

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

Executive Meeting #5 of the 97th Senate
Tuesday, August 25, 2009

OPENING

Call to Order

President Ing called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm in Campus Center 220.

Roll Call

Present: President Ing, Vice President Wagner;; Secretary Sakamoto; Senators-at-Large Inouye, Kron; Senators Baker, Fallon, Koethe, Millett, Phillips, Prellberg[10]

Excused Absent: Interim Treasurer Ah Tou ; Senator Jasper, Senator Nakanishi[3]

Unexcused Absent: Treasurer Zemljak; SAL Williams; Ragasa, Terranova [4]

Excused Late: []

Unexcused Late: []

Excused Early Departure: Senators Phillips, Prellberg[2]

Unexcused Early Departure: []

Advisor: Bonnyjean Manini [1]

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Senator Prellberg
Senator Millett

Motion to approve Executive Meeting Minutes #2.

Second.

Motion passed viva voce with no objections. Executive Meeting Minutes #2 approved.

Senator Prellberg
Senator Millett

Motion to approve Executive Meeting Minutes #4.

Second.

Motion passed viva voce with no objections. Executive Meeting Minutes #4 approved.

Official Correspondence

REPORTS

Executive

President

President Ing

ASUH Blood Drive

I was contacted by the Blood Bank of Hawaii last week and it was really late notice to organize a 9/11 blood drive. She was satisfied with the results from last year which was spearheaded by Senator Prellberg. It's basically holding a table down and making sure it's manned. I can't fit it into my schedule so I'm looking for someone to take charge. There's also going to be a second one by another department.
Is it morning or afternoon?

SAL Inouye

President Ing All day. You don't have to be there all day, but you're responsible for it.
SAL Inouye I can take it.
President Ing I tried advertising out on Facebook but we have to get people to sign up.

TIM School

President Ing I think we should get some boxes out by George Hall. No matter our opinion, it would be good to get students' opinions.
Senator Phillips When is it up to the chopping block?
President Ing It's actually up next semester to merge with the Business school. It seems like the majority of the students in TIM are against it but we're not informed on both sides.
Senator Prellberg Where are we on this? Does the chancellor have an opinion and do the senators of the colleges have an opinion on it?
President Ing Senator Ah Tou brought it and he only brought the opinion of the school's dean. We'll meet with her.
SAL Inouye Didn't Senator Ah Tou meet with the dean of business also?
President Ing Yes but he's not here.
Vice President Wagner I saw that someone put out a group on Facebook called Save the TIM School under ASUH's name, but since we don't have a formal opinion we shouldn't be doing this kind of thing. Keep your eyes open for these things in the future.

Advisor Manini The Dean of TIM had a position and Senator Ah Tou brought that to us and he scheduled a meeting with the Business Dean. He said that he was neutral based on the conversation but We don't have any material. We should read the information given by the Dean of TIM but the points given can be countered so we shouldn't just use that as the basis of our position.
President Ing Was the Dean previously a professor of the TIM School?
Advisor Manini I don't believe so.
SAL Inouye He is really new, I remember John Hite went to the TIM Dean search and so he's brand new. The information given is also biased.

Senator Prellberg The Dean's information is going to be biased, but we shouldn't count it out. I suggest that anyone who is passionate about this or the senators from the college set up meetings with the people involved and come back to the general senate with a resolution or something.

President Ing I feel before we do that we should put up boxes in George hall to get students' opinions.
SAL Kron I think this is something we should touch upon when we have more of the senate here. If we're going to advertise our opinion we have to make it clear that we have testimony.

Senator Prellberg Something I'm concerned about with the testimony is that every TIM student I've spoken to is against this. I haven't talked to any business students about it but I don't think this could necessarily positively or negatively affect business students so I don't think we're going to get any glowing testimony to stand on. I think most of our testimony will be negative. Because other classes and departments are also up for cuts we might get backlash from them for not getting testimony from them.

SAL Kron I find it hard that all the TIM students find this negative but we should take a very cautious approach and examine all the pros and cons of the merge.

President Ing Or we could take a very student-centric approach and we could make an impact through visibility. There are more pros than cons.

