

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

General Senate Meeting #5 of the 106th Senate
Wednesday, July 11th, 2018

OPENING

Call to Order

President Dela Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM in CC 310.

Roll Call

Present:	President Dela Cruz, Vice President Simeona, Interim Secretary Sakamoto, Senators-at-Large Chun, Kim, Senators Balico, Dunham, Hortizuela, Juliano, Lao, Oshiro [11]
Excused Absent:	Senators Galeng, Urasaki [2]
Unexcused Absent:	Senators Ramirez, Yamada [2]
Excused Late:	Senator-at-Large Li [1]
Unexcused Late:	[0]
Excused Early Departure:	Treasurer Honda [1]
Unexcused Early Departure:	[0]
On Leave:	Senator-at-Large Manabe, Senators Creadick, Ganoy, Negrillo, Vargas [5]
Advisors:	[0]
Guests:	[0]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #4, 106th Senate - June 27th, 2018	
<i>VP Simeona</i>	Move to accept the reading and approval of minutes for GSMM #4.
<i>SAL Chun</i>	Second.
<i>Senator Lao</i>	Move to correct all grammatical, typographical, formatting and Hawaiian diacritical mark errors.
<i>SAL Kim</i>	Second.
	Motion carries.
	Motion carries.

Official Correspondence

Testimony

<i>President Dela Cruz</i>	You all know me as your President, but today I will be testifying as a student. The reason I am here is to talk about my concerns regarding New Student Orientation. I just spoke with the New Student Orientation coordinator, Mandy Westfall-Senda, and she mentioned to me that President Lassner decided to mandate that NSO be free for all
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students. This came out of the discussion of the reorganization of the administrative structure. Assistant Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education, Ron Cambra, felt that things such as NSO were keeping students from coming here, which is why they decided to make it free. The bad thing about it being free is that we don't have those resources that provide the best experiences for incoming students. My younger sister who is about to be an incoming student is devastated because she will not be able to get this exciting experience through NSO because it will no longer be an event on campus where you can meet new people, but it will now be something online. Incoming students would have to take the initiative to look at videos and maybe have a two to three hour session in person, but that is all that they would get. I think it was a hasty decision made by President Lassner and it changed everything that NSO has worked on for the past year, especially all of the purchases they have made, so now they have to do refunds. I think this hasty decision has made our campus look bad in terms of planning and it could've been done a lot better. I hope ASUH will look more into this and talk to our administration about how these types of decisions can be made without being hasty about it and to consider other departments because NSO was not talked to when this decision was made.

Senator Lao
President Dela Cruz

How does this affect NSO this year?

They cancelled all sessions for this year. They have yet to schedule the new dates, which are still up in the air. The latest people will find out about it is July 30th, which is right before they plan to have it and right before the school year begins. There has been another testimony submitted by undergraduate student Landon Negrillo. He says, "As a past NSO Student, NSO Leader, and an MES associate that works closely with NSO, I agree that NSO is an integral part of mine and many other students college life, but mandating it while making it free is very disadvantageous to the wellbeing of the school. NSO gives incoming students a lifeline and encourages them to break out of their shell and become more than what was expected of them. By mandating the event the iChancellor is wasting resources on students that may have separate plans or are unable to attend. Among NSO there are also various other programs that are also being conducted within the summer that area available to students within specific majors or organizations, which if conflicting would put them into a position that they don't want to be in. To students that are from other islands or other states, if they were to initially not be able to attend then the same thing would happen. These students would grow a resentment towards the school even before attending UH. Also to cut out costs from NSO means to drastically decrease the amount of things that NSO could do for the students. All of the money that is received from the incoming students all go towards the gifts, equipments, efforts that are used in the events. To replace that with online workshops would give students a new chance to attend NSO, but defeats the purpose of having student groups and their chance to make new friends. Lastly, I argue that the decision made by the iChancellor was a drastic one and I would like to know if he sought input from the SLD office or the students involved with NSO this year on this decision. SLD takes months of planning to conduct NSO and included in that are the 2 months of leader education and workshop development courses that the leaders undergo. According to the article 5 NSO events and the extended orientation week were cancelled because of the decision. I want to know the reasons why for the decision and how ASUH can help."

