**University of Hawaii at Hilo Student Association 2013-14**  
**Notice of Meeting: 13-14:016**

Date: Tuesday September 17, 2013  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Place: Campus Center 306

1) Call to Order  
1.1 Meeting called to order at: 6:08PM

2) Roll Call

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3) Establish Quorum  
Do we have Quorum?  
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4) Approval of Agenda and Minutes  
4.1 Minutes for Senate Meeting 13-14:015  
Motion for approval: CAFNRM Senator Zhuraw  
Second: Graduate Senator Savona

Because half of the senate were not able to read through it, this is tabled.

4.2 Agenda for Senate Meeting 13-14:016  
Motion: CAFNRM Senator Zhuraw  
Second: CAS Senator Kakazu  
Vote: 8-0-0
Additions to the agenda.

Amendments:
Executive Senator Wong under announcements
Senate Bill 13-14:014 under new business (by CAS Senator Kakazu, second by Executive Senator Wong)
Add under new business Discussion of website.

5) Open Forum Guests
Lai Sha Bugado
Lepeka English
Mikiʻala Akiona
Emily Charman
Krista Aoki
Marcus
Matt Kalahiki
Kalei Baricuatro
Daniel Boggeln
Leomi Bergknut, Leadership Development Coordinator
Kyle Douglas
Theo
Maile Bogglen
Mike Sado

6) Executive Reports
None

7) Unfinished Business
7.1 – Senate Bill 13-14:012
7.2 – Senate Bill 13-14:014
Motion: Remove from table – Senator at Large Fuentes
Second: CAS Senator Kakazu
Vote: 8-0-0

Motion for approval: Senator at Large Fuentes
Second: CAS Senator Kakazu
Vote: 8-0-0

8) New Business
8.1 – RISO Task Force
Here regarding their response to CAS Senator Kakazu’s questions about the universal funding application. (Refer to letter sent out via email)

Maile: Wording of the email about the funding app was kind of rude and deprecating. It is inconsiderate to the time and effort put into establishing the funding application.

Executive Senator Wong: President Tobias expressed his regrets in forwarding the email uncensored. I was unfortunate that it was forwarded.

CAS Senator Kakazu: I would like to see the email that was forwarded by Jordan. I see myself saying some of the things listed. I may have a dirty mouth and for that I apologize. All things understood I am sorry that it came to the RISO task force that way. I will work diligently to curve my language because that’s the reasonable and right thing to do.

Maile: Additionally, if you would like to see your email, the lines that are bolded in our response are exact quotes taken from your email.

Leomi Bergknut: Thank you for having us. Thank you CAS Senator Kakazu for your verbal apology. It is a lesson to learn. So thank you.

8.2 – Hilo Ambassador Application
President Tobias forwarded two attachments (1) Previous Hilo Ambassador App (2) Modified Application

Vice President Auau questioned why the qualifying GPA is 2.5 now.

Graduate Senator Savona: It was a compromise to lower it to 2.5.

CAFNRM Senator Zhuraw: Is 2.5 considered a C grade?

Maile: Please clarify the original establishment of the Hilo Ambassador Committee.

CAS Senator Kakazu: To support students to attend conferences in representation of UH Hilo.

Mikiala: I was a part of UHHSA when we created this committee. Its intent came through the history department who wanted to send one of their excelling students to a program out of state. This became a funding support system for these departments that lack the funds. The first student they funded did well and is now attending Oxford University. It is for academic purposes in all departments.

Mike: It is designed for students who are presenting their research at a conference. The academic requirement is there because we want our best student to be representing our university. It is nation wide and international.
Matt: My only concern is that part of having the give back to write an article through Ke Kalahea. I recall that the Chief Editor did not agree to this. My question is why are you requesting a give back from your applicant, which you are funding, and push it unto Ke Kalahea, when the give back should be within UHHSA. For instance, SAC funds people a lot of time and they are requested to help out with SAC’s activities.

Graduate Senator Savona: So the requirement was to do a presentation or something of the sort. There was no follow up or they never had to do a presentation they never did anything with it. So we both thought, it would be just an easy way to get what they got out of their experience and share it with the college.