Advisor Manini I think one of the biggest problems is that you're asking students for opinions on something they're not fully informed of. They've been given information from their dean and it's word of mouth. They're not hearing all sides of it. The chancellor says it's to strengthen the school and the dean says that the TIM school is stronger separate. I think in the last meeting we said it's the alumni who will be affected since their school would no longer exist. The students who are most affected aren't given all sides.

Vice President Wagner If we wanted to survey the students for their opinions maybe we should write an editorial and maybe we could write both sides on it and it would say email ASUH with your opinion. We'd have to find out both sides within this week.

SAL Inouye If we do the editorial thing we should ask Ka Leo to run a poll for us so we can gain informal data.
Senator Fallon I think it would be really tough to get usable testimony. Even if we do an editorial how would we get all the information and be unbiased? Even if we get testimony from people who are halfway educated what can we do with that?

President Ing If we were to get testimony from uninformed students, that's motivation for the chancellor to

inform the students. It's visibility.
Senator Millett Going along with what Advisor Manini said, maybe we should hold an open forum inviting students from both sides and get their opinions after.
Senator Prellberg I think it would be best is student affairs or an Ad-Hoc should handle it. There's no way that we or the general would come to a consensus so we should put this under a committee to take care of.
Senator Fallon I think if we go through the testimony route, that's too much work for information that could be useless. We don't know who's taking it and there are a lot of man hours involved to set up the boxes, collecting them, reading them and analyzing them. The only people who are going to be motivated in that are the people against the split and they won't even know why they're against it.
President Ing We'll commit this to the Student Affairs Committee.
Campus Gmail
President Ing Google and Microsoft are offering free services to students and a lot of space for their email. They're offering 7gigs as opposed to 100megs. I called ITS today and we'll be setting up a meeting sometime this week or next week.
SAL Inouye Just one thing about Gmail and Google docs, it's really accessible and thus more insecure. It's probably easy to crack and I read this article, that through Twitter someone found a Gmail account and got access to a lot of government documents.
President Ing We'll discuss it with ITS.
Advisor Manini Is it Lasner?
President Ing It's the one from the Mānoa Campus.
Welcome Resource Fair
President Ing Senator Prellberg can talk about that.
Senator Prellberg They do this fair every year and we're always contacted to have a booth there. If you want to be there you're welcome to help. It's going to be similar to the RIO fair. It's at 5:00 on Thursday. Linden is going to be setting up at 4:45 and it goes on until 8:00.

Vice President

Vice President Wagner

I noticed that during the summer we had quite a few problems with quorum and I spoke to Rouel about how to fix this. All of the schedules will be sent to the ASUH office instead of the committee chairs and it will be open to everyone. It'll be a good way to have that conformed into one entity. I'm going to leave this up to the chairs if members don't send in their schedules. I recommend holding meetings on the same date and same time. Maybe if we do that we can form our schedules around that so that it's expected. I also wanted to emphasize that it's necessary for committees to hold two meetings a month because it does affect business and attendance. I also want all committees to present three goals at the next meeting so we know what direction the senate is going in. If you need any help about how to write an agenda or hold a meeting you can contact me or email me at cmwagner@hawaii.edu or by my cell. I wanted to apologize; I haven't been on my game recently. I'm handling it now and that's all I have to report.

SAL Kron

What would happen in the event if all the senators' schedules conflict. Are we just going to go with the majority is available or what?

Vice President Wagner

It's going to be up to the chair to schedule the meeting. It's just beneficial because when chairs are changed or committees are changed we don't have to ask for everyone's schedules again.

Senator Prellberg

There are security concerns about this, is this only available to chairs or everyone?

Vice President Wagner

It'll be open to the chairs, President Ing and myself.

Treasurer

Interim Treasurer Ah Tou

No report. Not present.

Secretary

Secretary Sakamoto

No report.

Advisor

Advisor Manini

Most of you have signed up for CSO installation tomorrow night so I'd like to remind you of that. Rouel will be calling those who haven't RSVP'd by now to let them know about it. If you haven't signed up and want to go, let me know. Also in regards to the auditors looking at fiscal year 2008, they've been taking a while and this is troubling because they work long hours. We're looking in to if our money is restricted or unrestricted. There are all sorts of things going on and we're going through many old files to make sure that people aren't accessing our money when they don't have the right.

