

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

General Senate Meeting #19 of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Senate  
Wednesday, December 10, 2014

**OPENING**

**Call to Order**

President Nishihara called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in CC 310.

**Roll Call**

Present:	President Nishihara, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Nishihara, Onishi, Senators Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Schulz, Sanchez, Tagaban, Uyeda, Wainwright [28]
Excused Absent:	Senators Barton, Baxa, Borge, Lawi-An [3]
Unexcused Absent:	[0]
Excused Late:	Vice President Zakimi, Senator-at-Large Omokawa [2]
Unexcused Late:	Senator Shon [1]
Excused Early Departure:	Senator-at-Large Lee [1]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	[0]
Advisor:	Bonnyjean Manini [1]
Guests:	Kiana Shiroma, Eddy Leung, Michelle Tigchelaar, Alyssa Marie Kau, Rob Bontekoe, Denise Conan, Jan Gouveia [7]

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

*Senator Oshiro* Motion to accept GSMM #18.  
*Senator Sanchez* Second.  
Motion Carries.

*Senator Oshiro* Motion to change the amount from \$800 to \$1000.  
*Senator-at-Large Lee* Second.  
Motion Carries.

*Senator Nguyen* Motion to add the roll call vote for the earlier motion on the legislative matters.

- Senator Grunenwald* Second.  
Motion Carries.
- Senator Mandado* Motion to add the discussed vote before the roll call vote.  
*Senator Grunenwald* Second.  
Motion Carries.
- Senator Kwon* Motion to change “The football team sucks” to “The football team is struggling.”  
*Senator Grunenwald* Second.  
Motion Carries.
- Senator Mandado* Motion to change all grammatical and typographical errors.  
*Senator Grunenwald* Second.  
Motion Carries.  
Motion Carries.

**Official Correspondence**

- a. Daniel K. Inouye Center, Kelly Park, College of Social Sciences Dean Denise Conan, and VP for administration Jan Gouveia  
*Dean Conan* Thank you for having us! We are eager to have student input in this process of the project. We had a chance to present to the executive meeting. It was a priority to come today and express to you on how student input is very important to us right now.
- Senator Sanchez* Will there be a lot of outlets?
- VP Gouveia* The focus has been maintenance. When this possibility came around, there wasn't much appetite in embracing a project like this because there was so much focus on keeping a roof over our head. I was one of those who focused on maintenance but I realized that there are really no new buildings. The WRC is a great example for a project that was needed from you students. I would challenge all of you on what the priority should be. There's no easy answer. It's the reality for my job.
- Dean Conan* One very exciting opportunity this building can model is bringing together private and public donors. With the private support and state commitment, there is an opportunity for that.
- Senator-at-Large Lee* Will the renovation of Kuykendal be coming from the same funding as new projects?
- Dean Conan* Yes. It will be competing for funds.
- Senator Grunenwald* If this does go through, would you foresee other projects getting funding from the state such as this?
- Dean Conan* This is the only new project coming out for the next six years.
- Senator Garma* Will it be used for classes?
- Dean Conan* Yes, half of the space will be used for classrooms as well as conference rooms and open area seating for students.
- Senator Garma* Would the construction of this pull away money from teaching of classes?
- Dean Conan* The legislature has awarded us \$10 million in design and some initial construction for this site. If we don't use it, the money goes back to the state.

*VP Gouveia* No it doesn't compete with teacher salaries or tuition.

*Dean Conan* The plan is to go to the legislature for FY 2017 to request money for construction.

*President Nishihara* Were you able to find out the operation cost?

*Dean Conan* We have back of the envelope operation costs.

*President Nishihara* Who would be fiscally responsible for this project?

*VP Gouveia* Manoa will be responsible. It's very controversial. The plan is to have Manoa's campus to be responsible for the maintenance. If there are any more questions, feel free to get in contact with us. Thank you!

## **REPORTS**

### **Executive**

#### **President**

a. PM #20 Regarding Standing Committee Appointments

*Senator Grunenwald* Motion to accept PM #20.  
*Senator Sanchez* Second.

*Senator Sanchez* Motion to change the date to December 10.  
*Senator Grunenwald* Second.

*Senator Nguyen* Motion to go into executive session for personal issues.  
*Senator Schulz* Second.

