Yes. Should we propose that we have the ability to measure the work of the degree program more than them?
- Alyssa Marie Kau* Are you willing to say that if it passes, it should be amended to have studies done?
- Senator Schulz* No. We don't even want this to be an option.
- Alyssa Marie Kau* I asked the BOR specifically what majors would be cut.
- Alyssa Marie Kau* Are they not going to take into consideration that they are cutting PACS and FIL language that makes us a unique and diverse university?
- Alyssa Marie Kau* I would say to devise two strategies. First, I would go to finance and talk about this is what our financial projection is and what I would do for HED, I would go in and talk about how each program is important and unique to our university. You can address both sides of the article.
- Senator-at-Large Lee* Can we see that list of programs they are thinking of cutting?
- Alyssa Marie Kau* Martin has it.
- Alyssa Marie Kau* One issue with this is that they are cutting majors such as bioengineering and this program is fairly new. It started in 2013 and it hasn't gotten a lot of traction yet.
- Senator-at-Large Lee* If they cut the degree, does that mean they cut all classes for it as well? Because other science majors like animal science, biology, and all the engineering majors need classes like physics to advance to take our major classes.
- Alyssa Marie Kau* What they would do is, they would put a date to it. I think it's July 1, 2015. Isaac Choy said that once all those graduates of that specific major are out, then that program will get cut.
- Senator Mandado* American Studies is one of those majors that will get cut. I talked to the people in the department and they know about the bill and they aren't worried about it because there's going to be a lot of issues with it.
- Alyssa Marie Kau* With Isaac Choy's power in the House and with support from Taniguchi, it's something that will be fought for.
- Senator Mandado* I have a question for Senator Nguyen. Why shouldn't we go down there strong?
- Senator Nguyen* What I'm worried about is strategic timing.
- Alyssa Marie Kau* Even if it's not the most appealing piece of advice, try to talk to Isaac Choy and other representatives to understand their reasoning. Maybe we will see some holes in there and jab at.

President Nishihara The thing behind general funds is that there's no guarantee that students will be given back the tuition money. Whatever it is, in tuition money, they can set some aside and keep it but if it's general funds they have to use it up or give back the remaining balance at the end of the year.

Alyssa Marie Kau And we've been using special funds for deferred maintenance.

Senator Nguyen It was brought up last session and Isaac Choy has heard it all.

Alyssa Marie Kau Is there some kind of organization that we are going to have in terms of going down to the state legislature?

President Nishihara Most of these hearings are on Tuesday and Thursday.

2. Vice President

Vice-President Zakimi I'm sending out an application for the USSA. It's only open for those who will be coming back to ASUH next year. It's due in a week. Motion to nominate Kelly Zakimi, Kendyl Oshiro, and Ryan Mandado to be on this Ad-Hoc Committee.

Senator-at-Large Lee Second.
Motion Carries.

Vice-President Zakimi March 7 will be our spring retreat. We will incorporate community services.

Senator Kawagishi March 7 is Relay for Life.

Vice-President Zakimi I'll send out another day. Thank you Ashley.

President Nishihara We need approval from the general senate to approve this Ad-Hoc committee.

Vice-President Zakimi Okay. I will send out the applications for now.

3. Treasurer

Treasurer Takara December stipends have been done.

4. Secretary

Secretary Belisario I'm in the process of looking through each committee's folders on Kaulike and I will be emailing the chairs and vice-chairs about their respective documents.

Melinda Sonoda-Pale Just a reminder about the minutes. One suggestion from the auditor is that we either sign all the minutes or not. I was talking to Bonny about it and she suggests that we all shouldn't sign the minutes to keep it uniformed.

B. Administrative

C. Judicial Branch

D. Standing Committees

1. Campus Life

Chairperson Oshiro We had a meeting today. I want to let everyone know that our committee will be introducing bills in the next executive meeting.

2. Elections

President Nishihara They will be finishing up the calendar this weekend.

3. External Affairs

Senator Nguyen We will be having a meeting next week Wednesday at 4 pm. I recommend that you remind your committee members to submit testimony for next week Tuesday.

4. Finance
Chairperson Kawagishi We have a meeting this Friday to review the RIO Funding bill and directions on where we want to go in the future.

5. Internal Affairs
Chairperson Schulz We had a meeting last week Wednesday and clarifying committee appointments.

6. Investments and Long Range Planning
Chairperson Lee We will be meeting tomorrow at 4 pm in the ASUH office.

7. Student Affairs
Chairperson Mandado I will email my committee about meeting some time next week.

8. Undergraduate Academic Affairs
President Nishihara Scholarship applications will be due soon and they are working on that.

III. SPECIAL ORDERS

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

V. NEW BUSINESS

I. SB 39-15: UH Cares Campaign
President Nishihara I refer this to Finance, External Affairs and Student Affairs.

II. SB 40-15: To Appropriate Funding for the Spring 2015 Registered Independent Organizations (RIO) Funding Cycle
President Nishihara I refer this to Finance.

VI. OPEN FORUM

Vice-President Zakimi Just a reminder, Elect Her will be on March 14. It's a daylong training. Lunch is provided and refreshments. Only students from the UH system is invited.

Melinda Sonoda-Pale We are short handed in the office right now. We will be hiring another person soon.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Oshiro Motion to Adjourn.
Senator-at-Large Lee Second.
Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassandra Belisario
Secretary of the ASUH 102nd Senate