Senator Lao
President Dela Cruz
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When did the Chancellor make this decision?

I believe it was last week.

Has everything already been refunded? This is something that doesn't seem reversible.

They refunded both students and parents who also attend the event. All orders made for NSO have probably been cancelled.

SAL Chun
Senator Juliano

How exactly is this free version of NSO going to be conducted?

Everything will be online. All of the sessions that students would have had in person will be videotaped and put online.

President Dela Cruz

There is an opportunity for students to meet in-person, but it is no longer an all day event.

REPORTS

Executive

President

a. Updated Requests to be On-Leave (Summer)

VP Simeona

Move to accept the Updated Requests to be On-Leave document.

SAL Kim

Second.

President Dela Cruz

The only changes are we had to extend Senator Vargas' leave because of extenuating circumstances and Senator-at-Large Manabe requested to be on-leave until July 19th.

Motion carries.

b. PM #9: Relating to Standing Committee Placements (Summer)

SAL Kim

Move to accept PM #9: Relating to Standing Committee Placements.

Senator Lao

Second.

President Dela Cruz

Please make sure that your name appears on this twice. This is effective as of today. A few changes are Senator-at-Large Chun will now be Campus Life Chairperson and there is now no Vice Chairperson for Finance because of everyone's current responsibilities. If anyone is interested in moving committees and helping Chairperson Li by being his Vice Chairperson, let me know.

Motion carries.

c. Senate Group Picture Taking - Wednesday, July 25, 2018

President Dela Cruz

Now that a few of us are back from being on-leave, I would like for us to take our group picture. We are going to do it at our next General Senate Meeting, July 25th. Please dress in business casual attire. Your legs and feet may be in the photo, so just remember that. Depending on whether if people are arriving late or leaving early, we are going to do it either at the beginning of the meeting or at the end. We will probably be doing it at the end because we will have a guest speaker that day.

d. Potential Guest Speakers for GSMs

President Dela Cruz

I wanted to share with you all a list of potential guests that I would like to have not just for our General Senate Meetings, but to meet with ASUH in general. I will be contacting the Vice Chancellors - Dr. Lori Ideta and Dr. Michael Bruno. Because he is the Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education, I would also like to invite Dr. Ronald Cambra. At our next General Senate Meeting, Cathleen Matsushima from Commuter Services would like to meet with ASUH to talk about parking availability and fee increases. Hopefully at that meeting we will learn more about what happened last semester and what is yet to happen in the future. This will give us the opportunity to share our input as needed. I would also like to meet with the BOR Student Regent. Because the Governor did not appoint a new student regent, it is still Brandon Marc Higa until the new Governor appoints someone else. Another idea I spoke to Vice President Simeona about is having the deans from each college come and speak to some of us. Because there are over sixteen deans, I did not want to overwhelm you all with them coming to each of our meetings. I am thinking we can do a thirty minute talk-story with them, especially if you are part of that college then you should take part in it. I think this will give us a better idea of how to better serve our constituents in the different colleges. I'm hoping to schedule these thirty minute talk-stories with them right before our General Senate Meetings at 5:30 PM in this room. I would expect those in the college to attend. If you're not in that particular college you can come, but you aren't mandated to.

e. Sinclair Library Hours 2018-2019 AY

President Dela Cruz

I just emailed the Interim University Librarian about the Sinclair Library Hours. Last year, we did have that issue about whether or not Sinclair Library was going to be open

twenty-four hours, five days a week. I did want to reaffirm with everyone in ASUH that these hours will continue for the next academic year. There are still plans to renovate Sinclair Library. I will be scheduling us to meet with Dr. Ghosh, the Interim University Librarian, to discuss how we can plan for when Sinclair Library does go under renovation in the future.

