



The Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu 4th Senate of Kapolei

ASUHWO General Senate Meeting 16-008 called to order at 11:08 am on October 22, 2015.

Members Present

President Ryan Sommer
Vice President Briana Williams
Secretary Joyleanne Santos
Treasurer Shane Nishimura
Senate Speaker Angelo McDuffie
Distance Learning Senator Daniel Sieradzki
Junior Class Senator George Kalantzis
Senior Class Senator Jacxine Kaulili-Guzon
Social Sciences Senator Isaiah Baclaan
Education Senator Haylie Culp
Business Administration Senator Shad Rosario
Student Caucus Ambassador Valentin Fletes
Student Life Coordinator Rouel Velasco

Members Not Present

Freshman Class Senator Christielove Espinosa – excused
Public Administration Senator Jesica Yee - excused
Humanities Senator Elizabeth Gustafson - excused

Guests

Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Judy Oliveira
Librarian Sara Aiello

Quorum

Yes

Open Forum Guest

1. Interim VCSA Oliveira

There was inquiry on whether or not any activities were being held for Veterans week next week, but will throw something together if not. There is a Veterans Club meeting tomorrow at 9 am in E109 led by Valentin Fletes.

Reading of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes for GM 16-007

Motion by: Shane Nishimura

Seconded by: George Kalantzis

Resolved: Minutes for GM 16-007 approved.

Vote: Unanimous

Reading of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda for GM 16-008

Motion by: Joyleanne Santos

Seconded by: Jacxine Kaulili-Guzon

Resolved: Agenda for GM 16-008 approved with the following amendments

Add item 8.3 Ombuds Presentation and 8.4 SB 16-03 To Appropriate Funding toward Prizes for the Social Media Initiative

Vote: Unanimous

Internal Reports

1. President

Finished article to publish in the Hoot for this month that addresses the system level initiative for open source text books to be used for general education classes. Right now, Leeward Community College has these textbooks for 15 of their faculty that covers 57 courses. If it came to this campus, then students won't need to purchase textbooks. Also, a student suggested having a student discount tab with links to the businesses on our website as well as a list for open source textbooks. As for scheduling campus committee meetings, working it out with Tina Cohara and Ryan Perreira on who is supposed to send out information to its members. On another note, the write up for the presidential address is completed and ready to shoot. Director of Campus of Communications (DCC) Leila Shimakawa is writing an article for the campus' 40th anniversary celebration and is looking to get more history of ASUHWO before it came to this campus, so will try to get her in contact with former president Stacy Garcia.

2. Vice President

There is training today. Have calculated office hours up till September 26. Please make sure you sign in within the lines of the form to keep an accurate account. Working on disaster plan for office concerning how to evacuate, how to escape, who to call, what resources are available on campus, and who can be

3. Secretary

Have been working on making the website more user friendly, specifically the "Documents" tab as well as making sure all General Meeting locations and dates are accurate. I also have a bill that will be looked at later on in the agenda. Also, a student brought up a concern on if there was an emergency response plan for the library who is currently working on run. There is not a comprehensive plan yet, but there are plans in place if there was an active shooter or a fire.

4. Treasurer

Budget is up to date and running budget is up there. Please let me know if anyone is planning to do some spending anytime soon. Yesterday, went to

international committee meeting who expressed interest in working with Tokai to provide housing for students not on the island. Will email Distance Learning Senator Sieradzki the details if he is interested.

5. Advisors

a. Student Life Coordinator

Next week Wednesday, October 28, is the Aloha United Way Fundraiser. There is also a karaoke session that day from 6 pm to 9 pm. Friday is the Spookvilla event from 7 pm to 10 pm. On November 4, there is an Open Mic West Session on giving thanks to music and spreading good vibes. Fall Fest is planned for November 19. Planning dates for Fall Fest are on Tuesdays from 2 pm to 3 pm in D235. Student government is helping out with set up and take down for the event and can help with volunteer sign ups from 11 am to 2 pm every single day. The Samoan club are having activities on Monday and Wednesday. Student Life is looking for talent on Tuesday and Thursday. The Ho'opilihou Student Leadership Conference will be held on the island of Kauai from January 28 to 31. It is during school time, so if ASUHWO is planning to attend, need to let professors know ahead of time. Dr. Kent Keith will be hosting a free leadership session here on campus on servant leadership next week Tuesday, October 27 from 3 pm to 4 pm. It is highly recommended to attend because he is a national leadership trainer and usually is very expensive to have him give talks.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Activities Committee