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye(s):** Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Onishi, Senators Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Schulz, Sanchez, Shon, Tagaban, Uyeda, Wainwright [30]

**Nay(s):** Senator Kwon [1]

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

Motion Carries.

*Senator Schulz* Motion to get out of executive session.  
*Senator Grunenwald* Second.

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye(s):** Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Onishi, Senators Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Schulz, Sanchez, Shon, Tagaban, Uyeda, Wainwright [31]

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

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

Motion Carries.

*Senator Nguyen* If you feel like I'm capable of being external chairperson, say nay to this PM.

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye(s):** Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senator-at-Large Nishihara, Onishi, Senators Callihan, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Michael Samiano [10]

**Nay(s):** Senator-at-Larges Omokawa, Senators Bui Pham, Candelario, Coria, Grunenwald, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Kyle Samiano, Sanchez, Tagaban, Uyeda, Wainwright [16]  
Motion Does Not Carry.

b. Legislative Matters

- Michelle Tigchelaar* Last week, we decided to request four student regents. I hope you had a chance to read the draft of our resolution in regards to this. They accepted three non-voting student members. We want the four student members to be voting members and represent all UH students. By making it county specific, we add complexity to the proposal and makes it difficult to pass. It's important to present a unified view as a proposal to the legislature. We feel like the best option is to have 1-2 voting members and not specify where we want them to come from. From talking to the student regent, she mentioned that it was very intimidating that she was the only student on the board. She proposed having a staggered system where there is the student regent elect and the selected student regent sit on the board.
- Senator Grunenwald* Why would it be confusing which county the student regent come from?
- Michelle Tigchelaar* If you specify it that way, it's not confusing. 50% of our students are in the Honolulu County.
- Senator Nguyen* Some background on why we decided to pass this motion is the idea that if we propose more, we will get less. There was an earlier motion made at last week's meeting that specifies that there will be two student regents and two ex officio non-voting student members that will take the spot of the current student regents in the next term. I got that idea off of the University of California regent structure.
- Rob Bontekoe* This is not a case where you negotiate with the university system. This is a case where you negotiate with the legislature. If you ask for more than one, they will give you at least one. This is the strategy you're implying. In this situation, going to the legislature and asking for more regents is highly unlikely to pass. There are legislatures and board of regents who wouldn't want to see this pass. So in order to get it through, we have to all be on the same page asking for the same thing. This will give time for the legislatures to get behind it and join the fight against those who will drag their feet on this. We have to come up with the most reasonable proposal we can and not try to high ball them and negotiate down. We need to make good arguments.
- Senator Nguyen* I completely agree. The reason why I said nay on the four members proposal is because it was too much. What is your standpoint?
- Rob Bontekoe* Some sort of concession. The reason you don't need someone from the Counties is that you have to recognize your representative as your regent. Speaking from kind of experience. Undergraduate perspective and Graduate perspective are two different perspectives. You need to have both of those perspectives represented in the board. What I think should happen is have two faculties, one from Manoa and one from the community colleges.
- Senator Shon* Do you think we could have a discussion with the legislatures prior to know what they are thinking?
- Rob Bontekoe* I don't think you can discuss with all the legislatures. You could reach out to those who have a particular interest on higher education. But there's a lot of representatives.

- Senator Grunenwald* What we actually went to last Friday was the Hawaii Future Caucus. That's held by Representative Ohno and other representatives. Although that might not be everyone, you are having opinions from all over in these meetings. That could be somewhere you could start with talking to representatives.
- President Nishihara* Alyssa is the legislative fellow.
- Senator Shon* We do have a lot of political science students that are in ASUH. As far as bringing up this issue about regents, I would like to bring the issue to more than just Hawaii Future Caucus.
- President Nishihara* I will be going with our current stance.
- Senator Samiano* I understand the reason for this building but I feel like UH should take care of what we already have. If money can be reallocated to this new building, we will just have a nice building in a run down campus.
- Senator Wainwright* I support this building because we should think about the future. WRC invigorated student life. There are more events on campus.
- Advisor Manini* I suggest we entertain a motion for this issue.
- Senator Mandado* Motion to not support the DKI center to build it.  
*Senator Uyeda* Second.
- Senator Elarco* My issue with the building is that there should be a building for every college.
- Senator Grunenwald* What I envision for this center is that it will be the political science department or social science department.
- Senator Uyeda* After we build this, we need to maintain it. Only half the building is only utilized for students so the whole building will not be used by us. We will take a major hit when this happens.
- Vice President Zakimi* Deferred maintenance also means tidying up things that are broken so it's not only renovations. I talked to legislatures last year and they are hesitant to give money to UH for new buildings because we can't maintain the current ones. The better route to go is to push for the deferred maintenance. And since it's \$4 million, I believe in backlog so that's a lot of money we can use to fix our current campus. I feel that we should keep our opinion open and have future senates decide.
- Senator Wainwright* I agree. We should say that we are excited to see where the planning goes but that we want to focus on deferred maintenance.
- Senator Grunenwald* Motion to call the question.  
*Senator Shon* Second.  
Motion Carries.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye(s):** Secretary Belisario, Senator-at-Large Nishihara, Senators Bui Pham, Coria, Elarco, Kamoshida, Mandado, Oshiro, Michael Samiano, Uyeda [11]