f. ASUH Leadership Kick-Off Summary

i. MidWest Academy Strategy Chart Workshop

President Dela Cruz Vice President Simeona tried to schedule with you all the MidWest Academy Strategy Chart Workshop, which was supposed to happen today, but was cancelled because I could not facilitate today. I really do want us to have this workshop so we can start working on the plans and details for our different initiatives and so that you all have the tools and resources to begin working on the different initiatives. If everyone can make it on Monday at 5:00 PM, I would like to hold the workshop then. It will probably be around two hours, so please keep that block of time open. If you cannot make it, we will fill you in on what you missed. Monday will be more for learning how to use the strategy, so if you missed it, you won't necessarily be missing the actual planning.

g. Announcements

i. Changes to NSO (New Student Orientation)

President Dela Cruz I already mentioned this in my testimony, but there are changes to NSO that I wanted to inform you all about, especially to the External Affairs committee because we were planning on tabling at the event.

ii. Welina Manoa: Monday, August 20, 2018

President Dela Cruz There will be some type of resource fair at the Welina Manoa event, which is on Monday, August 20th. This is a welcome event that ASUH will be participating in and tabling at.

h. Reminders

i. Expectations

President Dela Cruz I wanted to remind you all about some expectations. If you remember at the beginning of the summer we talked about Senator expectations that we have for ourselves as a Senate. I wanted to remind you folks of this, especially at this time because I feel like we are starting to slow down in productivity and participation not only in meetings, but also outside of meetings. If you ever feel like you need motivation, let me or any other officer know and we can help you with that.

ii. NEW Deadlines for Agenda Items

President Dela Cruz All legislation should be due to me on Mondays, so that I can include it on the agenda and get that out to you folks as soon as possible.

iii. Executive Committee Meeting Reminder: Wednesday, July 18, 2018

President Dela Cruz Our next Executive Committee Meeting is on Wednesday, July 18th.

Vice President

a. Committee Reports due July 23

VP Simeona I would like to remind Chairs and Vice Chairs that I expect you to fill out the Committee Reports on time. This week I had to text some of you to remind you, which should not happen. Please be sure you are elaborating, so I do not have to ask follow-up questions during our one-on-one meetings. For your upcoming one-on-one meetings, I would like to have Vice Chairs present as well, so I can make sure there is communication between the two of you.

b. Workshops
VP Simeona

There will be two workshops this upcoming week. The MidWest Academy Strategy Chart Workshop will be on Monday at 5:00 PM and the bill and resolution writing workshop on Wednesday. Former SAL Chen and former Senator Ng will be helping facilitate the bill and resolution writing workshop, so please attend. I had to postpone the office procedures workshop, so I will keep you posted.

Treasurer
Treasurer Honda

Our stock portfolio is currently at nine million dollars. Because Advisor Manini extended her leave, President Dela Cruz and I will be meeting without her to work on our budget. I just sent an email out to those who filled out the June rate sheet. From the latest PM, an Interim Secretary was appointed, but the rate sheet still said it was a vacant position, so please fill out the rate sheet I sent to you and only rate Interim Secretary Sakamoto. Please get this done by Friday.

Secretary
Secretary Sakamoto

I just wanted to remind everyone that if you are going to be late, leave early, or not be at a meeting, please let President Dela Cruz and I know. This does affect your eligibility for your Award for Service.

Administrative

a. Advisor
President Dela Cruz

Advisor Manini did extend her leave, but if you need to get in touch with her I'm sure she is still reading emails.

b. Operations Manager

Judicial Branch

a. Student Court

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Chun

I am the new Chair and I will be sending an availability poll, so we can meet next week to start planning for Homecoming.

Secretary Sakamoto

Vice Chair Galeng did send me a report. This month they hope to begin working on the Homecoming event, they will be working on getting quotes for t-shirts from places that ASUH has worked with in the past, Senator Oshiro will be working on a logo for the event, and Vice Chair Galeng will be getting in touch with Chair Chun to discuss what they have done so far. A meeting has been planned for next Wednesday, July 18th.