Researching food for caucus and starting up charts again, keeping in mind what to look for ahead of time. Aside from having a table to recruit or pass out information for Fall Fest, we are volunteering. Maybe during office hours, some members can go table and pass out goods. Looking to provide henna tattoo artist.

b. Legislative

Should be contacting the vice chancellors for what the school is pushing for and requesting in terms of budget when it's time to go to the Legislature, so that ASUHWO can prepare and do some student lobbying. President Sommer will be setting up a follow up meeting with VCA Wong-Nakamura on the issue.

7. Senators Reports

a. Distance Learning Senator

Had a mid-semester break event on October 9. It went well and looking to improve it by not having the event during midterms, but either a week before or a week after since most students would rather study at the time. There were 12 people in attendance. Looking to host a Finals celebration after finals. Reminded distance learning students to sign up for meetings with West O'ahu counselors that were coming to Kauai, which may help more than speaking over the phone. On October 26, Monday, will be volunteering in the college fair and talking with high school students to represent UHWO and share the opportunities available. A few highlights of UHWO is that it is low-cost, small classroom sizes, a formation of a tight knit community, free parking, lack of traffic, and growing programs. For information pamphlets to pass out, contact Director of Admissions Jim Cromwell. Also, should be receiving an email in regards to security and

reaching out to distance learning students.

b. Senate Speaker

Working on initiative that will give students access to open source programs and is interested in taking on the student discount tab initiative as a part of it. The purpose is to help students have access to academic and charitable projects without a cost. Will have a list of links with their description on what the program is and how it may help with projects. Also, looking to work with other people and have it advertised, which may incur costs if fliers are made.

c. Senior Class

Working on an initiative to help hard-of-hearing and impaired students or deaf students. Looking into what this school provides that accommodates these students as far as ADA compliance. Current ADA services are provided by Steven Taketa and there are works to hiring an ADA coordinator. If a student needs accommodations they would see him first, work out a plan, notify the instructors, and services would come through the No'eau center if technology or a recorder were needed in order to hear better in class. Student Caucus Ambassador Fletes also has experience with ADA accommodations.

d. Junior Class

Working on logistics of bill. Would like to partner with Senate Speaker McDuffie on the student discount aspect of the initiative. Another initiative in the works is starting a podcast for aspiring disc jockeys. Will work on a clear concise plan for that. Might be able to help out at tables to look for talent for Fall Fest. One thing to be mindful of is that students who may already have such businesses also may want to charge for their services.

e. Social Sciences

Working on the ASUHWO comment box initiative that will provide a more impersonal relationship with students to voice their concerns and suggestions because some of our students are shy to approach us or visit the office. In the works is a form where they can fill out their name, major, and contact information. These boxes could bridge a gap with these students and increase participation within the student body. Looking into internships for practicums that Social Sciences majors can apply for as well that focus on field research and development as another option aside from the research papers. Talked to a couple of social science based companies at the internship fair and looking to build a partnership or discuss opportunities to offer my constituents.

8. Ambassadors

a. Student Caucus Ambassador

Last caucus meeting was on Maui. Mainly worked on resolution for an Ombuds program. Partly discussed the policy letter I sent out for schools with low-grad or low-attendance programs and discussing cuts from the budget. Voted to give BOR feedback, but may need more time to get more comfortable with the information before presenting it. There is a Veterans Club meeting tomorrow in E109 with 15 people committing to come. Want to clarify consensual relationships policy that came down the pipe from student caucus and asking for feedback on its existence at this school. The issue is preventing fraternization

which is being in a relationship with someone who has power or influence over you.

