

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA
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General Senate Meeting #10 of the 95th Senate
Tuesday, October 30, 2007

OPENING

Call to Order

President Stidman called the meeting to order at 6:05pm in the Campus Center 220.

President Stidman

I am pleased to introduce Chancellor Hinshaw as a speaker.

Chancellor Hinshaw

I want to share my vision for the campus. I want to be accessible and visible. I want to be known throughout the campus and outside the campus, too. I have three goals: Be a destination of choice, be a global leading university and to perform at the highest level, and be a supportive and nurturing community. I have spent time on campus looking at facilities and I remain optimistic. I want to work in classroom and dorm repair. I have toured the dorms and facilities. Repairs and maintenance is at the top. I want to be competitive globally, for faculty, staff, and students. This is a place you can come to be a global citizens. That is why we have to work on attractive features like housing. That's one of the things that are different here because there aren't many stores around campus. This is why I am a supporter of the athletic center, because it provides for a vibrant community. I am working to recruit freshmen and transfer students. I want to graduate our students at a high rate. Our graduation rate is not acceptable; it's not where it should be at our type of university. We have also done a list of supplemental priorities, and we need to move the libraries and the new Hawaiian school to the top of the list. We have looked at the organization of Arts & Science, to see what the best structure is for students and staff to get the best experience. We also are making sure that we are meeting all the standards for the WASC accreditation because it has been fairly lengthy and we're ready to bring it to a close. We're looking for new leaders, as well, to take the place of interim position. We need to talk about the good things, but also the things we have to change.

President Stidman

Food contract, with the survey results, how is that information going to feed the next food contract?

Vice Chancellor Hernandez

With regards to food service, there are different aspects that under my control we'll be working on: the housing food contract and the campus center contract. There will be three options: stay with the same contractor, to get a new one, or to operate food service ourselves. With regards to the input from the sustainability group or anybody in general, we will take it before our deliberation. We want to be another survey to address quality and taste and frequency. There will be an advisory committee.

President Stidman

Don't you think it's repetitive to have two surveys?

Vice Chancellor Hernandez

Well, yes, but there are other issues that we need to address, like costs and times. I think the other survey didn't have enough questions to fulfill what we need to know.

Senator Major

Let's say with regards to the survey, if people didn't like Sodexo and it was shown in the survey, but it was the most available, would you still keep it? Because most of the issues is about the cost.

Chancellor Hinshaw

There are a lot of factors that we have to take into account. The amount of service we get, recycling, and everything else. We can't just point at one.

Vice Chancellor Hernandez

Like I said before, we have three options. And we're always going to have to balance quality with amounts. We will take the survey and take that into account. Another issue is how we're going to take into consideration is money to pay. We have the block and points system, so we have to look at how many plans we're going to have. We need to see who uses what and where. We're dealing with a profit structure like Sodexo and other companies like Pizza Hut and Taco Bell. We would have to produce an RFP to talk about it. We have to buy services and food and provide it students. All students will pay, but our aim is to get the lowest cost possible.

SAL Apuna

RFP will be written up to take input from everyone on campus, and it's going to write up what we want in a food contractor? Is this correct? The bid will go to who can provide the services and at the lowest cost?

Vice Chancellor Hernandez

It will not necessarily be the lowest bidder, but the best value. Especially because it is complex and the hours of campus center and the food that will be provided, as well as what extra services will be provided. Other kinds of issues, like organic, and local food contractors will also be looked at.

SAL Fallon:

Will the next contract be as long as the last one was? As long as 20 years?

Vice Chancellor Hernandez

Trends have been towards shorter with renewable clauses. I doubt that there will be another 20 year contract. For Sodexo, it was 20 years because they built Paradise Palms as part of the deal. But we think it would be better to have shorter contracts with renewable clauses. There is competition and we have options. And that's the way to get the best deal. That's why we have to go through the RFP, and be specific about what we want.

Senator Jones

Chancellor, do you put more emphasis on housing or classroom maintenance?

Chancellor Hinshaw

Right now housing, but at least we have more help coming for housing. We have a plan there, for repairs too. But for a focus area now, we've spent more time now in classrooms.

Senator Jones

Why do we still have chalkboards? I talked to a Dean in Shidler who said they needed special permission for the white boards.

Chancellor Hinshaw

Oh, I hadn't heard about that, but I learn something new everyday.

