

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
2465 Campus Road, Campus Center Room 211A
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

General Senate Meeting #19 of the 104th Senate
Wednesday, March 1, 2017

OPENING

Call to Order

Vice-President Dela Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:07PM in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present:	Vice-President Dela Cruz, Secretary Nishihara, Senators-at-Large Enriquez, Willis, Senators Arenivas, Barrow, Chen, Chun, Crollard, Ho, Ikeda, Klinestiver, Lee, Lo, Negrillo, Takagi, Tran, Wang [18]
Excused Absent:	President Kamoshida, Senator Zabanal [2]
Unexcused Absent:	Senators Finau, Gushikuma [2]
Excused Late:	Senators-at-Large Chen, Urasaki, Senators Delos Reyes, Fong, Honda, Ishii, Lao, Leval, Yamada [9]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	[0]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	Senator Utashiro [1]
Advisor:	Advisor Manini [1]
Guests:	Kevin Harrison, Dr. Noel Kent, Michele Matsuo [3]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. GSMM #18 - February 15, 2017

<i>SAL Willis</i>	Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for GSMM #18.
<i>Senator Barrow</i>	Second.

<i>Secretary Nishihara</i>	Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.
<i>SAL Willis</i>	Second.
	Motion carries.
	Motion carries.

Official Correspondence

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE SENATE ON MARCH 15, 2017

Dr. Noel Kent

Thank you for having me here. We have a responsibility of taking care of Social Sciences, Language and Literature, Arts and Humanities, and Natural Sciences. We have seen that some of our departments are in desperate shape because of a lack of positions. We have 55% of the students, but the problem is we are only getting 18% of the tuition, so we are sort of a cash cow for the research institutions. Many of you have to take the general education courses through these colleges, so we are sort of the foundation of the university. Back in the 90s, the English department had around 80 positions, now they have 34. Mathematics and Chemistry are also in the same situation. We have many people who contingent faculty, but they can't create an education experience because they don't have the time to have a commitment. We need to have a whole different formula for funding for the university. If you talk to the Dean of Arts and Sciences, they'll tell you that the departments are in a crisis, since students can't get into the courses they need to graduate. This directly impacts your constituency, which is why I came to you. We are putting a couple of resolutions to the legislature. President Lassiter is not interested in changing his game plan - he is very comfortable with hiring contingent faculty, and he doesn't want to put resources into the four colleges, and the Board of Regents has never quite been able to understand what real education is about. So we had to find a point of leverage, which is the legislature. The resolutions we are presenting are geared towards a new and equitable formula for funding the colleges. One resolution that runs through the House is urging administration for an equitable based budgeting model. We asked Senator Kahele to put another resolution through to align revenue sources, and to put the Board of Regents and the UH Administration accountable to the legislature for implementing this sort of program. I think it is important for students and senators to present testimony, since they will listen to students. The legislators are very considered with the quality of education given to students. We are presenting this as a crisis for the student body and the quality of education they are getting.

What would the President report to the Legislature?

They would be reporting what we are achieving.

Would it be possible to get a copy of the resolutions so we can write legislation?

Sure.

Would you also happen to have any statistics towards this?

Yes.

Senator Arenivas

Dr. Noel Kent

SAL Enriquez

Dr. Noel Kent

Senator Lao

Dr. Noel Kent

REPORTS

Executive

President

a. PM #31 Relating to Interim Executive Appointment

SAL Willis

Move to accept PM#31.

SAL Chen

Second.

VP Dela Cruz

This is related to the Interim Executive Appointment of a Treasurer, since Maggie Hinshaw resigned.

Motion carries.

b. PM #32: Relating to Standing Committee Appointments (Updated)

Senator Lao

Move to accept PM #32.

SAL Chen

Second.

VP Dela Cruz

Please be sure your name is listed twice.

Senator Lao

Move to strike Jessica Chen from UAA and move her name to Investments and Long Range Planning.

SAL Willis

Second.

Senator Lao

I believe the Treasurer should be in Investments and Long Range Planning.
Motion carries.

Senator Lao Move to add asterisks next to Jessica Chen's name in Investments and Long Range Planning and correct the statement at the bottom to read "The ASUH Constitution mandates the Treasurer to be a member of Finance and Investments and Long Range Planning."

Senator Negrillo Second.
Motion carries.

Motion carries.

c. Executive Committee Meeting: March 8, 2017 (6:00 PM in CC310)

VP Dela Cruz This is just a reminder that there an Executive Committee meeting on March 8 at 6:00 PM in CC 310.

Vice President

a. Email Updates

VP Dela Cruz Please read through the emails that I've sent.

b. Office Hours

VP Dela Cruz Most of the Executive committee members have office hours that are posted on the door. If you need to talk to me, my office hours are posted on the door, so feel free to stop by.

c. Spring 2017

VP Dela Cruz In my last email, I sent a calendar of our future workshops. If you have any conflicts, let me know. Most of the dates are tentative, except for the dates for retreat. I will be sending out more information on the retreat.

d. USSA National Student Power Summit

VP Dela Cruz I wanted to provide another opportunity to go on another conference. This one will take place in Washington D.C. on March 31st to April 3rd.

