

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I
2465 Campus Road, Campus Center Room 211A
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General Senate Meeting #06 of the 108th Senate
Wednesday, July 29th, 2020

OPENING

Call to Order

President Albano called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM on Zoom.

Roll Call

Present: [26] President Albano, Vice President Ogata-Tambua, Secretary Gogue, Treasurer Oshiro, Senators-At-Large Anuszezwska, Bowersmith, Kaeo, Williams, Senators Baguio, Basim, Chua, Columbres, Crowell, Hokama-Paris, Garrett, Kanemoto, Kim, Pierce, Regaspi, Renteria, Saari, Sabandal, Seals, Shimizu, Smith, Vogt

Excused Absent: [3] Senator Keim, Senator Tong, Senator Hesia

Unexcused Absent: [0]

Excused Late: [0]

Unexcused Late: [0]

Excused Early Departure: [0]

Unexcused Early Departure: [0]

On Leave: [1] Senator Lee

Advisors: [0]

Guests: [0]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #05, 108th Senate - July 15, 2020

Treasurer Oshiro Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for GSMM #05.

Senator Seals Second.

Motion carries.

Senator Renteria Motion to approve GSMM#5

Senator Columbres Second.

THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT YET BEEN ADOPTED

Vote is unanimous. Motion carries.

Official Correspondence

Testimony

REPORTS

Executive

President

Office of Communications

President Albano

I sent an email with the agenda about some updates that I will be sharing today. The first is regarding the office of communications. Basically I was reached out to by Dan Meisenzahl, who is the UH spokesperson and the director of the office of communications. He reached out to me to do a collaboration with campus awareness with different kinds of things with messages to get across to students regarding the return to Fall on campus. These are some of the ideas that he brought up to me. Some of these included an I promise to campaign awareness, sharing information on our social media about updates and return to Fall decisions being made, and the office of communications would reshare that information. He also talked about a communications plan. I'm not too sure what that would look like. So putting that in place to better our communication system. He kind of mentioned that as an undergraduate student government its better that students hear from students regarding the return to Fall and if they have any questions to reach out to us about that. Another thing that they were kind of working on is creating a video. He kind of mentioned that we could potentially do a video where the Communications office would be the ones filming it and stuff, so possibly doing a video with student voices and sharing information. This was all pretty recent, so obviously nothing is set in stone. This is something that I wanted to share with you because I was told that other campuses within the UH system are doing a similar awareness thing. This is for example something that UH West Oahu is working on. Their student government is working on this and they have been collaborating with the Chancellor of the school. This is some kind of the work that they are getting done, so Dan reached out to me to see if we would want to do something similar. If this sounds like something you are interested in, let me know, and also with regards to the return to fall, if you have any questions that students might be curious about, or Dan mentioned if you let me know like email me or text me, I can text him right away and get the answers because he's kind of working with Provost Bruno and President Lassner on making sure that the communications is updated and getting information out to the public. If you have any questions that you want to ask now, you can put it in the chat or just say now.

Treasurer Oshiro

Sorry if I missed it but how are students participating in this promise or pledge?

President Albano

The way that it's framed is like this would be a social media campaign where people would go out and share, I pledge to do this like I pledge to wear face coverings and those kinds of things, so it's like blasting through social media more virtually. That is how I think this would be kind of spearheaded in that case.

If you are interested in doing something like this then email me.

Fall 2020 Preparation Suggestions & Feedback

President Albano

I think it is important that as we prepare for the Fall and of course as COVID cases go up quite drastically as you might have seen today, I want to get some feedback from the Senate to gage if there are any ways that virtual meetings can be improved and create a space for more engagement, or if there is any way that I can help you out. I welcome any feedback. I think it is important to provide a space..If there is anything I can do to help please write it out.

Na'au Checks/Talk Story

President Albano

This is something that I personally feel that the Senate, if anyone is interested in being a part of, is I think especially during this time things can get overwhelming and sometimes we don't have a space to reflect and rest and also to have an informal space that we can engage in. I know things with the Senate have been more formal than usual, but one thing that I think would be nice, if anyone is interested to attend, I think we could have a talk story every week. Obviously it's completely optional so you don't have to attend if you don't want to, but I think it is important for us to at least have a space for not only to get to know each other, but also for us to build that pilena with each other. If you want to come, I will probably host one every weekend, so you can find some time to talk with one another and get to learn more about each other, so this link is to a general availability. If anyone wants to come, and we can probably start next week.