**Nay(s):** Vice-President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senator-at-Larges Omokawa, Onishi, Senators Candelario, Callihan, Dela Cruz, Garma, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kwon, Mitsui, Nguyen, Kyle Samiano, Sanchez, Tagaban, Wainwright [18]

Motion Does Not Carry.

*Senator Wainwright* Motion to not support the DKI center this year but leave it up to future senates to decide.  
*Senator Shon* Second.

*Senator Mandado* What makes you think future senates are better than us?

*Senator Wainwright* We don't have solid information to support this.

*Senator Grunenwald* We should not have an opinion on this.

*Senator Nguyen* I conquer.

*Senator Schulz* If we have to go testify, we can say that we have no stance on this currently and that the state legislature shouldn't be asking us for a stance because of the lack of information. We shouldn't be forced to have an opinion right now.

*Senator Wainwright* I withdraw my motion.

*Senator Schulz* Motion to make ASUH's stance on DKI that we don't have a stance on this project right now because of the lack of information.

*Senator Grunenwald* Second.

**Division of the House Vote:**

**Aye(s): 26**

**Nay(s): 4**

Motion Carries.

*Kiana Shiroma testifies for SB 28-15.*

*Kiana Shiroma* I am testifying for the senate bill tonight. Our goal is to get the word out about PAC. I know that the finance committee removed two line items. We really need the laptop covers. I was told that we could only request business cards for individuals and not for our office. Any questions?

*Senator Schulz* We will ask you questions at the end.

*Alyssa Marie Kau* The last item we have to testify on is Title IX. The past two years, the federal government has been giving UH federal funds. They were suppose to create a faculty position to help with crime preventions. But UH has failed to fulfill this position. Now the Title IX funds are going to be cut off from UH Manoa. One idea to save our Title IX funds is to support it and have this position filled to sustain programs like the Women's Center.

*Senator Grunenwald* Can they even do anything since it's federal funds?

*Alyssa Marie Kau* Yes.

*Senator Grunenwald* So you'd want funding from the State and not federal?

*Alyssa Marie Kau* Yes.

*Advisor Manini* I feel like it's very bizarre to ask for State funding for something that we didn't use federal funding for. If you take a position on this, you need to have good reasons.

*Senator Shon* Why did we not use these Title IX funds?

*President Nishihara* I will email those who can answer this.

c. Future Caucus

*President Nishihara* Thank you to those who came out to the meeting last week. There's another meeting on Friday at 4:00 PM in conference room 309.

d. Executive Policy regarding free speech

*President Nishihara* President Lassner gave power to the chancellor.

**Vice President**

*Vice President Zakimi* Thank you for those who participated in Secret Santa and potluck. Have a good break!

**Treasurer**

*Treasurer Takara* Turn in your rate sheets.

**Secretary**

*Secretary Belisario* No report.

**Advisor**

*Advisor Manini* Good luck with finals! Happy Holidays!

**Standing Committees**

**Campus Life**

*Chairperson Oshiro* We had a meeting yesterday. Angel Tree ends tomorrow. As it gets closer, we will try to call the donors about their gifts. Sinclair Study Nights is happening! Please spread the word.

**Elections**

a. School of

*Chairperson Grunenwald* Motion to ratify the special elections result.