President Stidman

Why have the CBA fees raised from \$300 to \$500? Is that for the Chancellor?

Chancellor Hinshaw

I'm still following up on it, and I'm not sure I understand. I think it will be covered by the Athletics scholarship.

Senator Furmanski arrives at 6:30pm

Senator Whiter

I like the idea of the Manoa experience. Do you have any clear plans on that?

Chancellor Hinshaw

The key here is to appeal to the business community who would be investing. We have to work with the business community to get help. That's what happened with Shidler, he brought his people in to do repairs. They want your business, but a lot of the businesses haven't done too well. If you have a critical mass, people will come this direction and that will give them business. Sometimes this works with investors, and sometimes it doesn't. A lot of it is communicating the vision that it could be.

Senator Furmanski

I want to ask about the A&S, and getting a new dean. A lot of people are worried that it will create another layer of bureaucracy for students.

Chancellor Hinshaw

The reason that we were working on that model with divisions is that we want to be sure that advising and coordination works. Rotation of the deans does not work. Hopefully, it would be dean would be in charge to make sure that everything works and is coordinated. It would be more the overview. The goal to me is to get more resources, not fewer, or more spread out. A&S should be a vibrant part of the University. We added twelve—I don't have the exact number—of advisors for the students... but it's not enough, though. They moved some to the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs to get more advising for freshmen. The primary reason for graduation rates has been because of advising.

Senator Chock

What do you feel about the honors program?

Chancellor Hinshaw

There are two things: the honors program and the student success center. The honors program needs to have its programs expanded. There is additional support for that. I see a lot of vitality there, and I'm optimistic for the outcomes. I think they are a priority.

Senator Hovanec

What are you going to do to help tradition at UH?

Chancellor Hinshaw

I really want a mascot. The one at the game has no connection the University. Native Hawaiians have suggested an owl because it's considered a warrior in Hawaiian culture. Also, I want to have homecoming and graduation. I want to have different graduation celebrations around campus. And that would connect with making Manoa a destination of choice. This year we're also going to have a Sweetheart occasion in this school. Couples who met at UH are going to be invited back to UH to tour. These are good traditions. And I'd love to hear ideas from you all.

President Stidman

Does that mean you support the Dole Street Block Party?

Chancellor Hinshaw

Yes, but I'm concerned about closing off the street, and maybe pushing activities back up into campus.

Senator Chau

In the future do you think you are going to be enforcing more celebrations for graduations other than in the spring?

Chancellor Hinshaw

We're not having summer graduation, but there are many things that we can do. We want families to come to see it. But because of the time and effort it takes for graduation program, we can only have two a year.

Senator Chau

What about the fact that we have been told to put a limit on our guests? It doesn't feel like a celebration at all. It feels like admin is rushing us.

Chancellor Hinshaw

Well, it is a challenge because sometimes we can't accommodate everyone unfortunately.

SAL Fallon

I wanted your opinion on something that's been a big issue: the Affiliated Research Laboratory.

Chancellor Hinshaw

This came up before I arrived, so I haven't been as engaged. I can speak as my own experience and we had many such arrangements at UC Davis, and they worked quite well. The Cancer Center at Davis came from this type of collaboration. My only experience has been that they have worked and has yielded positive thing for the university.

SAL Fallon

Difference between here and the mainland has been about the problem of ceded lands and the production of Agent Orange.

Chancellor Hinshaw

The history here is different and I respect that. But the opportunities to do research yield better results. This isn't my issue anymore since it's already been decided the only thing we can do now is monitor it.

President Stidman

Thank you for your time. I'd like to give another warm welcome to Kenji Rasmussen, he is our other representative for Student Caucus.

Representative Rasmussen

With me is Josh from the GSO, and I want to thank you for the time and being your representative for Student Caucus. I just want to explain what Student Caucus is. We're a student advocacy group at the system level. We bring all the problems from all the universities. We face all system-wide issues, like ARL. We sit on all system wide committees. We have to sit on everything to make sure that everything runs smoothly. We talk to President McClain to make sure all the problems that the students have get to the President. We're the ones who go to Legislature and we get input from all of you, especially ASUH-Manoa because you're the largest student government in the system. We're here to answer questions about what we do on Caucus, because it's more than just traveling to different campuses.

Senator Furmanski

When you guys set priorities is one of them ARL?

