

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

General Senate Meeting #11 of the 95<sup>th</sup> Senate  
Tuesday, November 13, 2007

**OPENING**

**Call to Order**

President Stidman called the meeting to order at 6:07pm in the Campus Center 220.

**Roll Call**

Present: President Stidman, Vice President Saiki, Treasurer Sohn, Secretary McKellen; Senators-at-Large Baker, Fallon; Senators Arena, Bernhard, Casino, Chang, Chau, Choe, Espanto, Fung, Hovanec, Jones, Kron, Lin, McLemore, Menor, Okamoto, Parado, Payamo, Sakamoto, Serry, Sugai, Valenzuela [27]

Excused Absent: Senator-at-Large Apuna, Long; Senators Alton, Chock, Furmanski, Major [6]

Unexcused Absent: Senator Whiter [1]

Excused Late: []

Unexcused Late: []

Excused Early Departure: Senator Bernhard [1]

Unexcused Early Departure: []

Advisor: Bonnyjean Manini [1]

*President Stidman*

I would like to introduce Travis Mount, who is part of Associated Students at HPU.

*Travis Mount*

I am the representative from ASHPU, the Associated Students of Hawaii Pacific University. I'm here today because we would like to get feedback from you on how our two student governments can work together. I feel that it would strengthen our universities if we did so. We have 10,000 undergraduate students at HPU and we are interested in longterm involvement with ASUH. If you have any questions, please address them to me at [travismount@gmail.com](mailto:travismount@gmail.com).

*President Stidman*

Thank you, Travis. Next we have speaker Matt Gerhardt who used to be a Senator in ASUH. He will talk about the athletic fee proposal.

*Matt Gerhardt*

The athletic fee proposal was actually one that was previously supported by ASUH. However, the fee has faltered in passing over to the new Chancellor. We need ASUH support again. This fee is one that would require students to pay money but would compensate them by allowing them to enter UH games. A student can choose to opt out of the fee and instead pay to get into the games.

The goal is not to get more money to the Athletics Department but to regain student involvement at UH.

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes**

*Senator Sohn*  
*SAL Sakamoto*

**Motion to accept GSMM10.**  
**Second.**  
**Motion passes without objection.**

### **REPORTS**

#### **Executive**

##### **President**

*President Stidman*

Next Monday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, is the Chancellor inauguration and Centennial at 3pm. The GSO President and I will be attending and will present a Milo tree to the Chancellor and give speech. It's very important for all of you to show up if you can make it.

Advisor Manini enters 7:10pm.

Also, tomorrow from 8 to 9 in the morning and then again at 10:30 there will be the follow-up discussion for the food survey. Representatives from other campuses will be here at Manoa to talk about results.

Laura and I finally finished reviewing Ops Manager applications with the committee. Recommendations made been made to Jan and hopefully we should have someone by end of month.

Regarding the athletics fee, I really think we should inquire more into the fee increase. It says a lot when the athletics department doesn't show up to talk to us in support of this proposal.

##### **Vice President**

*Vice President Saiki*

The leadership retreat at Camp Erdman was this past weekend. I'm looking at a few more things for leadership development for next semester so we can include the new senators. Next retreat will probably be ropes course at Kualoa Ranch sometime next semester. I will keep you posted on that.

##### **Treasurer**

*Treasurer Sohn*

Please make sure to do the attendance logs. Without them I can't do stipends. I also can't do stipends yet because I don't have numbers from office. Please see me if you plan to pass bills with large amounts of money.

##### **Secretary**

*Secretary McKellen*

Make sure to please tell me if you are going to be absent. A lot of people have been telling Christina or telling other people to tell me but I need to have written documentation of it for filling purposes. You must e-mail me two hours before the meeting or leave it time-stamped with the office staff. New senators please email me information if you want to be on the bulletin board.

##### **Advisor**

*Advisor Manini*

Welcome new people. Hopefully I'll get a chance to meet you all soon. We had fun at the retreat this weekend. Thanks to Laura for setting this up.

### **Standing Committees**

#### **On-Campus Resident Student Affairs**

*President Stidman*

We are working on getting lockers in cafeteria. We are also working on getting price quotes on plasma screens. Senator Whiter and I have also been working on the amnesty proposal.

#### **Cultural and Ethnic Diversity**

*Chairperson Fallon*

We will have a meeting Tuesday. We will discuss what went good and bad with Oktoberfest. We are also going to cover other possible events like Mardi Gras.

#### **Elections**

*Chairperson Baker*

Everyone but one girl signed accept/decline form. She was disqualified today so we will have 1 new person.

#### **Commuter Student Affairs**

*Chairperson Long*

No report. Not present.

#### **External Affairs**

*Chairperson Alton*

No report. Not present.

#### **Finance and Investments**

*President Stidman*

We finished RIO funding. We are trying to get RIO funding applications out by the end of semester so we expedite process for next semester.

#### **Internal Affairs**

*Chairperson Okamoto*

I'm still trying to fill up external committee slots. I will pass around board so people can sign up for slots.

#### **Undergraduate Academic Affairs**

*Chairperson Chock*

No report. Not present.