*Senator Sanchez* Second.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye(s):** Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario, Senators-at-Large Nishihara, Omokawa, Onishi, Senators Bui Pham, Callihan, Candelario, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Grunenwald, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Schulz, Sanchez, Shon, Tagaban, Uyeda, Wainwright [30]

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

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

Motion Carries.

b. Special Elections Calendar

*Senator Grunenwald* Motion to accept Spring 2015 Elections Calendar pending the approval of the Internal Affairs Chairperson and if necessary adjustments are needed, it will be done.

*Senator Nguyen* Second.

Motion Carries.

**External Affairs**

*Chairperson Nguyen* We will be meeting tomorrow at 3:00 pm in CC 307. Please come out to Future Caucus this Friday! The legislative session begins on January 21. Our business cards are in the process and will be ordered by next week. Please send Senator Kawagishi your senator profiles. Thank you for participating in the photo-shoot!

**Finance**

*Chairperson Kawagishi* The RIO funding applications will be made available the first day of school. We will be doing more formal advertising based on that.

**Internal Affairs**

*Chairperson Schulz* Happy Holidays!

**Investments and Long-Range Planning**

*Secretary Belisario* No report.

**Student Affairs**

*Chairperson Mandado* Thanks for a great semester.

**Undergraduate and Academic Affairs**

a. ASUH Research Awards and Scholarship Awards

*Chairperson Onishi* Thank you to my committee members for a great semester and thank you to my vice chair for working so hard!

1. SCR 38-15

*Senator Sanchez* Motion to accept

*Senator Grunenwald* Second.

Motion Carries.

2. SCR 47-15

*Senator Mandado* Motion to accept

*Senator Candelario* Second.

*Senator Onishi* Motion to strike the first sentence and include on the second sentence, "on November 26, 2014."

*Senator Mandado* Second.

Motion Carries.

Motion Carries.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. SB 28-15: To Appropriate Funding for PAC

1. SCR 48-15

*Senator Schulz* Motion to accept SCR 48-15.

*Senator Mandado* Second.

*Senator Kwon* Motion to change the voting roll call voting to reflect the votes of the committee.

*Senator Mandado* Second.

Motion Carries.

Motion Carries.

*Senator Kamakea* Motion to accept SB 28-15.

*Senator Schulz* Second

*Senator Kwon* This is to appropriate funding for PAC.

- Senator Mandado*  
*Senator Grunenwald* Motion to reflect the total with the amendments made.  
Second.
- Senator Schulz* To those who voted aye with reservations, can you explain why?
- Senator Elarco* It's not necessary. Shidler College of Business student advisors don't have them and don't need them. For office supplies, it should come out of their own funds.
- Senator Mandado*  
*Senator Oshiro* Motion to reinstate the business cards and office supplies line item.  
Second.  
Motion Carries.
- Eddy Leung* The advising center serves all the Pre-Health and Pre-Law students statewide. Our center is important that serves a huge population.
- Senator Schulz* I'm assuming you get funding from your department. Why is that not enough?
- Kiana Shiroma* Because of the budget cuts.
- Senator Grunenwald* There's no introducer to this bill. I'm a Pre-Law student and the PAC Center isn't helpful and a lot of other people feel the same way.
- Senator Kwon*  
*Senator Oshiro* Motion to add "Rio Kwon" as the introducer.  
Second.
- Senator Kwon* Motion to accept all grammatical and typographical errors.
- Senator Mandado*  
*Senator Wainwright* Motion to call the question.  
Second.  
Motion Carries.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye(s):** Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senators-at-Large Nishihara, Omokawa, Onishi, Senators Bui Pham, Callihan, Coria, Dela Cruz, Elarco, Garma, Kamakea, Kawagishi, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Nguyen, Oshiro, K. Samiano, M.Samiano, Schulz, Sanchez, Shon, Tagaban, Uyeda, Wainwright [27]

**Nay(s):** Secretary Belisario, Senators Candelario, Grunenwald [3]

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

Motion Carries.

**OPEN FORUM**

*President Nishihara* I've been contacted and they are looking for an ASUH representative on the SERG committee. Also, thank you to all the seniors who are graduating that came to our meeting.

*Vice President Zakimi* Congrats to Senator Grunenwald and Senator Elarco. Senator Barton is graduating too but he's not here tonight.

*President Nishihara* During retreat, we did this whole encouragement notes thing and I finally finished!

**CLOSING**

**Adjournment**

*Senator Sanchez*  
*Senator Schulz* Motion to Adjourn.  
Second.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Cassandra Belisario  
Secretary, 102<sup>nd</sup> Senate