University of Hawaii at Hilo Student Association 2014-15
Notice of Meeting: 14-15:018

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2015
Time: 7:45pm
Place: Campus Center Rm 306

1) Call to Order
1.1 Meeting called to order at:
7:51 PM
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 14-15:017
Motion: CAS Senator Ziegler
Second: SAL Cajandig
Vote: 9-0-0

4.2 – Agenda for Senate Meeting 14-15:018
Motion to Add Senate Bill 14-15:036 Student Art Association Exhibit: SAL Cajandig
Second: DD Mashreghy
Vote: 9-0-0

Motion: DD Mashreghy
Second: SAL Campbell
Vote: 9-0-0
Motion to Suspend agenda and move to new business 8.1: SAL Cajandig
Second: SAL Saarinen
Vote: 9-0-0

5) Executive Reports
5.1 - President Report
-Senate Bills voted on via email /
-Leg Report: Gregor Illigan:
3 Pointers to share with State side to Lobby:
1- Relationship: Talking with politicians based on relationship with them.
2- Know yourself, know your “enemy”, define what “winning” is to you after interaction happens.
3- Do one thing that you want to do. Discouragement can come from having too much on your plate, focus on one and accomplish it.

Establishing presence was a good thing to do, helps build good relationship with these politicians. Think of them as a friend.

Advisor Kusano- Glad we went to represent UHHS. List of Senate Bills that got presented that directly effect the school. Will be mentioned under Caucus report. Figure out which ones will be your priority and as a group decide your position on those bills. We can then present these positions to the Leg, it is important to have the support of Senate- more of an impact.

Important to know chairs of Higher Ed committees
Evening of Aloha, President Alles gave 10 minute speech, established presence for UHHS. Tabled and got to meet new students. Being out there and talking to people got us noticed.

CSO Summit: A lot of collaboration talk. Oh Hell Committee collaboration- each CSO can take one night so less of a burden on UHHS. Asked to help fund some festivals. Multicultural Festival (logistics), Battle of the Bands (logistics) working with URH and other CSO’s involved in these events.

Meeting for Oh Hell Week Committee, invite all CSO’s and begin collaboration.

Meeting with Chancellor: Legislatively, may need UHHS to support/talk about/write a resolution about. Increase of electricity cost, increase costs of athletics department, no increase in funding for it. Security force, wants to make it UH employees not contract. No details at the moment, but will be coming to us at some point. May need to go to Leg for these issues.

February Meeting need other UHHS people to come and support.

Stipend Justification: Directly related to stipend, involving meetings, office hours, duties/reports for admin, academics and committee reports. Deductions listed if requirements aren’t met. Was already voted on at the beginning of the year (June).

Committee List: Elections committee- Jen removed because she is planning to run next year. James switched in. Chairs- send in duties of Committees to SAL Saarinen so we can compile a guide for future UHHS Senators.

SAC- Wed @ 5PM
BOSP- Thur @ 5PM
BOMB- n/a Mon or Wed
CCFB- n/a

Advisor Search Committee- will be voting on it next meeting, please look it over.
Changing title to UH Hilo Student Association Professional Advisor
SAL Saarinen- Can we push this forward to a vote by email on Monday? We are working with a timeline, so sooner we can get it approved the better.
President Alles- Yes, I’ll send it out via e-mail tomorrow.
It will be a long process. We will be compiling a list of questions to get approved as well.

Finalizing budget- Next meeting with updates, where money is going, etc.
Need assistance in selecting new office furniture, desks, etc. Chairs just got in.
Computers as well, 2499 was the hold up. It will take a while because IT still has to add it to the network. Printers need to get set up still.
CoBe Senator- Why do we need new furniture?
President Alles- Things are mismatched, broken. I think we should make the office look more professional, especially with the open windows. Make solid investments for future UHHS’s to improve image.
CoBe Senator- Once we get business manager, we should maybe get them to figure out the computer situation. We may be able to get current Macs repaired. They can focus on those things once we hire.
President Alles- Yes, but we need to move forward because we still have to interview and train.
CoP Senator Jose- Business Manager should be assigned a deadline, we should just move on and get new computers. Has been going on this whole semester
VP Ornellas- Problem also arises with internet.