SAL Kron

Advisor Manini

I don't know how our accounts work so under what avenues would people be able to get funds? The chief financial officer is technically in charge. If they decide that they should have access or are allowed to take then that's what will happen.

Senator Baker

Is this the first time you've used this firm? Why are they asking all these questions all of a sudden?

Advisor Manini

It's a combination of a lot of things but as far as I've been here this is the first time we've used them. The last thing was on the UPASS. The contract went through the necessary avenues and up to general council. It came back with a lot of changes that they'd like to see. It might be hard to get it in spring. Jan and I are going to talk about it this week and see if we can make these changes and get it back up to them.

Standing Committees

Campus Life

Chairperson Phillips

Homecoming. Vice Chairperson Grimaldo was able to attend the last homecoming meeting and so he'll update me on it and I'll come back with more information at next meeting.

Campus Sustainability

Chairperson Terranoa

No report. Not present.

Elections

Chairperson Fallon

We'll be able to pass a calendar at the next general.

External Affairs

Chairperson Prellberg

Mondays at 4:30 in CC308 is going to be the consistent time for this committee. We'll be talking about several topics.

Senator Phillips and Senator Prellberg depart at 6:52pm. The meeting no longer has quorum and the duration of the minutes are unofficial.

Finance and Investments

Chairperson Jasper

No report. Not present.

Internal Affairs

Chairperson Baker

I'll work on getting everyone's schedules and then I'll schedule a meeting after that.

Student Affairs

Chairperson Millett

SAL Inouye We're going to have a meeting early next week. We'll be talking about the bookstore initiative, the Zipcar, and the TIM and Business merge.
Chairperson Millett I've been writing up a proposal for the Bookstore initiative and fine tuning it before I go to anyone to talk about it. I'm going to talk to the financial aid office and Assistant Vice Chairperson Alan Yang.
Chairperson Millett I've been gone so I don't have any more updates, we'll be talking about it next week.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Ragasa

SAL Inouye I spoke to the Vice chairperson, Nakanishi. Chairperson Ragasa has the applications ready and they should have been out at the beginning of this week. They should be out by next week. They need to contact faculty reviewers and advertising. I'm not sure where we are on grad test prep and research awards. We have a banner for partial tuition awards. The dates just need to be modified. We might have enough to create two different banners.

SPECIAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

President Ing There were a lot of people who weren't coming to meetings and so we want to go over how we want to go about handling this.
Vice President Wagner I wanted to wait until the next meeting. I intended to give a talk about people being committed. We know that a lot of freshmen and transfer students want to be involved. If they aren't committed then I'll ask them to resign.
SAL Inouye I think if they don't come to the next meeting, we should get them out and get others into their seat.
Advisor Manini Call them and invite them to the meeting. If they don't come then we can move to impeachment. That's the only option.
Senator Fallon I think that it's inappropriate to have an executive officer single out senators and ask them to resign. We can approach the entire senate as a group and ask if they're committed and if not then ask them to resign.
SAL Kron I think that we should notify them like Advisor Manini said so that we have a record of us trying to contact them.
President Ing These people have been receiving emails about meetings and they've been ignoring it.
SAL Inouye I think we should wait for the first meeting.
Vice Chairperson Wagner It's my responsibility to make sure these people know about meetings and come to meetings. It's kind of on me. I'll be contacting these people. Give me a chance to do my job and I'll give them a chance to do theirs.
Advisor Manini They were elected by the students and I know there are internal concerns and frustrations. It's the constituency that should be held accountable. We can complain and then we'll have time to look at it. You might want to review your constitution and rules about impeachment so that you're informed and can take an informed stance.
Senator Baker When you're going to contact them please keep a paper trail to make it easier on Internal.
SAL Kron If you need help use more than one avenue of contact.

Stipend Appeals

President Ing We can postpone that since we don't have any materials. It'll be on most likely for exec.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vice President Wagner The leave of absences need to be approved but it was left out of the packet.
SAL Inouye **Motion to approve Leave of Absence for said names and said dates.**
Senator Baker **Second.**
SAL Inouye **Motion withdrawn due to lack of quorum.**
Advisor Manini It's important to correct past mistakes, especially because of the issues we had with no quorum.

OPEN FORUM

CLOSING
Adjournment

Meeting unofficially adjourned at 7:10pm.