

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

General Senate Meeting #17 of the 111<sup>th</sup> Senate  
March 7, 2024, 7:05 p.m.  
Zoom

**OPENING**

**A. Call to Order**

*President Azama called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in Zoom*

**B. Roll Call**

Present: **[11]** President Azama, VP Macedo, Treasurer Reed, SAL Hata, SAL Roysdon, Senator Goo, Senator Li, Senator Stanford, Senator James-Foree, Senator Bielawski, Senator Quinn

Excused Absent: **[5]** Secretary Cable-Treadwell, SAL Hermoso, SAL Stephens, Senator Martin, Senator Pintor

Unexcused Absent: **[2]** Senator Rosinski, Senator Kang

Excused Late: **[0]**

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Excused Early Departure: **[0]**

Unexcused Early Departure: **[0]**

On Leave: **[0]**

Advisor: **[0]**

Ex Officio: **[0]**

Guests: **[0]**

**C. Reading & Approval of Minutes**

a. [General Senate Meeting #16](#)

- i. Motion to approve GSM#16 meeting minutes.
- ii. Moved by Senator Li, seconded by Senator James-Foree.  
*No opposition, motion carries and minutes are adopted.*

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**D. Official Correspondence**

**E. Presentation on UARC and Applied Research Laboratory**

- a. Presentation about concerns from ASUH representing the student body to be addressed by spokesperson Dr. Margo Edwards from the UARC and Dr. Theresa Crichfield
  - i. UARC is University Affiliated Research Center sponsored by the department of defense, starting in 2008 (15 years old)
  - ii. There are currently 113 employees on their team across the United States, mostly being across the state of Hawai'i
    1. Roughly a quarter of the employees are student employees currently ranging from undergraduate in internships to graduate students
    2. Undergraduates make up a smaller share of the employees as most are graduate students are working towards their Master's or PhD degrees
      - a. There are summer internships that are brought up through the University of Hawai'i by putting out a call
      - b. All employees are paid, none are in an unpaid internship in accordance to the law
      - c. 52% of employees are born in Hawai'i and 47% are coming from graduating from the University of Hawai'i
    3. There are several directors in the UARC, some of which are born in Hawai'i or graduated from the University of Hawai'i
  - iii. Questions arising about the transparency about UARC through the website due to information not being accessible
    1. To find information about UARC as a student, reach out to Dr. Edwards through email [margo@arl.hawaii.edu](mailto:margo@arl.hawaii.edu)
      - a. It is said that the BoR should know where the funding is being allocated because it is being proposed directly to UH, but unsure about where to access that specific information
      - b. The information is going straight to the BoR without any transparency to the students
        - i. ARL does not develop weapons from the University of Hawai'i, but it is unclear whether or not the technology being developed will be used for weapons
        - ii. ARL is undoubtedly developing surveillance technology, but, as said by them, not in an 'offensive capability, only in a defensive capability'
  - iv. Recommendations are arising about the transparency about UARC and reporting to the UH leadership
    1. ASUH is calling for full transparency from UARC about their funding, their allocated research, and their full purpose within the University of Hawai'i concerning their research department and resources

2. Students need to be informed about the ongoings within the University of Hawai'i and their funding from questionable sources whose contracts are being renewed for half-decades and decades at a time
    - a. No public input is going into whether or not UARC should continue to have contracts within UH because none of the students are even aware of ARL and UARC functioning within the research departments
    - b. A similar situation happened before where contracts were made with the Navy titled "Project Ka'e'e" where NCIS had to investigate the misuse of funds within DoD contracts
  3. Audits are being conducted on the ARL possibly from UH, but it is not known absolutely, meaning that it is not certain the audits are being ethically and truthfully conducted, leading to ambiguity ongoing about the projects that are being conducted and funded
- b. Motion to divert the agenda to SCR15-24, SCR16-24, AND SCR17-24 from the finance committee. Motioned by Senator Stanford, seconded by Senator Goo. No opposition, motion passes.