**Vice President
New Senator Orientation**

VP Ogata-Tamuba

Change of plans for the when2meet that I sent for this week. I will be sending out a new one because I didn't get that many people to fill out. Which is okay and I understand because everyone has work or internships or other issues. But for the next one that I send out please fill out as soon as you can because I feel that it is super important to get the orientation in. It will teach myself and everyone what we should be doing as Senators and how we can work together and stuff we should know so keep a look out for that email.

**Treasurer
New Senator Orientation**

Treasurer Oshiro

Thank you for approving the minutes so we can get working on codifying the Senate Act for the budget and get that processed, and I also wanted to let you folks know if you were in the 107th Senate I found the attendance records, so I can process the awards for Service for May. In case you were wondering about that.

Secretary

Secretary Gogue

No report.

Administrative

- a. Advisor
- b. Operations Manager

Judicial Branch

- a. Student Court

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Seals

Our Progress

Brainstormed ideas
Discussed event planning
Possible Back to School Event

Our Plans

Homecoming!
Student Involvement

Our Issues

How to get people to come to the event?
Gathering sizes
Distribution?

Elections

Chairperson Columbres

Our Progress

Second meeting held on Monday
Completed Fall 2020 Special Elections packet
Waived signatures
Brainstormed ideas on how to increase voter and participation
Packet approved by Internal Affairs

Our Plans

Next meeting will probably be on August 3
Have the Senate Approve the Elections calendar

External Affairs

Chairperson Chua

Our Progress

2nd Committee Meeting held last Friday, July 24th
Collaboration with Campus Life for Fall return/homecoming
Ideation to safely carry out Fall return events/welcome back packages
Welina Mānoa virtual alternatives
As(You)h week alternatives
Expanding social media initiatives

Our Plans

Senate Pictures
ASUH Ad in Campus Visitor Guide

Miscellaneous

BLM Resources

Finance

Chairperson Williams

No report

Treasurer Oshiro

I was going to ask the Finance Committee to please review the email that I sent them, and please assist me with double checking the budget memo. So if you guys could look at that, I would really appreciate it

Internal Affairs

President Albano

Our Progress

First meeting agenda planned

Our Plans

First official meeting

Issues

Half of the committee did not show up to the official meeting and did not let Chairperson Keim know even though she reminded them three times

it was handled but I hope for more committee involvement in the future

Investments and Long Range Planning

Chairperson Regaspi

Our Progress

Awaiting the 4th Quarter Report, have not received them yet

Our Plans

Schedule 1st official meeting

Student Affairs

Chairperson Kim

Our Progress

Our Plans

Identifying what kinds of information would empower students within an academic framework

Looking to compile information on UH Manoa's working policy on working with ICE or immigration authorities

-make map of locations on campus where certain rights are afforded in terms of protection from authorities

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Bowersmith

Our Progress

Scholarship advertisement is almost finished

Committee has been working on assigned tasks

Based on committee availability UAA meetings will be Mondays at 4pm this fall

UAA Meeting #2 Scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2020 at 4pm

Created semester timeline

Our Plans

Finalize prompts and initiatives

Confirm faculty reviewer availability

Send website updates to office staff

Other Committees

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

CLOSING

Announcements

President Albano

I want to mahalo everyone for your patience. I know things have been very turbulent with the circumstances going on, but I appreciate all of your understanding and work that you are doing. I know this isn't how we envisioned starting off the Senate, but I want to say mahalo for all the hard work that all of you have done so far, and I appreciate each and everyone of you. I know we haven't had much time to get to know each other but I'm hoping that we can talk about that more, and if anyone has anything that they want to host, please feel free to email the Senate.

Senator Kim

I was wondering if we wanted to have a social, online of course and play video games together. Like party games in video game format.

President Albano

That sounds awesome!

Senator Kim

Great! I'll message the Vice President and see how we can plan it.

Adjournment

Treasurer Oshiro

Motion to Adjourn.

Senator Hokama-Paris

Second.

Vote is unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mikaelyn Marie Gogue
Secretary, 108th Senate