Representative Rasmussen

We have seven of them right now and ARL is one of them. It falls under research ethics.

GSO Rep. Josh Wingstrom

I had a problem with UARC but I'm okay with ARL. The decision isn't one about what is being researched, but rather whether we get \$50 million out of it. Let's fight a fight we can win; let's look at the ethics in which we conduct research here, because if we have procedures set up here

that deny the possibility of “kill and conquer” research, then we gain... we can take the money and run.

SAL Fallon

What if you're a research student here and the Navy declares my research as classified, what then?

GSO Rep. Josh Wingstrom

Well, that happens all the time, ARL or not. That happens all the time and there is nothing we can do about that.

President Stidman

But there is a higher probability that that can happen with ARL.

GSO Rep. Josh Wingstrom

Yes, you would be taking that risk. There are a lot of issues that are being brought up; unfortunately most of them are about how the US government does its business. That's another problem all together. The government can take that money and set it up somewhere closer. Why not take the money and use it for research that we also want done?

Senator Furmanski

What are the other things that you have set as your priority?

Representative Rasmussen

We're working with articulation. We want to make sure that the credits that you gain at the community colleges are the same with credits you take here.

Senator Jones

Doesn't the UH system have an agreement that means the credits from the CC will transfer over?

Representative Rasmussen

Actually no, Kapiolani is the only one. Credits from Hilo and Manoa don't necessarily transfer over, even though they are both 4 year universities in the same system. We're better off than we were before, and we're working on the agreement with Hilo. But our credits are very different than what we have in Hilo and vice versa.

GSO Rep. Josh Wingstrom

Another priority issue is dispersement; Dispersement of pay, in particular. We're working on getting people in the system paid on time. This is a big issue. We're working on expediting that and working with the fiscal office to see if we can make this more efficient.

Representative Rasmussen

We're also going to tackle energy proficiency. I know a lot of people don't believe it, but some of our offices are freezing cold... Why do we do it? To keep the mold down. The reason why we don't pay the electric bill is to keep the mold down. We're wasting energy while everybody else looks for alternative energy. This isn't just a problem at the Manoa campus, it's all over the system. Another thing we have is Chapter Seven. It's a new thing revised about the insurance policies for CSOs. CSOs are supposed to get covered by insurance policy on events that we carry, but legally it's always better to have extra coverage. We're trying to see why that is, why we need double coverage.

GSO Rep. Josh Wingstrom

Yes, keep an eye on that because we all like to keep our student fees down. RIOs aren't covered because people throughout the community can come and it's one of the issues that we're looking at.

Representative Rasmussen

We're looking at upgrading of our facilities and our classroom. They are horrendous in every place, even Hilo. Except for Maui Community College, which looks absolutely beautiful. It's more than we have at Manoa. Things need to change.

GSO Rep. Josh Wingstrom

A good thing about Caucus is that you can see what is happening at other universities and see what problems other campuses are tackling. We can see the good things and bring it back to our own universities.

Roll Call

Present: President Stidman, Vice President Saiki, Treasurer Sohn; Senators-at-Large Apuna, Baker, Fallon, Long; Senators Alton, Bernhard, Chau, Chock, Furmanski, Hovanec, Jones, Major, Okamoto, Sakamoto, Whiter [18]

Excused Absent: Senator Menor, Senator Sugai [2]

Unexcused Absent:
Senator McLemore [1]

Excused Late: Senator Furmanski [1]

Unexcused Late: []

Excused Early Departure:
Senator-at-Large Apuna; Senator Okamoto [2]

Unexcused Early Departure:
Senator Alton [1]

Advisor: []

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Senator Jones **Motion to move me from unexcused to excused absent.**
SAL Fallon **Second**

Senator Chock **Motion to strike SAL from my name.**
Senator Furmanski **Second.**

Senator Okamoto **In the vote call, it says there are no nays, but there are two. Motion to change that.**
Senator Furmanski **Second.**

SAL Fallon **Motion to accept GSMM8 with amendments and GSMM9.**
Senator Hovanec **Second.**
Motion passes via voice vote without any objections.

REPORTS

Executive

President

President Stidman

Sustainability on Friday was great.

Senator Chau

When will the results of the survey be available?

President Stidman

It's on the website, and you can actually still take the survey. Today was the WASC luncheon and it was really successful. The amnesty proposal, I haven't had any objections from everybody so I assume that you all like it. You can declare amnesty from any part, even from your cell phone. There will be a reprimand and counseling that you might need to do.

