

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

ASUH General Senate Meeting Minutes of the 113th Senate
#06
August 28th, 2025
Hemenway Hall

I. OPENING

A. Call To Order

1. President Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm in Hemenway Hall

B. Roll Call - Quorum Confirmed

Senate Members

(P) President Watson	(UX) Sen. Avila Gomez	Guest: Kyson James-Foree (GSO)
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(P) VP Ziadeh	(P) Sen. Garcia
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(P) Secretary Sugui	(P) Sen. Jaquish
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(P) SAL Bachiller	(P) Sen. Laguatan
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(P) Sen. Aglanao	(P) Sen. Pale
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Advisors

(Not Present) Healani Sonoda-Pale

(Present) Bonnyjean Manini

C. Reading & Approval of Minutes

1. [General Senate Meeting Minutes #04](#), 113th Senate - August 7, 2025

Motions: Sen Pale motions to accept GSM Minutes #04

Seconds: Sen Jaquish seconds

Voice Vote is unanimous. Hearing no Nays. Motions carries

THIS MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED 9/11/25

2. [General Senate Meeting Minutes #05](#), 113th Senate - August 14, 2025

Motions: Vice President Ziadeh motions to accept GSM Minutes #05

Seconds: Sen Laguatan seconds

Voice Vote is unanimous. Hearing no Nays. Motions carries

D. Official Correspondence

1. Kyson James-Forree, representative from GSO, is presenting a draft bill to fund and waive undergraduate keynote speakers for the upcoming EWC Graduate Student Conference.

Advisor Bonny Is there any past reference on how many undergraduate students attended, that would be helpful.

Kyson Usually 10-15 undergraduate speakers. Furthermore there are downwind benefits: East West Center focuses on international connections, looking to bring in international speakers meaning travel and housing funding, faculty members need the Graduate Student Conference for tenure, grad students need conference for experience

Pres Watson What level of advertising?

Kyson All UHM departments, University departments outside of UHM, international advertisement

Advisor Bonny Check if attendees get charged and if there is a profit for this event because ASUH cannot fund if a 3rd party benefits. Check brochures from previous years and check tax laws for international presenters

Kyson No charge to those sitting in on presentations only for registration to submit an abstract. All funding will be for putting on the event itself and presenter fees

II. REPORTS

A. Executives

1. President

- a. Updates on recent tabling efforts

Pres Watson Welina Mānoa 32 people put down their names, 29 people put down their emails

2. Vice-President

- a. No Report

3. Secretary

- a. NSO turnout

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Sec Sugui Good turnout at NSO tabling event especially for first year students.
Passed out special election packets at tabling event

B. Administrative

1. Advisor - No report
2. Operation Manager - No report

C. Judicial Branch

1. No report

D. Standing Committees

1. Finance
 - a. RIO Funding documents

VP Ziadeh Everything should be finished and ready for RIO applications to be sent out

2. Undergraduate Academic Affairs
 - a. Updates on Scholarship Packets

Sen Aglanan Tomorrow, Friday Aug 29th, 2025, is the first UAA committee meeting

E. Other Committees

1. No reports

III. SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. [SR 01-26](#) - Request on designating Campus Center as an emergency safety zone

Motion: Sen Pale motioned to discharge the original draft from committee of the whole

Seconds: Sen Garcia seconds

Voice Vote was unanimous. Hearing no Nays. Motion passes. SR discharged

VP Ziadeh Would this mean that Campus Center would be unlocked 24/7?

Pres Watson We would need to ask the committee center board; in the event of an emergency, they would unlock bathrooms, etc.

Motion: Sen Pale motioned to accept amended form of SR 01-26

Seconds: Sec Sugui seconds

ROLL CALL VOTE

Aye(s): [9] Pres Watson (Aye), VP Ziadeh (Aye), Sec Sugui (Aye), Sen Aglanan (Aye), Sen Pale (Aye), Sen Laguatan (Aye), Sen Bachiller (Aye), Sen Garcia (Aye), Sen Jaquish (Aye)

Roll Call Vote was unanimous. Hearing no Nays. Motion passes

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B. [SR 02-26](#) - U-PASS fee increase

Sen Jaquish Why is the fee increasing?
Pres Watson The City and County needs it because of a large deficit that they have to make up 25% of. There will be increases to all other transportation fares. We want to make sure that we can still work with the City and County but not jeopardize the students
VP Ziadeh What happens if we don't pass SR 02-26?
Prs Watson If we don't pass SR 02-26 then there will be no more UPASS. We want to lessen the impact on students by spreading out the cost over 4 years

Motion: Sen Jaquish motioned to accept SR 02-26

Seconds: Sen Pale seconds

ROLL CALL VOTE

Aye(s): [9] Pres Watson (Aye), VP Ziadeh (Aye), Sec Sugui (Aye), Sen Aglanao (Aye), Sen Pale (Aye), Sen Laguatan (Aye), Sen Bachiller (Aye), Sen Garcia (Aye), Sen Jaquish (Aye)

Roll Call Vote was unanimous. Hearing no Nays. Motion passes

Advisor Bonny Make sure minutes are passed and that we speak with the GSO

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

A. None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tabling Matters on September 2nd - E Lili'u E

Pres Watson The event will be from 9:30-12:30. ASUH pulling out of event due to majority senators' conflicting schedules

VI. OPEN FORUM

A. Special Election Packets

Sec Sugui For those who received the special election packets at the tabling events they need to turn in the packets following the dates given on the forms

B. In-person meetings

Pres Watson If in-person meetings are something that we should do more often we can either use Hemenway Hall or the ASUH office

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VII. CLOSING

A. Adjournment

Motion: Sen Pale motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Seconds: Sen Laguatan seconds

Vote was unanimous; Motion passes

General Senate Meeting #06 was adjourned at 6:53

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Vinz Sugui', written in a cursive style.

Secretary
Lord Vinz Sugui