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General Senate Meeting #01 of the 109th Senate
Wednesday, May 26, 2021
Zoom

OPENING

Call to Order

President Kim called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM on Zoom.

Roll Call

Present:	[13] President Kim, Vice President Renteria, Treasurer Saari, Secretary Rollon, SAL Columbres, Kaeo, and Sabandal; Senators Almogela, Loos, Okamura, Salameh, Stephens, and Baguio
Excused Absence:	[3] Senator Mihailuk, Rabang, and Kirwan
Unexcused Absence:	[3] SAL Anuszewska; Senators Takanishi, Crowell, and Hokama-Paris
Excused Late:	[1] Senator Kirwan
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 #22, 108th Senate -May 5th, 2021
Senator Baguio Move to accept the reading of minutes for GSMM #22 of the 108th Senate.

SAL Columbres Second.

Vote is unanimous. Motion carries.

APPROVED BY THE 109TH SENATE ON THE 9TH OF JUNE 2021

President Kim

Please take note that there is a typo on the bottom of page six, where it should say “Treasurer,” thank you Senator Baguio for pointing that out. For everyone wondering, “magic motion” is the rule that basically says that we’re supposed to correct all grammatical, typographical, Hawaiian diacritical mark errors, just general formatting issues. We don’t need to make a motion for it because it’s within our duties.

Vice President Renteria

Move to approve the minutes for GSMM #22 of the 108th Senate.

Senator Sabandal

Second.

Vote is unanimous. Motion passes with revisions. GSMM#22 is approved.

Official Correspondence

Testimony

REPORTS

Executive

President

Congratulations and Welcome

President Kim

First and foremost, I would like to say congratulations and welcome to the 109th Senate. I’m very much looking forward to working with you all. One thing I really wanna do is establish that I want to communicate more openly and effectively with all of you. If there’s anything that you think ASUH could be doing better or differently, or just anything you want to try out, I want to remind you all that your opinion definitely does matter. Even if you don’t think you have enough experience to comment on some of the things, it’s better to say it, get feedback, and learn than it is to not say anything at all.

Summer 2021 Meeting Schedule

President Kim

We looked at the responses we got on the welcome form and it seems like Wednesdays at 6 PM were the most popular option. There is also a shared calendar that we’ve invited everyone to, if you want you can add it to your own Google calendar and it will have all the dates. The dates go from today's date, May 26, to December 8, the last general senate meeting of the Fall semester. Midway through the Fall semester, we will ask you all about your Spring schedule so that we can try to figure out what’s the best time for everyone. Feel free to download these files, they’ll also be available on the Google Drive and the Google Calendar will be there to inform you as well.

Fall 2021 Meeting Schedule

President Kim

It looks like for fall, it also ended up being Wednesdays at 6 PM for both the general senate and executive committee meetings

Committee Placements TBD

President Kim

We haven't gotten all the responses on the committee placements yet although we do have a general idea of where most people are going.

An issue that we're dealing with at the moment is not enough people have signed up for the chair and vice-chair positions. If you would like to volunteer or have the time, there's the opportunity to develop your leadership skills as a vice-chairperson or chairperson. In my opinion, the summer time is mostly for preparation and laying down the groundwork. It's not going to be as much work as you would usually do within the fall or spring semester but if you would like to volunteer until the end of summer, we need someone for Internal Affairs chairperson and vice-chairperson, Investments and Long Range Planning chairperson, and Finance vice-chairperson. Other than that, all other committees are filled

Unfortunately, not everyone will be able to get into the top two committees they want, but I did try to shuffle things around so that everyone could get into the top one through fourth options. If you got into a committee that you didn't necessarily want to be a part of in your top two, then you were guaranteed to get your favorite spot to balance it out.

Senator Columbres

The meetings for fall, I just wanted to establish that we'd be meeting online or will we have to come in person on campus?

President Kim

The Zoom meetings have been better for accommodating everyone and I do attend on keeping it a Zoom meeting. But if the majority of us decide we want to do a meeting in person, we will consider it, but until then, it's by default, Zoom.

Vice President

Vice President Renteria

I emailed everyone a quick email and it also has the form with it. If you could fill it out by tonight, that'd be great. I want to email everyone the correct Zoom information and paperwork along with that. I'm excited to meet you guys and hopefully we can have a good beginning with this orientation.

Treasurer

Treasurer Saari

I have a question on increasing the UAA budget and I was curious to know the protocol for that, I'm not sure who to ask for the protocol for that.

Advisor Manini

For the budget for next year, we should definitely have a meeting. The new chair of UAA was asking for the allocations?

Treasurer Saari

She wanted to increase the budget for the entire committee by \$20,000.

Advisor Manini

You can just receive that request. We need to meet to go over what your budget will even be for next year, to look at the anticipated revenues because I don't know that they'll be an extra \$20,000 at this point. Usually, at this time, we would schedule a meeting with me and also invite the Budget chair and the President. We will look at the anticipated revenue, what's going to bring us money this year and then we will look at if there's a change from last year or not, so you won't know if you actually have more money to put into certain line items for the Senate to consider because at this point, we haven't talked about what the anticipated revenues will bring us.

You will note the request, and when it's time and we're looking at the budget, that's when you guys can figure out if you want to propose it in the budget for an increase or if you feel like you don't have enough funds to do that.

Treasurer Saari

When does the budget need to be passed by?

Advisor Manini

Ideally, the budget will get passed before the end of June. The month of June is when we usually take the time to have these meetings. Please check with Jungha in terms if they would like to be in the meeting or not and let me know. When we meet, I need to make sure that I pull the most accurate numbers that should be the revenue for fiscal year '22.

President Kim

I would love to be a part of that meeting.

Secretary

Secretary Rollon

This Friday, I'll be meeting with Advisor Sonoda-Pale so that we can get acquainted. I will also be using that time to meet the office staff as we're going to be working together throughout the year. My goal is to increase senate transparency. I want to make sure all of our minutes and legislature are approved, codified, and posted to the ASUH on time.

Administrative

a. Advisor

Advisor Manini

I just want to welcome everyone to the first meeting of the 109th Senate. I'm looking forward to getting to know you. I know it's a bit more challenging. I'm used to the years when we were face-to-face so it's easier to get to know people and a bit more challenging for someone from my generation, when we don't get to see you face-to-face and get to know your personality.

Like Jungha said, Zoom is working really well. UH is looking at over 60% of the courses are still going to be online and 40% will either be face-to-face or hybrid. It's not until spring, maybe, probably more people

will be in face-to-face classes if things go well. At some point, I hope I get to meet you and see you face-to-face and get to know you beyond just someone on a computer screen.

Please ask questions if you have questions. Those of you who are returning, they're wonderful people and we had a good year last year and made the most of being online. Please reach to people who've been in the body and if you have questions, please reach out to advisors. If you're new, please know that we will respond to you if you email us and ask us questions, just introduce yourself and say what position you're in and ask your question so we have that as a reference point.

b. Operations Manager

Judicial Branch

a. Student Court

Standing Committees

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Other Committees

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM

CLOSING

Announcements

Adjournment

Treasurer Saari

Move to Adjourn.

Senator Baguio

Second.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marc Joseph Rollon
Secretary, 109th Senate