## **REPORTS**

### **A. Executive**

### **B. Vice-President**

- a. The ASUH circle island retreat is going on on Saturday, bring suntan lotion, a hat, some sunglasses.
  - i. Bring money for shaved ice, and pick what menu items you want in advance for lunch and breakfast.
  - ii. There will be a presentation by Chris Kramer, and afterwards there will be many stops at beaches and beach parks, and a presentation from a kumu to tell everyone about the area.

### **C. Treasurer**

### **D. Secretary**

### **E. Administrative**

### **F. Operations Manager**

### **G. Standing Committees**

- a. [SCR 15-24](#) & [SCR 16-24 & 17-24](#)
  - i. Motion to approve SCR15-24, SCR16-24, and SCR17-24. Moved by Senator Stanford, seconded by Senator Quinn. No opposition, motion passes.

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- b. Motion to divert on the agenda to SB15-24, SB16-24, and SB17-24. Moved by Senator Goo, seconded by Senator James-Foree

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & GENERAL ORDERS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. [SB 15-24](#) - To allocate funding for General ASUH Elections
  - a. Motion to adopt SB15-24 to allocate funding for General ASUH Elections. Moved by Senator James-Foree, seconded by SAL Hata. No opposition, senate bill adopted.
- B. [SB 16-24](#) - to appropriate funding for the Fall 2023 registered independent organizations (RIO) funding cycle
  - a. Comments were left by administration given the ambiguity of some of the funding being given out, specifications should be made according to the comments left
    - i. Motion to amend SB16-24 to strike that line item from the Ballroom Dance Club. Moved by Senator James-Foree, seconded by Senator Bielawski. No opposition, motion passes.
    - ii. Motion to adopt SB16-24 as amended. Moved by Senator James-Foree, seconded by Vice President Macedo. No opposition, motion passes.
- C. [SB 17-24](#) - to appropriate funding for the Spring 2024 registered independent organizations (RIO) funding cycle
  - a. Motion to accept and amend SB17-24 on the line items corrected by administration. Moved by Senator Stanford, seconded by Vice President Macedo. No opposition, motion passes.
  - b. Motion to amend SB17-24 that any RIO awards related to lodging and transportation will be awarded via reimbursement. Moved by Senator Stanford, seconded by Senator James-Foree. No opposition, motion passes.
  - c. Motion to amend SB17-24 that \$30,000 will be allocated to the RIO account. Moved by SAL Hata, seconded by Senator Li. No opposition, motion passes.
  - d. Motion to strike from SB17-24 the promotional materials for the gift cards from events. Moved by Senator Stanford, seconded by Senator James-Foree. No opposition, motion passes.
  - e. Motion to amend SB17-24 to reallocate funds from promotional materials and add \$100 to decorations, totalling \$200 for decorations for Psi Chi. Moved by Senator Stanford, seconded by Senator James-Foree. No opposition, motion passes.
  - f. Motion to adopt SB17-24 subject to the chair and treasurer reviewing the appropriations made. Moved by Senator Li, seconded by Senator Quinn. No opposition, motion passes.
  - g. Motion to appropriate funds from the University Program Support Services account into the RIO account to cover the difference. Moved by Vice President Macedo, seconded by Senator Goo.
    - i. Roll call vote:

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1. Aye- 10
2. Nay- 0
3. Abstain- 0

D. [Election Result Ratification](#)

- a. Motion to accept and ratify the Spring Special Elections Results. Moved by Senator Li, seconded by Senator Goo. No opposition, motion passes.

**OPEN FORUM**

**CLOSING**

**A. Announcements**

- a. Get your packets in for the Spring 2024 General Elections by next Thursday!

**B. Adjournment**

*Senator Stanford motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Roysdon seconded. Vote was unanimous; Motion carries.*

*General Senate Meeting #17 was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Maurice Crabbe*

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Vice President