

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA  
2465 Campus Road, Campus Center Room 211A  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822

Executive Committee Meeting #21 of the 107<sup>th</sup> Senate  
Wednesday, April 15, 2020

**OPENING**

**Call to Order**

*President Li called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM on Zoom.*

**Roll Call**

*Secretary Ocampo called roll.*

Present:	President Li, Vice President Rafid, Treasurer Pacanuayan, Secretary Ocampo, Senator-at-Large Manabe, Oshiro, Leval, Senators Balico, Salameh, Vogt [12]
Excused Absences:	Senator Ruan [1]
Unexcused Absences:	[0]
Excused Late:	[0]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	Juliano [1]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	[0]
Guests:	[0]

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

**1. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes #20, 107th Senate - April 1**

*Senator Juliano* I move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for Executive Meeting #20 for the 107th Senate.

*Secretary Ocampo* Second.

*Vote was unanimously in favor; Motion carries.  
The minutes of Executive Committee Meeting #20 was approved.*

**Official Correspondence**

**REPORTS**

**Executive  
President**

**a) COVID-19 Academic Policies**

*President Li* I just wanted to give an update on the COVID-19 academic policy. As you guys saw, the email has gone out saying that the University of Hawaii system is now doing credit/no credit grading. it is going to operate in the way that we have supported, students will be able to view their grades before choosing a credit or no credit option. The email also

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denotes that Credit/no credit will not affect GPA, and will also not hold back students from progressing into classes they need grade requirements for. to receive the grade of credit you must at least receive a C to qualify. The deadline to decide if you would like the credit/no credit option is May 22. just log into star to view your grades. Next to your grades there will be a drop-down menu with the option. I have brought up the confusion with certain departments to administration and they said at the end of the day, it is executive policy which will trump department decisions. The thing about this is if departments are going to fight this, I would hate to see students filing a grievance if they were denied acceptance into future classes opted into credit grades. Stress because this would create more unneeded stress and confusion. The thing about this is if departments are going to fight this, I would hate to see students filing a grievance if they were denied acceptance into future classes opted into credit grades. Stress because this would create more unneeded stress and confusion. I asked what the plan of enforcement is, and President Lassner said he will update me. I did see the travel industry management department email saying that their students should not take credit or no credit. But I am glad that it got squared away is key. Everyone should monitor any situations that come up like this so we can look into it.

Another item I wanted to talk about is the recent announcement from the state legislature regarding possible budget cuts. Employee wages across all state employees could be getting a 20% cut from their pay. This is substantial and will have a big impact on the livelihood of not only the faculty but students as well. I just wanted to bring up this discussion point to see what peoples thoughts were and what actions ASUH can take regarding this.

*SAL Leval*

Just to be clear, information about the proposed 20% cut came from Governor Ige, Not from the state legislature.

*SAL Manabe*

My mom works as a government worker, so if this were to go through it would significantly impact her. I am just one student out of I don't know how many at UH whose parents do work for the government. If those parents do have their information reflected on FAFSA or any other educational thing that would help them pay for school, I think that will be a problem for students who would benefit from FAFSA or some students who depend on support from their parents will have to leave school. Also, I looked up the salary for the law school dean, and it says for the 2018 fiscal year that the Dean Soifer made \$416,000. So that is already a lot of money, but considering how the proposed salary will go up to \$430,000, I don't know if Soifer Will even be in that position or if it would be for the new dean that they are looking for. But that is still a \$14,000 increase, which is like 2/3 of the law school tuition for one year at the resident rate.

*Vice President Rafid*

I am sharing a link that shares all the executive and managerial salaries in the UH system. So you can take a look at it. It isn't just the Law school dean, there are other people getting \$400-\$500,000.

*Advisor Manini*

In terms of the 35,000 a month salary, that is actually for the new hire. I think that I put a link on my Facebook page for the board of regents agenda that lists the person's name and their proposed salary. I think it is a consent agenda which means Bruno would have already gotten approval from Lassner potentially. I don't know how much that money actually helps the law school. At the end of the day it's the faculty and the students that makes the school great.