Mikiala: La‘akea Yoshita submitted his work into Hohonu, which is an academic journal. So if it is a presentation, or a research paper or something like that, it can be applied to that. If it is in any other form such as a poem, story, reflection, a picture of them going to the conference it can be submitted to Kanilehua. There might not be a problem with the student going straight to Ke Kalahea and inquire whether they are interested in writing an article about his/her experience. I find it very hard for you to require that for them. We’ve had a RISO symposium where we have the RISO’s we’ve funded report in with what happened and the Hilo Ambassadors was invited to partake in this symposium but it is challenging but there are alternatives.

Maile: Three quick questions/statements. (1). I feel like it is a kind of a cop out to say that people won’t come because you have to advertise because if you’re spending hundreds of dollars on one student, when how many students it took to send that one student to go to the conference, they should be taking the responsibility to advertise to get people to come to their research presentation. I think that is kind of a no point in any way. If they are given $500.00 then they should or you should work in setting up a symposium where they would be able to present their research. (2). If you are considering putting it through Ke Kalahea, be mindful that Ke Kalahea charges because this could be considered as an advertisement. So is UHHSA going to incur that cost since you are requiring it from the student or you can have the student pay for it. (3) (forgot my 3rd question/statement)

CAS Senator Kakazu: Just wanted to clarify that Ciara/Sierra did not say we would guarantee that every article a student puts in is going to be on there. But she did say that we can ask whoever we give funds to, to submit an article and she would consider to put it in. I don’t understand why this would be advertising. We see it as a student contribution to the student newspaper.

Point of Personal Privilege Graduate Senator Savona

CAFNRM Senator Zhuraw: I think it would be a good idea if we had an event where we have all of them, every Hilo Ambassador we send, probably at the end of the year or midway through the year, to facilitate them in presenting their information. This is because there are several students we fund through Hilo Ambassador and my question is
the same as asked by Matt, is that will these students come back and present their information. We are of course spending money to get them to present them.

*KH’UOK Senator Andaya walks in.*

CAS Senator Kakazu: All of these suggestions are great. We are not closing the doors on this. She is going to be doing a conference because she is already working with people on campus. She will be doing that and we are open to everything to be a good committee. Motion to continue discussion by Senator Zhuraw. Second by Senator Kakazu.

Advisor Kusano: What is the motion on the table?

Vice President Auau: There is no motion.

Advisor Kusano: There really needs to be a motion on the table before there is a discussion on any issue. What is the Senate looking to make a decision on tonight? Because there are several changes including money.

Mike: Before heading out to class I implore the Senate on whatever decision you decide to make I advise that you consider leaving it as is to maintain its intent and integrity.

Vice President Auau: Because there was no motion on the table we will move on to the next item on the agenda. (also advised Senator Ryu to send out an email discussion of this issue)

8.3- Senate Bill 13-14:015
Advisor Kusano: If you are not taking action on the Hilo Ambassador Application then this bill has to conform to it.

CAS Senator Kakazu: Regarding deadlines, we are getting right to the edge. With that considered, I don’t see why what we decided here as a Senate would have to conform to the guidelines we have not agreed to. If we agree to this bill to fund this event, I don’t see why we shouldn’t go forward with that.

CAFNRM Senator Zhuraw: We haven’t changed the guidelines for the Hilo Ambassador.

VCSA Hong: Just to clarify, just like your constitution and by-laws you abide by a senate constitution and by-laws that was approved by prior UHHSAs until you move to change them. It is the same principle that you are abiding by existing guidelines and policies until you change them. I am unclear why the first motion to address the changes proposed was not made, or I think was trying to be made and then it was interrupted. In general one of the things we should try to honor is that when one of your senators, one of your colleagues is trying to read a motion, the courtesy is to have them finish the motion
before start reacting and responding to it and that was what I saw happen, which lead to the discussion before the motion even happening.

Graduate Senator Savona walks in. CAS Senator Kakazu updates her.