Elections

Chairperson Lao

I emailed you all the Elections schedule, which will be approved tonight. Our ability to review the rule revisions have been pushed back, which also pushed back the availability of our Elections Packet. All of the dates are finalized, except for the Candidate Orientation dates. We are planning to do outreach to different college deans, especially to colleges who are currently lacking Senators. We are also planning to send an email to students. Because our graphic designer is available, I will be sending in a request to her, so we can create our advertisement. We are also planning to advertise with KTUH and KaLeo. We hope to do class presentations in colleges that are lacking in Senators. Advisor Sonoda-Pale suggested that we hold a debate, which is something we could potentially do. Outside of ASUH Elections, the primary election is on August 11th. Move to accept the Elections Calendar for the Fall 2018 Special Elections.

Chairperson Lao
SAL Kim

Second.
Motion carries.

External Affairs

Finance

Chairperson Li

I have been submitting the forms for the room requests for the interview and meeting dates. We will be having our first meeting soon.

Internal Affairs

VC Lao

We have a Rules Workshop on July 25th. We are going to start the Rule 19 discussion at the beginning of August. We still need student delegates for the Student Conduct Appellate Board and the Academic Grievance Committee. If anyone is interested let Chair Manabe or I know.

Investments and Long Range Planning

Treasurer Honda

Our stock portfolio is at nine million dollars. I am currently making a list of what the committee can do in terms of long range planning and ways for us to use our money.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Kim

Most of our focus has been going to the UPASS and Food Pantry initiatives. On Monday we made an official SCR for the plastic straw resolution and finalized the Food Pantry hours of operation and donation list items. I hope to have the press release out by next week. We will be having bins around campus where people can drop their donations, which we hope to have started by the end of next week. The Food Pantry will hopefully be open on the Thursday after Labor Day, September 6th. Senator Urasaki will be working on the mental health initiative. Vice Chair Hortizuela will be working on the Food Pantry and UPASS. Senator Juliano brought up issues with the residential halls. We are hoping to get in touch with the Department of Transport Services by the end of the month. By the end of this month we also hope to determine what we're going to focus on in terms of mental health and the residential halls.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Hortizuela

Because NSO is no longer an all-day event, instead of sending a committee member to talk about available scholarships, we will be asking External Affairs if we can table with them to promote our scholarships and awards. Today I sent an email asking my committee to recommend new essay prompts. They need to send me three versions of the prompts because we have three different categories. We are doing this because we have to change the prompts every academic year. We will be voting on those options at our next meeting. I sent out a When2Meet and it seems that the best day for our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 25th at 5:00 PM. Because the deadlines have been finalized, I will be sending in a work request to our graphic designer to create the flier with our new deadlines for the scholarships and awards.

Other Committees

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Current Events

President Dela Cruz

I wanted to let you all know that there is going to be a tuition increase this year, which was approved in 2016. The proposal indicated that the first year there would be no increase, the second year would be a two percent increase, and the year after would be another increase. This was deferred, so that the 2016-2017 academic year and last year was at a zero percent increase. Because it was deferred for so long, we will be experiencing the two percent increase this year. If you want to know how much tuition is

going to cost, I will be passing around a document that shows that. I also forwarded an email to all of you about the UH system being tobacco-free campuses. This also includes e-cigarettes. If you feel like we need to do something about this, we can.

Senator Lao At this point, the Governor just signed it into law. If they were to do something about this, it would have to be done with another bill. Do they even have a way to enforce this new ban? Are police officers going to be on campus giving tickets?

President Dela Cruz The idea is to build that culture where you don't smoke on campus. When this was first introduced to Manoa, they found there was a decrease in tobacco use on campus, which is why they expanded it to their entire UH system.

Senator Lao I can understand banning smoking cigarettes to decrease the chances of getting second-hand smoke, but there hasn't been any credible studies that pointed to being health effects from inhalation from e-cigarettes. That justification doesn't seem to be there for me. If you read testimony from the bill and the bill itself, it is pretty unclear on why they included e-cigarettes.

OPEN FORUM

President Dela Cruz Please remember we are taking our group picture at the next General Senate Meeting and next Monday we will be having the MidWest Academy Strategy Chart Workshop for two hours at 5:00 PM, room to be announced.

CLOSING
Announcements

Adjournment

Senator Lao Move to Adjourn.
VP Simeona Second.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jaclyn Sakamoto
Interim Secretary, 106th Senate