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- SAL Manabe* Considering that a lot of the pick up of Richardson is already resident tuition, comparing \$21,000 for the year for residents or \$44,000 for non-residents, the law school does not have a significant pool of money to pull from upper campus that has all of the graduate programs and undergraduate programs. If we take into account that the new dean gets a raise of approximately 2/3 of a resident tuition for the year, I don't really know what to think of that. Outside of UH the city is also trying to get raises too. I think we should do something if we have the jurisdiction.
- President Li* I would like to say that if we feel strongly about this, that we can write a resolution about it and send it over to show that this doesn't just affect adults or people with full-time jobs, but it also affects students too. It can potentially affect the quality of education like if our instructors are strained financially & it can affect our student employment. If people feel strongly about these subjects, I highly encourage drafting a resolution or legislation to say so.
- Vice President**  
*Vice President Rafid* Since the 107th Senate is coming to an end, there is one thing that I have been thinking about lately. It is the crossover banquet. A lot of you guys on the executive committee have experience of attending crossover banquets. There is a lot of confusion around whether it is going to happen next month because the initial stay at home order ends this month, but there is no guarantee that it will be extended. I wanted to ask you guys what we should do in regards to crossover banquet?
- Senator Salameh* May I suggest something? I say we should cancel it. I don't think we want to put ourselves in the position of uncertainty, much like everything else that is being canceled it would be safe to just cancel it. But that is just my opinion.
- Advisor Manini* Are you guys open to doing something virtually?
- Vice President Rafid* We could, but at the same time what is there we can do? I'm trying to think of what else we can do.
- Advisor Manini* I think you could look at the old programs. The most important thing of crossover is to acknowledge the work of those who are exiting and also modeling what is important for those who are coming in. You have my support no matter what you guys decide.
- Sal Oshiro* I would be in favor of doing something virtual! A big part of crossover is providing a good foundation for the next Senate. I feel like that we can still do that over Zoom, its not optimal but still possible. We can still do recaps and awards virtually.
- Senator Juliano* I am also for something virtually, what if we were to make a powerpoint going in the same schedule a program would? We can also put photos together. I am a person for closure, and we have already had graduation taken away, at least we can do something virtually to close and reopen the year.
- Vice President Rafid* Everything nowadays is unfamiliar territory for uus, so I could really use some help for planning!
- Senator Salameh* I am for totally for a virtual crossover!
- Vice President Rafid* I'll send out an email to those who would like to help! Thank you!

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**Treasurer**

**a) 107th Senate March 2020 Awards for Service Memo**

*Treasurer Pacannuayan* Last week we passed a revision saying that the award for services memo will go through Exec first. It does not go into effect until next week, but we can consider this a trial.

SAL Manabe From what I understand in the revision, we can only take awards away. Any errors from the treasurers end can be fixed, otherwise all awards that have not been given have to go through the appeal process.

Senator Juliano Motion to enter executive session.

SAL Leval Second.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Aye(s):** President Li, Vice President Rafid, Treasurer Pacanuayan, Secretary Ocampo, Senator-at-Large Manabe, Oshiro, Leval, Senators Balico, Salameh, Vogt, Juliano [10]

**Naye(s): [0]**

**Abstention(s): [0]**

*Enters Executive Session*

*Exits Executive Session*

**Secretary**

*Secretary Ocampo* No report.

**Administrative**

*Advisor Manini* No report.

**Judicial Branch**

**Standing Committees**

**Campus Life**

*Chairperson Oshiro* No report.