Senator Hovanec

Isn't the point of amnesty to not have a reprimand?

President Stidman

No, it's not. It's to get you help if you have a problem but you will not get fined. Moving on to your report, we're doing the Ops Manager application review process. We have interviews next Friday and Monday. We're hoping to have a manager by late November.

Vice President

Vice President Saiki

Leadership workshop retreat is at Camp Erdman on Nov. 10 and 11th. Please sign up, especially new Senators. It will be overnight and the flyer explaining times is in your packet.

Treasurer

Treasurer Sohn

Stipends are finally done and submitted. They should be out soon. Also, new senators, please fill out your WH-1. You can get that from the office staff. Tomorrow is last day for rate sheets.

Secretary

President Stidman

Secretary McKellan is not present. But there is no report.

Senator Okamoto leaves at 7:28 pm

Advisor

Advisor Manini

As to the Caucus Chapter 7-2 and 7-3, it's not clear cut. It pushes you away with liability, so we're really concerned that it's not clear enough that you're not protected. So read it, and if you have questions let me know.

SAL Apuna leaves at 7:30 pm

Senator Furmanski

I went to the WebCT and the instructions for the modules didn't open right.

Advisor Manini

Some people have that problem and it's probably because of your browser. I can give you a hard copy if you need it.

Senator Alton leaves at 7:36 pm.

Senator Jones

For Chapter 7 and RIOs, if I am in an RIO and somebody dies at my event, does that mean I liable?

Advisor Manini

Because you are an independent organization, the university doesn't cover it. Therefore, for the six people who sign off at the RIOs, then yes it is on you. There is a lot of liability on your part.

Please read the Chapter 7 so you understand it better. You sign off that liability in it when you make an RIO.

Standing Committees

On-Campus Resident Student Affairs

Chairperson Whiter

Setting up with architects to see the Frisbee golf course. Nothing else to report.

Senator Furmanski

Anything on Amy Goodman?

Chairperson Whiter

I've faxed things out, but nothing else.

Commuter Student Affairs

Chairperson Long

I'm working on the yellow bike project. We're looking at security.

Vice Chairperson Sakamoto

Yes, we're looking at security, but we haven't been able to get anything yet.

Cultural and Ethnic Diversity

Chairperson Fallon

Oktoberfest was a great success. Food was gone in about forty minutes. Apparently the clarinet player had his clarinet stolen. I saw a Craigslist ad for a clarinet in the Manoa area, so we're going to follow up on that. We're trying to plan a Mardi Gras event in the Spring, too.

President Stidman

If next event has free food, don't let it be self-serve.

Elections

Chairperson Baker

Some of the new Senators are here.

Senator Major

Can I ask how you decide between the tie?

Chairperson Baker

There will be a tie-breaker. This Friday there will be a name-drawing.

*SAL Baker
Furmanski*

Motion to pass election results.

Second.

Motion passes without any objections.

President Stidman

New senators are here so please introduce yourself to the Senate.

SAL Baker

I'm Kalani. I'm a secondary education major. My favorite dance move right now is the Superman or the super soak. My Halloween costume will either be a Mexican or Sherlock Holmes.

Senator Jones

I'm Chris Jones. I'm in the Shidler School of Business. And for Halloween, it's a surprise.

Senator Chau

I'm Jennifer. I'm the senator for Hawaiian School of Knowledge and School of Pacific and Asians Studies. And I'm not going to trick-or-treat.

SAL Fallon

I'm Travis Fallon and I'm a Political Science major. I will have a red flannel, a Dick Cheney mask, and a Nerf gun for Halloween.

Senator Fung

I'm Erica and I'm a senator of Arts and Sciences. I don't dance but my Halloween costume will be a nurse.

Senator Arena

I'm Keahi and I'm a senator for Architecture. I like Latin dancing, and for Halloween I made a Spartan costume.

SAL Long

I'm Andrea Long, chair for Commuter Affairs. I'm a Speech and Communications major and I won't go trick-or-treating, either.

Advisor Manini

I'm an advisor for ASUH, hopefully there will be another advisor soon. But I'm not dressing up for Halloween.

President Stidman

I'm Christina Stidman, I'm President. I just got braces today so I want to have a costume that has one. I'm a Business Finance major and my favorite dance moves are all the 80s ones I do.

