# THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I

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General Senate Meeting #03 of the 109<sup>th</sup> Senate Wednesday, June 23, 2021 Zoom

## **OPENING**

Call to Order

Vice-President Renteria called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM on Zoom.

Roll Call

Present: [13] Vice-President Renteria, Secretary Rollon, SAL

Columbres, Kaeo and Sabandal; Senators Almogela, Loos, Okaumura, Salameh, Stephens, Mihailuk,

Crowell, and Hokama-Paris

Excused Absence: [3] President Kim, Senator Rabang and Kirwan

Unexcused Absence: [4] Treasurer Saari, SAL Anuszewska, Senator

Takanishi and Baguio

Excused Late: [0]

Unexcused Late: [0]

Excused Early Departure: [0]

Unexcused Early Departure: [0]

On Leave: [0]

Advisors: [1] Advisor Manini

Guests: [0]

# **Reading and Approval of Minutes**

1. General Senate Meeting Minutes #02, 109th Senate - June 09, 2021

Senator Hokama-Paris Move to accept the reading of minutes for GSMM #02.

Senator Mihailuk Second.

Vote is unanimous. Motion carries.

SAL Kaeo Move to approve the minutes for GSMM #02.

Senator Crowell Second.

*Vote is unanimous. Motion passes. GSMM#02 is approved.* 

## **Official Correspondence**

# **Testimony**

**REPORTS** 

**Executive** 

President

President Kim Absent.

Vice President

Vice President Renteria I need to meet with two more committee heads sometime in July. So far,

everything has been good.

Treasurer

Treasurer Saari Absent.

Secretary

Secretary Rollon

ASUH office staff has sent us a document titled "Minutes Ledger" that has the committee meeting minutes, both draft and codified, and whether or not the office staff has it. When I went through it, I noticed that there were alot of missing documents from the 108th Senate. Chairpersons of the 109th Senate, you are responsible for reaching out to the chairpersons and vice-chairpersons of the committees of the 108th Senate and getting those minutes. I am going through the document right now and many of the minutes were not codified so you would need to get them approved in your committee meetings. If you were a chair in the last senate, and you're not a chair this senate, please reach out to this year's chairpeople so that they can have access to the documents.

I am also reporting on behalf of the office staff, they sent us emails to send them information regarding the website and the IG post. They would really appreciate it if you got back to them so that they can work on it as soon as possible.

Vice-President Renteria

Feel free to reach out if you need help. It may be a little confusing with the meeting minutes and not being sure where they are at or how to codify them but Secretary Rollon and I, as well as previous chairs can help you. It is very important that these minutes are submitted to the office staff.

#### **Administrative**

a. Advisor

Recently, there was a new story about a survey that the University of Hawai'i did across the UH system. There was a Civil Beat article about it in terms of basic needs and insecurities. UH partners up with the HOPE Center and they did a survey. I dropped the link to the Manoa-specific results of the survey into the chat box. 68 students of 18,025. When you scroll through it, the first page shows an overview. It gives you the breakdown of the 68 students. I want you to understand the data and where it's coming from. From what I've read, the data that they're reporting is for the UH system and the students that took it, but it's being reported as Manoa data, and they include photos from Manoa and include captions that reference Manoa, but in fact, it's students from across the UH system. I haven't had a chance to go in and look at the other campuses' data and where did the bulk of students come from in terms of who took the survey and which campuses may have more need than others based on the amount of students who have taken it from the smaller campuses. I wanted to show you the numbers and what they mean for your campus. At this point, with only 68 out of 18,000 people, I don't feel like it is good information to inform us. The pantry

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will reopen in the fall, as it was meant to be closed in the summers, but this is not the number we go by. During COVID, there were less people requesting food but before COVID, we had a couple hundred students who needed food. I don't think these numbers represent reality. For us to get an idea of Mānoa students' needs, we need another survey to consolidate Mānoa students in a different way. I wanted you to all have the report for Mānoa so that you can all take a look at it. I haven't looked at it cover to cover, but I did scroll through it since I got it today. Please look at it and if you feel that you wanna have a discussion on it, we can do that.

Vice President Renteria

I think that Student Affairs and UAA can team up and create a survey that will give us better information.

b. Operations Manager

#### **Judicial Branch**

a. Student Court

## **Standing Committees**

## **Campus Life**

Chairperson Mihailuk

#### Our Progress

- Sent out When2Meet to see when committee is available
- Brainstorming Fall semester
  - Aim to increase student engagement with ASUH

Our Plans Issues

#### **Elections**

Chairperson Rollon

## Our Progress

- Sent out When2Meet to committee
  - Planning to meet on Sunday

#### Our Plans

- Draft fall special elections schedule
  - Will finish ASAP to get approval from Healani and IA chairperson

Issues

## **External Affairs**

Chairperson Hokama-Paris

#### Our Progress

- Sent out When2Meet to plan for first meeting
- Brainstorming ideas of the year
  - ASUH, NSO

## Our Plans

- Meeting with Anna Chua from 108th Senate

Issues

Chairperson Hokama-Paris

Is ASUH social media allowed to repost certain posts such as LGBTQ+ issues or pride month topics, on social media and what guidelines are there?

Advisor Manini

You can only post on topics that you have already taken a position on. If at any time in history, ASUH has supported a particular cause, and you would find that by going through as many resolutions as possible, usually in the form of a resolution or bill, and it was passed by ASUH, you could technically repost

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about those topics. Other than that, it's more challenging because you haven't taken up a position. For example, in terms of your example of LGBTQ+ issues,

if you find any legislation on topics about diversity and inclusivity or

specifically toward LGBTQ+, you could work with the President and determine

if it was interpreted in support and if so, then you are able to repost it.

Finance

Chairperson Anuszewska

Our Progress

Sending out When2Meet for first committee meeting

Our Plans Issues

**Internal Affairs** 

Chairperson Loos

Our Progress

Sent out When2Meet for first meeting

Our Plans Issues

**Investments and Long Range Planning** 

Chairperson Saari

Our Progress

Sending out When2Meet for a meeting this month

Our Plans Issues

**Student Affairs** 

Chairperson Kim

Our Progress

Sending out When2Meet

Our Plans Issues

**Undergraduate Academic Affairs** 

Chairperson Renteria

Our Progress

Meeting July 11th at 1PM HST

Our Plans Issues

**Other Committees** 

**SPECIAL ORDERS** 

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

**NEW BUSINESS** 

OPEN FORUM

Secretary Rollon

This is for General Senate Meeting Minutes #2, I know we had a guest speaker for the testimony, I don't know what his name is, we just referred to him as "Puni" and that's what I have on the minutes. I wanted to ask if anyone knows

his full name so I can include it formally in the minutes.

Vice President Renteria We can look at the testimony form and see how he filled that out.

CLOSING Announcements

Adjournment

Senator Hokama-Paris Move to Adjourn. Senator Crowell Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marc Joseph Rollon Secretary, 109<sup>th</sup> Senate