9. Campus Committees

a. Communications

President Sommer unable to attend last because was in hiring committee at the time. Most of people were not able to be at meeting, so there were four present. Next meeting won't be till January when DCC Shimakawa returns.

b. Veteran Services

The committee is meeting with the Veterans club tomorrow.

c. Tobacco

Will be held off until DCC Shimakawa returns.

d. Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Will be reopening committee to try to accommodate faculty, staff, administration, and students by giving more options. First meeting has not been announced yet.

e. Transportation Committee

Went over possibilities of partnering with Tokai and how the shuttle could copy UH – Manoa's system or another avenue that can be used by funds. Committee meetings are once a month, so was given the direction to push forth on the bus shelter. Looking to have a possible meeting to knock out logistics, such as how the bus stop will look like and its sizes, starting the bidding process, and if the current bus stop needs to be moved. Shouldn't take a construction company more than a day to set up. Should be able to get it going within two months. Looking at costs from last time, it came out to \$18,000. Hoping to get it sped up and installed before winter session is over, so possibly up by mid-January.

f. Technology Committee

This committee has not met yet due to confusion on dissemination of meeting information. Budgets were wanted in place by September.

g. Health Committee

A meeting is coming up. Junior Class Senator Kalantzis is a temporary member, so if any of the new members are interested, they can take his spot. Missed the first meeting on October 16, but the upcoming meeting dates are December 18, 2015, and February 19, April 15 of next year. There take place at 9 am in C247.

Unfinished Business

1. UHWO Caucus Meeting

Meeting will be on December 5. Was reported that there is one caucus member that is a vegetarian and another that requires gluten-free food. There is an event request for the room reservation and needs to submit food request. Other tasks are acquiring power adapters for the meeting.

2. SR 16-01 To Support Doris Ching for Interim Chancellor

Motion: to approve Senate Resolution SR 16-01: Supporting the Appointment of Dr. Doris Ching for Interim Chancellor

Motioned by: Brieana Williams
Seconded by: George Kalantzis
Resolved: Senate Resolution SR 16-01: Supporting the Appointment of Dr. Doris Ching for Interim Chancellor approved with the following amendments:

Correct spelling of Dr. Ching's name. Remove the last "s" in "campus's". Add a "; and" at the end of the first "Whereas" statement. Spell out "UH" the first time. Remove the "the" in "the Board of Regents" in the "Be it finally resolved" section. Change the tense of "working" and add "and foster" after "working" and before "a better campus" in the "Be it resolved" section.

Vote: unanimous

Internal Reports

7. Senator Reports

f. Humanities

Working on an initiative to host a Health and Wellness activity during the week of Finals for the students who are studying, so they don't overstress.

g. Freshman Class

Thinking of implementing a club appreciation initiative of setting up cans in the bookstore for specific clubs that students can donate their change to.

New Business

1. SR 16-02 (SR 15-01 Amended) Judy Oliveira For Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Amended version of earlier reso sr 15-01. Now that have done a hring process and we have met w/ candidates for vice chancellor, now taken under consideration. If any edits, email to sommer and vet it to legislative and give suggestions and bring it up on old business. More accomplishments

Internal Reports

7. Senator Reports

f. Public Administration

Still brainstorming on initiatives.

New Business

2. Training

There is training today from 3 pm to 5 pm covering the constitution and bylaws. There will be training next week on how to write legislation at the same time. Future training sessions will cover how to write an email, how to navigate the Hawai'i Legislature site and write testimonies in regards to our school, as well as looking into leadership trips.