-Campus Pub Committee: Please make a report for next week.

- Event Planning: March we will be busy with elections, need planning and paperwork done in February. Price quotes, research, packets, etc. Get it done, I can help if needed. Upcoming events need funding, and deadlines will be approaching.

5.2 - Vice President Report
- VP Ornellas will be resigning from position. It effects my financial aid a lot and need to step down. I still want to be apart of UHHSA, I will be applying for office manager position because it’s paid differently.
Cobe Santiago for financial aid advice to see how it affects your package. Experienced and can help you, no disrespect to other financial aid counselors.
SAL Saarinen- Can we change this label of how we are paid so stuff like this doesn’t happen and our stipend could not affect our aid.
- No VP
- President Alles- Anyone interested in position?
SAL Saarien- I am interested.
President Alles- We will accept resignation letter next week on the agenda, and do the transition next week. 😊

5.3 - Executive Senator Report
- Hohopihi Ho: Leadership conference, school wide. Got to see a lot of young people engaged in becoming a leader. Self discovery. Learned he was a “gold” person – aka structured. Second in orange – go-getter style. Got to see how each school system works. Suggests going to true colors when it is available here.
- Student Film Festival coming up- Asking for $1500 for prizes for film- SAL Cajandig volunteers
-Long range Budget Planning- Financial Aid; if GPA requirement of WUE lowered we could bring in more students. Retention was also an issue. Lowering from 2.7 to 2.5. Everyone there agreed with the idea.
-Issue with things being barrowed for Ho’olau’lea: Tables and blue recycled bins.
We received bins that weren’t ours, but then got ours back as dirty. They were not clean when they got sent out. 1/2 inch of soda was in the bottom of them. Whoever authorized the barrowing should make sure they are clean when they come back. Tables also weren’t labeled.
President Alles- If we are lending out stuff we should make sure they are labeled. If you are lending it out without the label, you are responsible to bring it back.

SAL Saarinen- A sign out would be a good idea.

- IDEA! Reciprocity for Senators of Colleges. We have a threat above us for not spending enough money. These senators can go to Deans and find out what they need and what we can supply to help colleges and disperse money based on population of colleges. We can purchase supplies they seem is fit and we can vote on it and help support our colleges. We want to establish a stronger connection with the Dean of colleges and spend money for the students.

CAS Senator Ziegler- Are we allowed to do this? Is it directly going to students?

Advisor Kusano- We need to define what are valid expenses. If they University/College is required to provide something, don’t do it, but if it’s enhancing the student life within that college, that yes. Ask, what does tuition cover? What isn't necessary for college to provide, but can enhance student’s learning experience within that college?

- I will be joining election committee because I will be joining SAC next semester.

Gregor Illagan- Great idea. You can maybe invite the Dean of the colleges over to the meetings and share what they need with everybody. We can even start scheduling RISO’s to explain who they are to open dialogue. We know our abilities and how we can help them.

Also, about the stipend. You can even take it so far as talking to Federal Allocation, talking with Senators and asking what departments are in charge of Financial Aid, and if that department can change that policy- because it is a Federal requirement. This can help all students nationwide.

6) UHHS Committee Reports

6.1 - Caucus-
President Alles- 17 page long list of Bills that will/could affect us. House and Senate version. Resolution written at Caucus to increase the number of students represented on BOR.

House Bill 552, Representenative Choy is introduction, and Tanaguchi on Senator side: supports the resolution we wrote.

Please look it over as it may be something UHHS would want to support.

Currently we only have one BOR student member. Resolution asks for one graduate, one undergraduate and one faculty member as we have no faculty represented on BOR at the moment.

Agenda for Saturday includes several other resolutions that I will fill you in on later.

