

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

**General Senate Meeting #3 of the 91st Senate
Tuesday, June 24, 2003
Campus Center 220**

CALL TO ORDER Vice-President Baker called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at Campus Center 220.

ROLL CALL Present: Vice-President Baker, Secretary Nagasako, Treasurer Hayashi, Senators-At-Large Chung, Dayoan, Senators Anthony, Chinen, Ching, George, Honda, Joseph, Kodani, Kukona, Lachman, Luchs, Lum, Matsumoto, Novitske, Velasco, Wun [20]

Unexcused Absences: Senator Mellinger [1]

Excused Absences: President Conner, Senators-At-Large Dahilig, Dilg, Senators Anderson, Becka, Dayoan, Franquez, Hawthorne, Hunsinger, Ogata [10]

Early Departures: Senator-At-Large Dayoan (8:00 p.m.) [1]

Advisor: Manini [1]

Guests: Chris Kirk-Kuwaye [1]

General Senate Meeting #2 Minutes

MOTION To table the minutes until the next meeting because the Roll Call votes were not included

Motion passed viva voce

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Received a certification through the Western Association of Colleges from Ms. Sandra Roberts which will be posted on President Conner's bulletin board

REPORTS

Vice-President
Kawika Baker

President Conner will be returning on July 2, 2003. The first two leadership conferences have come up. Four senators went to the National Conference on Student Services (NCSS) last year. This year's conference will be held October in San Diego. The Certified Student Leader program will be held in Denver in September.

CCB wants ASUH members to be on the board. Senator Velasco has volunteered and another person is needed.
The Board of Regents meeting was held and approved the football contract with June Jones. UHPA came in that morning and put a freeze on all administrative hires and job positions.

Treasurer
Mel Hayashi

There are positive results to the external audit for fiscal year 2002.

Advisor
Bonnyjean Manini

The firm that handled the external audit will present the findings to the Board of Regents. The audit is handled by a firm outside of the University of Hawaii and is done every third year

Elections
Kalae George

The committee is working with Sammy Lee and Robyn Mead who will work on the online voting process because it is now done through myUH not pa'e. We will know by mid July whether or not special elections for the Fall school year will be online.

Finance
Andrew Lachman

The Student Leader Recognition bill will be moved to the general meeting.

Internal Affairs
Jon Chinen

The committee has received SRev 02-04 from the Senate and will discuss it in their July meeting

External Affairs
Shayna Lum

Committee meeting was held June 24, 2003 and discussed Homecoming, and how to welcome new and returning students during Welcome Week.

Investments and Long-Range Planning
Lexi Novistke

First committee meeting was held on June 23, 2003. At the meeting, the members got to know each other.

Cultural and Ethnic Diversity
Keevan Matsumoto

Second meeting was held June 24, 2003 and Sres 01-04 was Discussed

Academic Affairs
Allison Chung

There has been some difficulty between the 1st meeting and now because a majority of the members are not on island. The next meeting will be held on July 8, 2003 in which grants and scholarships will be discussed

Sudent Affairs
Norman Kukona

At the first meeting some of the issues that were discussed were: the possibilities of revamping the ASUH website and President Conner creating a committee for that purpose, and understanding the role of

government in student housing. The next meeting will be held on July 1, 2003.

NEW BUSINESS

Sres 01-04

MOTION To bring Sres 01-04 to floor

Motion passed viva voce

MOTION To bring SCR #1 to floor

Motion passed viva voce

MOTION To change SCR #1 to SCR # X

Motion passed viva voce

MOTION To amend the spelling of “Senator Daniel Inoye” to read “Senator Daniel Inouye”

Motion passed viva voce

MOTION To amend the spelling of “ethical” to “ethnic”

Motion passed viva voce

MOTION To strikeout “at Mānoa” before “Vice-President for Student Affairs”

Motion passed viva voce

MOTION To amend the spelling of “at Mānoa” to read “at Mānoa”

Motion passed viva voce

MOTION To accept SCR #X as ammended

Motion passed viva voce

MOTION To bring Sres 01-04 to floor

Motion passed viva voce

MOTION To amend “Senate Bill” to read “Senate Resolution”

Motion passed viva voce

MOTION To amend the title of the resolution from “affirmative” to “affirmative”

Motion passed viva voce

Discussion

Senator Lachman: Was unsure of whether or not wanted to support the resolution but after talking to Keevan he changed opinion and now supports it. Senator Lum: Is the intent to change undergraduate admission policies? Senator Matsumoto: Affirmative action is used at undergraduate and graduate levels to promote diversity in higher education. The student equity director passed all affirmative action policies. Senator Ching: If affirmative action is in use already, why is there a need for a resolution? Senator Matsumoto: Affirmative action policies have changed form from the past. It is important to preserve the basic tenants of affirmative action so that everyone has the opportunity for equal opportunity. The goals are the same, everyone wants to succeed but not everyone can. Programs promote the minority so that they can fulfill the “American dream.” Vice-President Baker: Point of information: There was an interest to have a diverse population, and federal law doesn’t always make that possible. Affirmative action is a volunteer program and doesn’t have to be enacted. Senator Lum: What does the introducer hope to prove with this resolution? Senator Matsumoto: To show the students’ beliefs and stance on affirmative action. Senator Lachman: Has a poll been taken from the students to see their opinion? Senator Matsumoto: From the people he’s talked to, they understand that diversity is an important part of learning. No scientific poll has been taken. Senator-At-Large Dayoan: A poll should be taken because the resolution is an official stance and viewpoints of students

MOTION

To recommit the resolution to the Cultural and Ethnic Diversity committee so that the committee can poll the students

Discussion:

Senator-At-Large Dayoan: Is this issue a problem that needs to be discussed immediately because of time constraints? Senator Matsumoto: No. Senator-At-Large Dayoan: Would rather be more educated about what students want. Senator Novitske: If a poll is taken during summer, only a small amount of students will be covered because the mainland students are currently on the mainland.