3. OMBUDS Presentation

Caucus saw a need for an Ombuds office within the UH system because currently none of the UH campuses have one. Through a peer comparison, 90% of the campuses have an Ombuds office. Most governmental organizations have one as well to file grievances and handle problems informally. These offices are impartial, neutral to the organization it serves, and is a safe place. When a report is made to these offices, they record statistics, but not keep specific details so it

won't come back up in a formal investigation. These offices operate under four standards: confidentiality, impartiality, informality, and independence. Caucus is writing a resolution asking UH to allocate one million dollars to staffing an Ombuds office per campus and wants to present it to the Board of Regents before budgeting starts for the next fiscal year – requiring it to be permanent and not cut from budget. If ASUHWO feels like it is a cause that needs supporting, then a resolution can be drafted. A key point is that UH – Manoa had such an office that closed down in 2009, which may be connected to low attendance and installation of graduate programs where the decisions on what programs to cut needed to be made. One of the possible reasons is that the services from the office were not utilized as needed. What the Senate can consider if the office is something that ASUHWO supports and the resolution doesn't go through is finding out how can this process be streamlined to make it easier and more accessible for students, and what are other tactics or ways can be taken to make progress. One possible avenue would be trying to lobby with campus administrators to look into the position of an ombudsman.

4. SB 16-03 To Appropriate Funding toward Prizes for the Social Media Initiative
The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funding for prizes going toward the social media initiative deemed “West O’ahu Wednesday” where a goal or objective is to be posted on our social media pages, and to win prizes, students have to complete the goal or objective, post it up, and whoever gets the most “likes” wins. This will promote student participation, increase visibility of the Senate, and inform the students of activities, events, or people active in educational, social, and cultural communities. It was suggested that “West O’ahu Wednesday” be held once a month, and have three winners at the end of the month. There could also be prizes given to participants for participation. For any more suggestions, please send to author.

Announcements and Open Forum

1. For those who do not have their shirts, please get them.
2. For picture taking, looking for headshots more than body shots for continuity. Also, will plan professional pictures to be taken as well.
3. There is an idea to add a new committee, which would be an international committee or student transition committee made of faculty, students, and staff that was suggested at the international committee. If more student government members could attend this committee meeting to gather more information, that would be more productive. Will need meeting dates sent out.
4. There is an opportunity in a health care service to be a big brother or sister for autistic adults available if anyone is interested. It is to help them become self-sufficient and function independently. It is a community related job that pays \$12-14/hour with offices located by Ice Palace in Aiea.
5. An ASUHWO shirt needs to be sent to DL Senator Sieradzki, size XL.

Meeting Adjournment at 12:57pm

Motioned by: Brieana Williams

Seconded by: Joyleanne Santos

Voting Record

Voting Record for General Meeting 16-008, Approval of Agenda and Minutes: To Approve the Minutes for GM 16-007				
Name	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Vote by Proxy (?)
Joyleanne Santos	X			NA
Jacxine Kaulili-Guzon	X			NA
Brieana Williams	x			NA
Isaiah Baclaan	X			NA
Daniel Sieradzki	x			NA
Shad Rosario	X			NA
Haylie Culp	X			NA
Angelo McDuffie	X			NA
Christielove Espinosa	X			Yes
Shane Nishimura	x			NA
George Kalantzis	x			NA

Voting Record for General Meeting 16-008, Approval of Agenda and Minutes: To Approve the Agenda for GM 16-008 with Amendments				
Name	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Vote by Proxy (?)
Joyleanne Santos	X			NA
Jacxine Kaulili-Guzon	X			NA
Brieana Williams	x			NA
Daniel Sieradzki	X			NA
Shane Nishimura	X			NA
Haylie Culp	X			NA
Isaiah Baclaan	X			NA
Angelo McDuffie	X			NA
Shad Rosario	X			NA
Chrstielove Espinosa	X			Yes
George Kalantzis	X			NA

Voting Record for General Meeting 16-008, Old Business: to approve Senate Resolution SR 16-01: Supporting the Appointment of Dr. Doris Ching for Interim Chancellor with Amendments				
Name	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Vote by Proxy (?)
Joyleanne Santos	X			NA
Jacxine Kaulili-Guzon	X			NA
Brieana Williams	x			NA
Shane Nishimura	X			NA
Shad Rosario	X			NA
Daniel Sieradzki	X			NA
Haylie Culp	X			NA
Isaiah Baclaan	X			NA
Angelo McDuffie	X			NA
Christielove Espinosa	X			Yes
George Kalantzis	x			NA