**Elections**

*Chairperson Balico* Elections are on track and campaigning has started.  
Orientation happened last Monday and Tuesday.  
In contact with Yu to create ballots and I am just waiting on ballot draft  
Ballots are sent out next week Monday 4/20/20  
The Constitutional Amendment to represent part time students has been extended to April 27th, 2020

**External Affairs**

*Chairperson Leval* Virtual AS(You)H Week HAPPENING NOW!  
“Food Fight” via IG Story  
Virtual Q&A Sesh via IG Story -- Please send Senator Juliano your video responses

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AS(You)H Pictionary via IG Live (THIS Friday 4/17) -- Please advertise!!!

I was surprised by the results of the food fight! So please participate and advertise ASUH week!

### **Finance**

*Chairperson Salameh*

We have fixed RIO funding, everything is up and running again! I'm so thankful for advisor Healani, ASUH staff, and Treasurer Pacanuayan. They helped me digitize the award packets and really clean it up. Now, all those still eligible for funding are able to reach out to ASUH Staff to get the packet and the video on how to fill it out. Advisor Healani created a video on youtube on how to do so.

### **Internal Affairs**

*Chairperson Manabe*

No report.

### **Investments and Long Range Planning**

*President Li*

Investments and Long Range Planning committee will be introducing a resolution at this meeting to define our due process of external auditing that will be happening in the future. We can talk more about it when they introduce the legislation.

### **Student Affairs**

*Chairperson Vogt*

Hi everybody! There are no major updates regarding progress or plans. We have been in the same position we have been in for a while. I am working on adjusting to the chair position, which involves looking through past emails to track down contacts and plans. I have reached out to the past Chairperson for assistance and am waiting to hear back.

### **Undergraduate Academic Affairs**

*Secretary Ocampo*

This past weekend the mitty was assigned homework to send out congrats/sorry emails to those who were and weren't awarded scholarships. Something new we did this time around is that in those congrats emails, we asked the applicants to send us back a THANK YOU LETTER for our faculty reviewers. We had hoped to plan something earlier this semester to show our faculty reviewers how much we appreciate them, but we figured we start small and have thank you letters to send them instead. This idea stemmed from last semester, since UAA got their first handwritten thank you letter from an awarded student. It was amazing!

So with all those thank you letters coming in, Senator Setefano was assigned to put all the letters into one google document which Chairperson Juliano is planning to send out to faculty reviewers this Friday. Now that the scholarships are done, what's next for UAA is to schedule a meeting so we can talk about our future plans aka new scholarship categories and such.

And that's what you missed on UAA GLEE!

### **Other Committees**

**Sustainability**

No report

**Mental Healthcare**

No report

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**Part-Time Students**

SAL Oshiro Just wanted to let you guys know that the Con-Am ballot has been extended to end on April 27th! There are a bunch of Amazon gift cards available to raffle off to those who vote and I am going to be working to get boosted facebook ads up!

**Student Housing** No report

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Award for Service Appeal - Russel John Transfiguration (January)**

SAL Oshiro Set motion

Vice President Rafid Second.

**MAJORITY CALL VOTE TO APPROVE Award for Service Appeal Russel John Transfiguration (January)**

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**Aye(s):** President Li, Vice President Rafid, Treasurer Pacanuayan, Secretary Ocampo, Senator-at-Large Manabe, Oshiro, Leval, Senators Balico, Salameh, Vogt, Juliano [10]

**Naye(s): [0]**

**Abstention(s): [0]**

*Appeal was approved.*

**B. Senate Resolution 14-20 Establishing the Annual Audit Requirements of the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i (ASUH)**

President Li I would like to refer this to the committee of Investments and Long Range Planning.

**OPEN FORUM**

**CLOSING**

**Announcements**

Vice President Rafid I sent out the email and google doc to start planning our virtual crossover!

**Adjournment**

Vice President Rafid I move to adjourn.

Secretary Ocampo Second.

*Vote was unanimously in favor; Motion carries.*

*The Executive Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.*

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized letter 'D' with a vertical line on the left side and a circular flourish on the right side.

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Dominique Ocampo  
Secretary, 107<sup>th</sup> Senate