Advisor Kusano: You need to have some criteria about making your decision about that amount, so that when someone comes in requesting that much, but you have a basis of why you made that choice of how much you are going to fund. This way you are viewed as fair and un-bias with your decision-making. So if you’re going to change it from the $500 to a discretionary amount, also be aware that you need to set up some

VCSA Hong: I also want to offer some alternative because sometimes you don’t have choice A or choice B. So just to be creative, you also don’t have to have one set amount. What you could do is have different caps- $250 for inter-island travel, $500 for US travel and a $1000 for international. So then you start to have what Ellen is talking about- What’s your criteria? What’s your logic? Why is the cap this amount? It recognizes different costs to travel to certain places. Again these are suggestions.

Motion: CAFNRM Senator Zhuraw
Second: CAS Senator Kakazu
Vote: 7-0-0

Advisor Kusano stated that vote on the bill as pending when requirements are met.

Executive Senator Wong: Move to amend

Vote: 7-0-0

CAS Senator Kakazu: Motioned to change the amount a student can receive. (Withdrew)

Move to change the $500 limit to say $500 for in-state, $1000 within the US and $1500 for international.

Point of Personal Privilege for Senator at Large Fuentes
Point of Personal Privilege for Graduate Senator Savona

CAS Senator Kakazu: The reason why we’re changing now is because you won’t be able to fund a student to attend a conference out of Hawaii.

Maile: It is unfair to say that you cannot fund a student out of Hawaii. You can pay for the registration fee, part of the hotel or part of their airfare.

Mikiala: The history that I was trying to explain is that we set that amount to give much opportunity as possible. Just so you know, we’ve never funded an entire student’s request for Hilo Ambassador.
8.4- Website Discussion
CAS Senator Kakazu: I just want the committees to be updated on the website.

Lepeka suggested that CAS Senator Kakazu take it up with Data Director Morales since she is in charge of updating the website.

Lai Sha: I have met with Data Director Morales and she has been helped in areas where she was not able to update.

CAS Senator Kakazu: Second question is should we have agendas sent out through our website before the actual minutes?

Maile: Two years ago, there was a sign in sheet in previous UHHSA meetings, which include a check box requesting if the attendee wishes to receive emails of updates and agendas from UHHSA. I suggest that UHHSA starts practicing this again.

Plan of action: Take it up with Data Director Morales, as this is her kuleana.

Discussion on bulletin boards

Advisor Kusano: Another piece of information. Data Director Morales has contacted a locksmith to fix the lock on one of UHHSA’s bulletin board where you could post up agendas and meeting minutes.

Lai Sha: FYI you don’t have access to this bulletin board because the keys cannot be found and worst case scenario you might have to replace the whole bulletin board/box.

Advisor Kusano: You do have a very big bulletin board outside the office and across from the library in the lanai.

Leomi suggested that UHHSA post up flyers around campus about where and when UHHSA Senate meetings will take place.

Lai Sha recommends using the University’s Website announcements as well as What’s Happening.

Advisor Kusano: Because your Senate meetings are now set, UHHSA can probably have a banner announcing this.

Emliy offered her services to post up flyers for UHHSA.

CAS Senator Kakazu: Are we putting up resolutions that we have yet to pass on our website? Because we have not finished voting on it.
Maile: Should it not matter whether it is passed or not but a matter of public record that you are trying to pass it?

VCSA Hong: Which is why you need to come more discipline in that to always adding to the agenda at the meeting time.

Senator Wolff was asked by Vice President Auau, whether she was able to absorb all the suggestions that was made, as she is with the PR committee.

CAS Senator Kakazu: The committee update and getting the agenda up in 48 hours would you (Vice President Auau) be working with Data Director Morales to get these up?

Vice President Auau responds in agreement.

Advisor Kusano: Just a reminder that in Senate rules, says that we will be having Senate meetings is a Legislative Meeting and that Operational Meetings take place after.

9) UHHSA Committee Reports
None

10) Announcements
10.1 – College Reports
Informed by Vice President Auau that each Senator representing each college must submit reports.

10.2 – Hawaiian Supreme Court Hearing (Exec. Senator Wong)
Wong: Found out yesterday from Chris that the Supreme court of Hawaii decided to pick Hilo as a location for on of their hearing. It will be hosted at the theatre and I have requested the 3rd of December for this.

11) Next Weeks Meeting:
September 24, 2013

12) Adjournment:
7:31pm