Vice-President Baker (Acting chair) passes the gavel to Senator Chinen.

Discussion:

Vice-President Baker: Affirmative action most likely affects the people who aren’t paying the tuition to attend summer school. We would all like to be recognized as individuals, however, race does play a part of who we are. In Hawai’i high schools a majority of the students are Filipino, Samoan...Less than 7% Filipino students are at the University of Hawaii, 7% of the faculty are of any ethnic minority. 80% of students are not a minority. Senator Matsumoto: What is the liability of polling? Majority of people will say “yes” to diversifying in higher education. We need to take a poll of whole university system. Senator Kukona: ASUH is a sample of people who show how they feel on issues, and an accurate representation cannot be gathered until the Fall

semester. It is important to express how ASUH feels as soon as possible.
Senator Luchs: Has seen resolutions passed without polls in past.

Senator Lachman withdraws motion

MOTION To pass SRes 01-04

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Treasurer Hayashi, Senator-At-Large Chung, Senators Anthony, Chinen, Ching, George, Honda, Joseph, Kodani, Kukona, Lachman, Luchs, Matsumoto, Novitske, Velasco [15]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: Secretary Nagasako, Senators Lum, Wun [3]

Motion passed 15-0-3

SB 03-04

MOTION To move SCR #4 to the Floor

Motion passed viva voce

MOTION To amend SCR #4 to move the two “abstentions” on the voting log sheet to “not present”

Motion passed viva voce

MOTION To accept SCR #4

Motion passed viva voce

MOTION To bring Senate Bill 03-04 to the floor

Motion passed viva voce

Discussion: Senator Lum: The amount of money allotted in the bill is more than enough for Summer 2003, and Fall 2003.

MOTION To recess for two minutes.

Motion passed viva voce

Meeting called back to order at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION To amend Section III concerning the words in the third sentence “honorees shall be awarded” to “Limited to six honorees awarded”

Discussion: Senator-At-Large Chung: Who’s to say only 6 should be awarded,

what if more than that are exemplary leaders? Senator Luchs: Limiting the amount of people who can receive the award makes it seem more prestigious, but the award can also be just as prestigious if it is not limited. Treasurer Hayashi: Who's to say not all of appropriations will be used in Summer 2003? Senator Lum: Plaques last year were \$15 each, therefore, the cost seems feasible. If needed, the Act can be amended. Senator-At-Large Chung: Certificates or chords can be used, the award can cost less than \$15. The prestige comes from recognition at commencement. Senator Ching: What if the award gets too big and it becomes omitted from the commencement program because it is so large? Senator Matsumoto: If there is a lot of people it would make it better, more of a need for celebration. Senator-At-Large Chung: During this past years' Spring commencement there was depth in recognizing the awardees because there were only two of them. There can be insertions in the program as a way of recognizing. Senator Kukona: Can raise prestige by creating permanent plaque to recognize them. Senator Wun: The number of awardees should be limited because there's no continuity. Senator George: If the number of awardees are not limited there is not as much prestige in receiving the award. Vice-President Baker: There shouldn't be any limit to people who dedicate their lives to student leadership. Senator Luchs: The award shouldn't be a "competition" and if it is limited it will be. Senator Lum: For members "exhibiting exemplary involvement." Last year, there were nine applicants and only two were chosen because the committee used it's own judgement in choosing who deserved the award

Motion to amend failed viva voce

Discussion: Chris Kirk-Kuwaye: How is a student leader defined? Senator-At-Large Chung: Selection process needs to be reviewed. The commitment and service of the person is reviewed. A person can be awarded as long as he/she is part of a University of Hawaii at Manoa organization and committed to bettering student life. Chris Kirk-Kuwaye: How was the award publicized so that a wide net was cast? Senator-At-Large Chung: Advertisement of the award will be improved upon. Senator George: Would rather have someone be nominated rather than apply for the award. Then receiving the award will be more prestigious. Senator-At-Large Chung: The application was for both nominations or to apply. Senator Matsumoto: With nominations some people's contributions sometimes go unnoticed.

MOTION To call for the question

Objection

Motion withdrawn

MOTION To strike the title "Recognition of the Student Leader Recognition Program" to read "Recognition of the Student Service and Leadership Distinction Program"

Motion passed viva voce

MOTION To call the question

Objection

MOTION To continue the debate

Motion passed viva voce

MOTION To call the question

ROLL CALL Ayes: Secretary Nagasako, Treasurer Hayashi, Senator-At-Large Chung, Senators Anthony, Chinen, Ching, Honda, Joseph, Kodani, Kukona, Lachman, Luchs, Lum, Matsumoto, Novitske, Velasco, Wun [17]

Nays: [0]

Abstentions: Senator George [1]

Motion passed 17-0-1

OPEN FORUM

Vice-President Baker: Senators are encouraged to attend the Board of Regents meeting so they can learn more about issues. The Board of Regents has a student affairs committee.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION To adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Motion passed viva voce.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martina J.M. Nagasako
ASUH Secretary