

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

Executive Committee Meeting #11 of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Senate  
Wednesday, October 15, 2014

**I. OPENING**

**A. Call to Order**

President Nishihara called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM in CC 310.

**B. Roll Call**

Present: President Nishihara, Vice-President Zakimi,  
Treasurer Takara, Secretary Belisario,  
Senators-at-Large Lee, Nishihara, Omokawa, Onishi,  
Senators Grunenwald, Kawagishi, Mitsui,  
Nguyen, Oshiro, Schulz [14]

Excused Absent: Senator Mandado [1]

Unexcused Absent: [0]

Excused Late: [0]

Unexcused Late: [0]

Excused Early Departure: [0]

Unexcused Early Departure: [0]

On Leave: [0]

Advisor: Advisor Manini [1]

Guests: [0]

**C. Reading and Approval of Minutes**

i. EMM #10 October 8, 2014

*Vice President Zakimi* Motion to accept EMM #10.

*Senator Grunenwald* Second.

*Senator Nguyen* Motion to change "Senator Madado" to "Senator Mandado."

*Senator Grunenwald* Second.

Motion Carries.

*Senator Grunenwald* Motion to add Secretary Belisario's signature.

*Senator Nguyen* Second.

Motion Carries.

Motion Carries.

**D. Official Correspondence**

**II. REPORTS**

**A. Executive**  
**1. President**

- President Nishihara* a. Changes to Executive Policy Chapter: Chapter 6, Tuition, Financial Assistance, and Fees  
This is expanding off of what I talked about last week. I was going over the different alternatives on what will happen and why this policy is being accumulated. You will see in the memorandum.
- Senator Mitsui* What kinds of ways did they change the language?
- President Nishihara* I got another email the other day detailing what changed in the policy. They have to cross out some things. UH Manoa was on a plan to go up 20% but Chancellor Apple bumped it up to 19%. For merit aid, it is based off of the Academic Year 2013-2014. You can't have both together if it doesn't reflect 20% going back to students.
- Senator Grunenwald* My concern is that they're talking about a concrete amount and not a percentage. That's worrisome because as tuition increases, it will go down to 1% and not 10%. For the need based aid, it's at 10% so it's not a big deal. But for merit aid, it's not a percentage.
- President Nishihara passes around the memorandum.*
- President Nishihara* We will talk about this in the general senate meeting.
- Senator Grunenwald* What happens when we get new members of BOR who want to raise tuition again?
- President Nishihara* That's why the way this memo is written is only contingent upon this happening. Please refer to the last sentence.
- Senator Nguyen* There's got to be a reason why they're changing it. They wouldn't go through all this trouble to change it to a fixed amount to keep tuition down. There's got to be more to it.
- Senator Grunenwald* This is very concerning.
- President Nishihara* Right now, we don't really know where that other 80% is going.
- Senator Nguyen* My whole reservation is why change it and save the trouble down the road. Our colleagues in the future don't need to have a heads up if something like this exists.
- Advisor Manini* In reality, President Nishihara can create executive policy if you agree or do not agree with this.
- President Nishihara* This would also buy us time. We are not totally for it or against it. If you think about it, we all would benefit from a no tuition increase.
- Senator Nguyen* This is what basically the memo is saying, if tuition stays the same, then we will go along with this.
- President Nishihara* Yes.
- Senator Grunenwald* I think we should support something like this.
- Senator Mitsui* More of our tuition money going to aid?
- Senator Grunenwald* Yes.

- Senator Mitsui* I'm not for that because I don't get why we should pay tuition to get our tuition paid by other students' tuition. It helps a lot of people but to increase that amount is not productive.
- Senator Grunenwald* I think merit base aid should increase.
- Senator Nguyen* Even if they change it, we will all be affected. Is this a bargaining chip that keeps tuition low? We need to look at all aspects.
- Vice President Zakimi* Do you want this committee to come to a conclusion?
- President Nishihara* We will bring this up in the general senate meeting.
- Advisor Manini* This is time sensitive because the system is giving the Caucus until the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month to give input. You have a short time to come up with a stance. Hopefully the senate can get the support of the senate on this action.
- Senator Mitsui* So the general senate will be voting on this?
- President Nishihara* No. This will not be voted on. But we could do it.
- Treasurer Takara* I think tuition will increase no matter what.
- President Nishihara* b. UH Manoa Budget Process Task Force  
The chancellor has created a budget process task force. The purpose of this is to come up with a formula to allocate tuition money. I ask that whatever college you are a part of, please talk to your department heads and see where your college is having trouble on and report back to me. We are hoping to create a formula to help the university in regards to our budget.

## 2. Vice President

*Vice President Zakimi* No report.

## 3. Treasurer

*Treasurer Takara* We have about \$200,000 in the C account.

## 4. Secretary

*Secretary Belisario* No Report.

## B. Administrative

*Advisor Manini* No Report.

## C. Judicial Branch

### D. Standing Committees

#### 1. Campus Life

*Chairperson Oshiro* No report.

#### 2. Elections

*Chairperson Grunenwald* No report.

#### 3. External Affairs

##### a. Advertisements

*Chairperson Nguyen* We will be having a meeting tomorrow at 3:00 pm.

4. Finance  
*Chairperson Kawagishi* Packets for RIO funding goes out tomorrow.

5. Internal Affairs  
*Chairperson Schulz* No report.

6. Investments and Long Range Planning  
*Chairperson Lee* No Report.

7. Student Affairs  
*Senator Mitsui* No report.

8. Undergraduate Academic Affairs  
*Chairperon Onishi* No report.

**III. SPECIAL ORDERS**

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**VI. OPEN FORUM**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Senator-at-Large Lee* Motion to Adjourn.  
*Senator Grunenwald* Second.  
Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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