SAL Enriquez Move to open the application process to select a senate member to attend the USSA National Student Power Summit and the attendant of the conference is partially funded by ASUH, which will include registration, airfare, lodging, etc.

SAL Chen Second.

VP Dela Cruz Since we only have a certain amount of funds allocated for travel, most of which we used to send Tkani and Danson to the last conference, we are only able to cover one person.
Motion carries.

Treasurer

Secretary

Secretary Nishihara Thank you for notifying me about your attendance. Please remember that the office staff is here to work with you, not for you, so do not rely on them to do all of your committee tasks.

Administrative

Advisor Manini I'll be traveling on March 17 to 24, so if you need to work with me before then, please do so.

Judicial Branch

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Senator Barrow Everything is up and running for Sinclair Study Nights, so it should be a good one!
SAL Enriquez Per the recommendation from the last meeting, have you guys organized a system for sign-ups for volunteers?
Senator Barrow No, we have not yet.

Elections

Chairperson Wang Move to ratify unofficial results for Spring 2017 Special Elections.
SAL Chen Second.
Motion carries.

Chairperson Wang Our terms will be ending on May 3rd, so if you would like to serve on the 105th Senate, you will be required to run in the 105th General Election, which will be available starting tomorrow. The packets will be due by the 15th at 4:00 pm, during which we will also be doing floor nominations.

External Affairs

Chairperson Enriquez Unfortunately, both bills for Mental Health will not be heard by the Finance and Ways and Means Committee. I have tried to keep in contact with Senator Tokuda and Senator Luke, but unfortunately, both bills will not be heard in these committees. As such, we could say these bills have died. However, we are still looking towards other efforts to incorporate the 3 psychologists into the biennium budget.

VC Delos Reyes To explain technicalities for why they died, it is because the deadline for decking is tomorrow, which would be the crossover. We will still be moving forward with our mental health initiatives. We will be working with Senator Chang to coordinate the Mental Health Luncheon. We will also be working with students on campus to address issues of mental health. Chairperson Enriquez will be sharing more on that. We will still be submitting testimony, so I encourage you all to make your constituencies known.

Chairperson Enriquez Students in the Communication College taking part in the Bateman Case Competition have asked me, on behalf of them, to ask for help at their event called Address the Stress. It is a public free event for students to get distressed. They are asking for ASUH to be there to explain what initiatives we are taking in regards to mental health. I will be sending out a follow up email towards this.

Finance

Chairperson Honda There was some discretion in our committee to allow some RIOs to be funded outside of the normal time frame. There are some RIOs who have events after the May 3rd deadline. I will also clarify with the Internal Affairs committee the consequences for not submitting all required documents, as that was something that was looked at. Tkani and I will be doing a report on the conference later. Some of the topics I will be going over are Awards for Service, open source textbooks, composition of the senate, and organizations we should be funding. These are topics I have discussed greatly with other senators across the nation, and I have some recommendations from that.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Lao I am looking to having a committee meeting next week. There is a rule revision for special order tonight. This is to revise the elections rules since we will be switching voting platforms.

Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Willis Please check your emails.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Ishii I am currently working on a UPass proposal. It looks like this could be carried over into the next senate, but the goal is to have something ready for when they do switch Transportation Directors. I've also updated the data charts for the UPass Survey. We will be meeting soon to go over the proposal.

Senator Arenivas I have a recommendation to work with the City Council to propose a resolution to ask for affordable UPasses.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Chen Awards will be due on Friday. The committee is also looking at their own projects, workshops and resolutions.

SPECIAL ORDERS

a. Senate Revision 04-17

SAL Enriquez Move to special order RR 04-17.

Senator Lo Second.

Senator Lao Since this deals with our new elections voting procedure, this needs to go through this week, so I urge you all to please pass this. Otherwise, elections may be delayed.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO SPECIAL ORDER RR 04-17

Aye(s): Secretary Nishihara, Senators-at-Large Chen, Enriquez, Willis, Senators Arenivas, Barrow, Chen, Chun, Crollard, Delos Reyes, Fong, Ho, Honda, Ikeda, Ishii, Klinestiver, Lao, Lee, Leval, Lo, Negrillo, Takagi, Tran, Wang, Yamada [25]

Naye(s): [0]

Motion carries.

SAL Chen Move to accept RR 04-17.

Senator Leval Second.

Senator Lao This is to change the voting platform from the banner system through MyUH to a system under survey share where students will be emailed a one-time access code to access your ballot. There will be two emails - one for the executive positions and one for the senators of your respective college.

SAL Enriquez Why is this change being made?