#### **Campus Security**

*SAL Fallon*

I finally got in touch with HPD. They said that our security is trained by HPD. I need to figure out if what Caucus said is wrong.

#### **Task Force**

*President Stidman*

Senator Whiter and I are working on amnesty proposal like I previously mentioned. We will be meeting with the Chancellor in a week or two.

#### **Food Services Advisory**

*SAL Apuna*

No report. Not present.

**COPR**

*Senator Fung*

Last meeting was just a recap and review of everything that occurred. It was pretty helpful.

**WASC**

*Senator Alton*

No report. No present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Senator Okamoto*

*Treasurer Sohn*

**Motion to suspend rule 24-1.**

**Second.**

**Motion passes via voice vote.**

*Senator Okamoto*

*Treasurer Sohn*

**Motion to add SB 15-08 to special order.**

**Second.**

**Motion passed via voice vote with no objection.**

*Senator Okamoto*

*Senator Hovanec*

**Motion to unsuspend rule 24-1.**

**Second.**

**Motion passes via voice vote with no objections.**

*Senator Okamoto*

*Treasurer Sohn*

**Motion to add SB 15-08 to the floor.**

**Second.**

**Roll call vote.**

**Ayes: Vice President Saiki, Treasurer Sohn, Secretary McKellen; SAL Baker, Fallon; Senators Arena, Bernhard, Casino, Chang Chau, Choe, Espanto, Fung, Hovanec, Kron, Lin, McLemore, Menor, Okamoto, Parado, Payamo, Sakamoto, Serry, Sugai, Valenzuela [25]**

**Nays: Senator Jones [1]**

**Motion passes without abstentions.**

*Senator Jones*

Why are there so many awardees in Academic Achievement category? I know some of these people have full rides. Why wasn't financial criteria taken into account?

*Advisor Manini*

This is the way that it was decided and enacted a while ago.

*Senator Choe*

Have awards always been given to the top 10% in each category?

*Advisor Manini*

No, the committee decides each year about how they want to give out the award.

*Treasurer Sohn*

*SAL Baker*

**Motion to call to question.**

**Second.**

**Roll call.**

**Ayes: Vice President Saiki, Treasurer Sohn, Secretary McKellen; SAL Baker, Fallon; Senators Bernhard, Casino, Chang Chau, Choe, Espanto, Fung, Hovanec, Kron, Lin, McLemore, Menor, Okamoto, Parado, Payamo, Sakamoto, Serry, Sugai, Valenzuela [24]**

**Nays: Senator Arena, Jones [2]**

**Motion passes without abstentions.**

*President Stidman*

I will now call a recess for fifteen minutes. Please be back by then.

Recess starts at 8:09pm

Recess ends at 8:25pm

*Senator Bernhard*  
*Senator Hovanec*

**Motion to strike SB 10-08 from agenda.**

**Second.**

**Motion passes via voice vote with no objections.**

*Senator Okamoto*  
*SAL Fallon*

**Motion to bring back SB 13-08 from table,**

**Second.**

**Motion passes via voice vote with no objection.**

*President Stidman*

I would like to ask the introducer of this bill to speak on its behalf.

*Senator McLemore*

This bill is to present sustainable tables to George Hall, which houses the TIM students. They are made from recycled plastic, and I really think it's important that UH embrace sustainability and the tables are really needed there.

*Senator Choe*

How big are the tables?

*Senator McLemore*

I'm not too sure.

*SAL Fallon*

Recycled plastic sounds like bad quality. How long will they last?

*Senator McLemore*

At least 10 years.

*Vice President Saiki*

Is there a way that we could get this done locally? I like the idea but I feel it's too expensive.

*Senator McLemore*

I overshot the amount so we could guarantee getting three tables. I have not done research about getting it done locally. I would like ideas from the Senate of where I could perhaps ask about this.

*Senator Arena*

Why does it have to be recycled plastic? Why not wood?

*Senator McLemore*

It rains a lot in Manoa. Look at all the benches on campus and the condition of the wood.

*Senator Choe*

What is the objective of this?

*Senator McLemore*

It's to address the issue of seating availability and sustainability on campus.

*FAL Baker*

I think this needs more research.

*Senator McLemore*

Even if I do more research, it's still the administration's money and they have to get contract bids.

Bernhard leaves at 8:39pm

*Senator Chau*

Is there a way that we could partner with the TIM school?

*Senator McLemore*

I'm not sure.

*Senator Jones*  
*Senator Hovanec*

**Motion to table this bill until next General Meeting.**  
**Second.**  
**Motion passes with no objection.**

### **OPEN FORUM**

*Vice President Saiki*  
*Treasurer Sohn*

**Motion to recall GSMM10.**  
**Second.**  
**Motion passes via voice vote with no objections.**

*Vice President Saiki*  
*Treasurer Sohn*

**Motion to add Secretary McKellen to excused absent.**  
**Second.**  
**Motion passes via voice vote with no objections.**

*Treasurer Sohn*

New senators please fill out your WH-1 forms so I can process your stipends.

### **CLOSING**

#### **Adjournment**

*FAL Baker*  
*Senator Chau*

**Motion to adjourn.**  
**Second.**  
**Motion passes via voice vote with no objections. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.**