

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA
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Senate Resolution 02-15

**IN SUPPORT OF THE CREATION OF A STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY FUND ON THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA CAMPUS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

- WHEREAS*, the Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (ASUH) is the elected body representing approximately 14,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,
- WHEREAS*, the Student Sustainability Coalition of Hawai‘i (SSCH) has gathered petition signatures, survey responses, and administrative support for the proposed Student Sustainability Fund (SSF) at the University of Hawai‘i Mānoa; and,
- WHEREAS*, with at least 154 green funds at 136 institutions in the U.S. targeted towards sustainability, UH can follow suit to move forward the charge of the recently adopted BOR Sustainability Policy, UH Mānoa’s Sustainability Policy (2012) and the UHM Strategic Plan, which lists sustainability as one of its core values; and,
- WHEREAS*, repeated attempts to garner funds through existing sources have not provided sufficient resources for students of the University and our campus is slated to benefit from a more targeted funding source for the variety of students, staff and faculty who already work in sustainability efforts as well as those who wish to do so; and
- WHEREAS*, the SSF will enhance the capacity of campus-based projects, facilitate activity involvement in sustainability efforts, and empower the campus community through visible projects that have measurable outcomes; and,
- WHEREAS*, the SSF is meant to benefit the entire campus community, including students, and also to enact real strategic change and should incorporate collaboration with sustainability policies, sustainability staff, etc.; and,
- WHEREAS*, the below outlines tentative plans based on the progression of the fund’s implementation as well as other varying factors (new staff hired to help advise the SSF, input from the BOR, etc.); and,
- WHEREAS*, the SSF for UH Mānoa will be created through a \$4 fee for all undergraduate students enrolled in a given semester; and,

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WHEREAS, the proposed SSF Committee (SSFC) would comprise of seven (7) members: Four (4) students: one (1) appointed by the ASUH, one (1) appointed by the Graduate Student Organization (GSO), one (1) appointed by the Mānoa Sustainability Council, and one (1) at large student (tentatively voted through nomination or application to the Mānoa Sustainability Council). Two (2) staff, to be appointed by the Chancellor of the University, one (1) faculty, to be appointed by the Chancellor of the University, and one (1) ex-officio member: Manoa Sustainability Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, all student members of the SSFC will serve for one (1) academic year, with the opportunity to reapply or for reselection at the end of the term. Staff and faculty members of the SSFC will serve for a minimum of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, the SSFC will handle administrative duties of the SSF and manage the application and selection process for disbursement of funds; and

WHEREAS, approximately 92% of the budget will go directly towards projects, approximately 5% of the budget will go towards stipends for the student members of the SSFC, and approximately 3% of the budget will go towards administrative costs including but not limited to: development and maintenance of the SSF website, outreach and publicity, and reporting; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the ASUH at Mānoa, representing approximately 14,000 full-time classified undergraduate students, supports the creation of the \$4 Student Sustainability Fund on the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa campus as a 2 year pilot program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, copies of this resolution shall be sent to: University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents, President David Lassner, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Joanne Itano, Associate Vice President for External Affairs and University Relations Lynne Waters, Interim Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Jan Javinar, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Interim Chancellor Robert Bley-Vroman, Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance & Operations Kathy Cutshaw, Interim Vice Chancellor for Students Francisco Hernandez, Assistant Vice Chancellor & Dean of Students Lori Ideta; Graduate Student Organization President Michelle Tigchelaar; Mānoa Faculty Senate Chair Ron Bontekoe and Members; and Ka Leo O Hawai‘i.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Vice President Zakimi, Treasurer Takara, Senator-at-Large Nishihara, Omokawa, Senators Borge, Bradley, Callihan, Coria, Elarco, Garma, Kamakea, Kamoshida, Kwon, Mandado, Mitsui, Oshiro, Samiano, Sanchez, Schulz, Uyeda, Wainwright [21]

Nays: Senator Grunenwald, Kawagishi [2]

Abstentions: [0]

Introducing Member: Blaize Sanchez, Senator of the College of Education

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