Senator Wang The banner system can no longer be used. As a result, Sammy, Healani, and I have been discussion on planning alternatives to this. We decided on Survey Share because there is a way to automatically email ballots to all the students. Unfortunately, since this is automatically done, there is no way to email access codes for both the executive ballot and college ballot in the same email.

Senator Lao Move to correct the Senate Revision number from 03-17 to 04-17 and to include my signature.

SAL Chen Second.

Motion carries.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT RR 04-17 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Secretary Nishihara, Senators-at-Large Chen, Enriquez, Urasaki, Willis, Senators Arenivas, Barrow, Chen, Chun, Crollard, Delos Reyes, Fong, Ho, Honda, Ikeda, Ishii, Klinestiver, Lao, Lee, Leval, Lo, Negrillo, Takagi, Tran, Wang, Yamada [26]

Naye(s): [0]

Motion carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

a. Senate Bill 25-17: To Appropriate Funding for the 2017 Earth Day

i. SCR 37-17- Finance

Senator Lao Move to accept SCR 37-17.
Senator Ishii Second.

Motion carries.

ii. SB 25-17

Senator Lao Move to accept SB 25-17.
SAL Willis Second.
Senator Barrow Earth Day is coming around, and the Sustainability Council for UH Mānoa would like help with funding. We've done this for the past four years. This year it will be on Legacy Path and Campus Center Courtyard. This will be focused on different majors.

Senator Barrow Move to:

- Change the date and location of the event from April 24, 2017 to April 19, 2017 from 10:00am - 6:00 pm in the Campus Center Courtyard and Legacy Pathway.
- Replace "Partnering with Art and Flea" with "Sustainability Council is partnering with Ka Leo and Art and Flea."
- Have the last sentence of the purpose read "There will be entertainment at the Campus Center Courtyard with artists like Timothy Gardener, Paula Fuga, Kealoha, and Paul Izak.
- Correct Section III to state that ASUH shall be recognized as a co-sponsor.

SAL Chen Second.
Motion carries.

Senator Leval How much was allocated in the past?
Senator Barrow There was an increase in equipment and advertising this year. We plan for the event to be larger this year. We also are seeking for funding for promotional items. There is more money allocated towards this year because we are trying to attract a larger crowd.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 25-17 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Secretary Nishihara, Senators-at-Large Chen, Enriquez, Urasaki, Willis, Senators Arenivas, Barrow, Chen, Chun, Crollard, Delos Reyes, Fong, Ho, Honda, Ikeda, Ishii, Klinestiver, Lao, Lee, Leval, Lo, Negrillo, Takagi, Tran, Wang, Yamada [26]

Naye(s): [0]

Motion carries.

b. Senate Bill 26-17: To Appropriate Funding for the Spring 2017 Registered Independent organizations (RIO) Funding Cycle

i. SCR 38-17- Finance

SAL Enriquez Move to accept SCR 38-17.
Senator Barrow Second.

Senator Lao Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.
Senator Ikeda Second.
Motion carries.

Motion carries.

ii. SB 26-17

Senator Lao Move to accept SB 26-17.
SAL Chen Second.

Senator Honda

This is our RIO Funding Bill. We took into consideration whether they have historically completed all necessary documents and the membership fees charged by organizations. If an organization charged a lot of membership fees, we were less likely to give them funding.

Senator Honda

Move to:

- For AlohaThon Dance Marathon under Supplies, clarify that Supplies include banners, soap, business cards, and crayons
- For the Pre-Dental Association under Supplies, clarify that supplies include banners, soap, business cards, and crayons, and the total for Supplies is \$200 instead of \$300, and to have the totals reflect the changes.

SAL Willis

Second.

Senator Honda

Many of the organizations applied for funding for the supplies line item, which is very broad, so we asked for clarification. The deduction for the Pre-Dental Association is necessary because they had included a carving tools set as a part of their supplies. We are not allowed to fund tools because we will not be able to keep track of where the tools are going after events.

Motion carries.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SB 26-17 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): Secretary Nishihara, Senators-at-Large Chen, Urasaki, Willis, Senators Arenivas, Barrow, Chen, Chun, Crollard, Delos Reyes, Fong, Ho, Honda, Ikeda, Ishii, Klinestiver, Lao, Lee, Leval, Lo, Negrillo, Takagi, Tran, Wang, Yamada [25]

Naye(s): [0]

Motion carries.

OPEN FORUM

Senator Negrillo

My friend is chair of the Relay for Life committee, so if you want to be a part of the ASUH Relay for Life team, if you raise \$100, you will get a free shirt.

VP Dela Cruz

We have a relay for life team, and I highly encourage you all to sign up. Please come out! I will be planning activities.

SAL Chen

You do not have to donate \$100, the minimum is \$5, and it's going towards a great cause.

CLOSING

Adjournment

Senator Lao

Move to Adjourn.

Senator Leval

Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Nishihara
Secretary, 104th Senate