Vice President Saiki

I'm Laura and I'm Vice President. I'm an Econ major and part of Arts and Sciences. For Halloween I will be Medusa. And every dance move is my favorite.

Treasurer Sohn

I'm Jamie and I'm an Accounting major, and I'm not going out on Halloween because I have to travel the next morning.

Senator Major

I'm Mariann Major, senator for Arts and Sciences, I'm a 4th year psych major. I like to do the punch dance move. I have two costumes. The one I ordered is a Ho, Ho, Hooooo, and the back up is a devil.

Senator Bernhardt

I'm Cecil; I'm a senator for SOEST. I am not going out on Halloween but my favorite dance move is the Macarena.

Senator Whiter

I'm Bryan. I'm a senior and a Polisci major. I liked doing the hustle and for Halloween I'm going to be the Count from Sesame Street.

Senator Chock

I'm a senator for Arts and Sciences, and for Halloween, I plan to be Jack Sparrow.

Senator Furmanski

I'm Susan, a senator for Shidler. I'm an Accounting and Econ major. Not doing anything for Halloween, favorite dance moves are legendary!

Senator Sakamoto

I'm Kiara, a senator for Arts and Sciences, zoology. For Halloween, I'm wearing a white t-shirt with an I on it. My favorite dance move is the electric slide.

Senator Hovanec

I'm Drew, an Econ major. I'm a senator for Arts and Sciences. My favorite dance move is the YMCA and I'm going to be a Spartan for Halloween.

Senator Ronaldo

I'm a senator for Arts and Sciences and a double major in Secondary Education and Hawaiian language. Plan to trick-or-treat and plan to dress up as a pope. My favorite dance is the hula.

SAL Baker

We're having a meeting to plan the next election. We have the tie breaker on Friday, too.

External Affairs

President Stidman

Senator Alton has no report, but I know he's working with the Health center.

Finance and Investments

Chairperson Furmanski

We had a meeting yesterday to discuss bills. We are trying to get our packets out. We're coming up with a service commitment form for RIOs who are receiving funding. We don't know how we're going to handle the hours for community service. But plan now so we can coordinate and ask students to help because the whole idea is to support and foster a sense of community and campus. Doing it through RIOs is a good way to do this.

Internal Affairs

President Stidman

We have a list of external committees. So if you know anybody who would be interested, please let me or Jenna Okamoto know.

Senator Furmanski

Number 4 discusses what the general education requirements are, I don't know if anybody would be interested.

Treasurer Sohn

I want to be part for the Faculty Senate.

President Stidman

Place Sam Alton in the Health Advisory Committee and WASC Steering.

Senator Whiter

I'll take Resident Life Committee.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Chairperson Chock

We have a meeting tomorrow at the ASUH office. Binders are due Friday, we have four of the seven binders. Hopefully we'll have something for the next General.

Campus Security

SAL Fallon

No report.

COPR

Vice President Saiki

No report.

Task Force

Senator Whiter

No report until I get further information.

WASC

Stidman

It went really well at the luncheon and we addressed student issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Furmanski

Senator Hovanec

Motion to strike the name Wong AV center from SB 12-08 on the agenda.

Second.

Motion passes without any objections.

Senator Bernhardt

Senator Furmanski

Motion to table SB 12-08 until the next Executive Meeting because this isn't the correct one.

Second.

Motion passes vote without any objections.

Treasurer Sohn

Senator Sakamoto

Motion to bring SCR -10 to the floor.

Second.

Motion passes without any objections.

Treasurer Sohn

Senator Major

Motion to accept SCR-10.

Second.

Motion passes without objections.

SAL Whiter

Senator Furmanski

Motion to accept SB 13-08.

Second.

SAL Fallon

Why are we spending so much for the four bins for recycling?

Senator Furmanski

Senator McLemore overshot the amount.

Advisor Manini

She came to see me and that I think included shipping

President Stidman

It's a lot of money and it doesn't help all the constituents. This needs to be addressed because it's tables that might not even be used.

SAL Fallon

Senator Bernhardt

Motion to table SB 13-08.

Second

Motion passes vote without any objections.

OPEN FORUM

CLOSING

Adjournment

Treasurer Sohn

Senator Bernhardt

Motion to adjourn.

Second.

Motion passes without any objections. Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.