7) Unfinished Business

8) New Business

8.1 - Senate Bill 14-15:035 Women's Center Vagina Monologues
Motion to approve: SAL Cajandig
- $1300 to fund Palace Theatre rental and fee, brings about awareness to women’s issues present in Hawaii.
- Improvements-> increasing expenses. Big Island has the most domestic violence among all the islands. They want two shows, and to raise awareness of issues as well as positive experiences like love. Using art to talk about difficult things. The Palace will allow community to get involved, tickets sold online. Women’s Center only gets $2400 for the whole year. Never came to UH HSA before.
- 15 Monologues compiled with a variety of topics. Brings about healing and empowerment. 550 seats, 1100 people within the two nights who can hear this message and be effected by it, students as well as community. The show gives support to community of women that are effected by these issues, men can enjoy and benefit from these experiences as well.
- Event Feb 28th, 2015. 3PM and 7PM
Presale: $10, advanced $15
Portion of proceeds go to ‘Ohana DV Shelter & UHH Women’s Center
- Possibility of providing a van to allow students to get to and from the event safely and easily
- Enough money already allocated so very possible to get done
- Students involved from UHH
- Men of Strength – Ushers
- URH – Sound
- No student discount, $10 up until the day of, all tickets online and convenient.
- 2 interpreters there as well
- Vendors as well to spread awareness outside of event for those who couldn't get in.

Second: CAS Ziegler
Vote: 9-0-0

8.2 - UH HSA on the Spot
- We have cups and coffee, pens, bags, need help completing food waiver. Shut office down and go on lanai and talk directly to students.

DD Mashreghy – Can we please use sustainably oriented items for the future because it goes against our mission statement and takes away from our integrity.

8.3 - UH HSA Flow
- We are last flow, Wed April 29th. Entertainment deadline: March 18th, Prize deadline: Wed April 1st. 6:30PM – 9PM
- DD Mashreghy, SAL Saarinen, CoP Senator Jose

8.4 - Oh Hell Week
- Choose night, talk with CSO’s- make meeting, and I want all UH HSA there that night.
8.5 - Schedule Interviews – 2 Applicants
-One for Treasurer, one for SAL
Will be scanned and sent out, doodle on its way out so we can schedule interviews.

8.6 - UHHSA Office Manager Committee – 3 Applicants
-Committee – appoint to interview Exec Senator Boranian, President Alles and Shara

8.7 - Third Annual System Wide Sustainability Conference
-Gail asked if anyone wanted to go to conference. 5-6 Students as well as if UHHSA would want to fund these students to attend.
Advisor Kusano will follow up and let me know. The system usually funds this.

8.8 - Senate Bill 14-15: 036
Provide $1000 for Professor Yuji Hiratsuka- world renowned artist, to accommodate him during his stay here.

Second: CAS Senator Ziegler

President Alles- Are we allowed to fund this?
Advisor Kusano- Might as well do the vote and see when Lai Sha returns tomorrow.
Have we found out if he is a U.S. citizen or not?
SAL Cajandig- not yet, still trying to find out.
President Alles- How much is honorarium, how much to meals?
SAL Cajandig- $500 for honorarium, and $500 for meals.
CoP Senator Jose- Is anyone else helping out?
SAL Cajandig- Yes, other CSO’s are helping with the event and other expenses involved.
Advisor Kusano- If we are paying for a part of the honorarium we can tag on to that to make it easier and know his VISA status.
Vote: 9-0-0

9) Announcements
9.1 - Prince Ea’s Event- Talk Story Session- Feb 18th. Tuesday night, 17th, 6PM and talk story at 3PM next day.
-We funded pu-pus for it, if you can attend, please do. We are recognized on flyer.

9.2 - Campus Pub Petition
-Petition addressed to UHHSA, refer them to committee.

9.3 - SAC Condom Fair 2/13/15 10AM-2PM
- Asked if UHHSA can table. Got over 400 students signed in. It would be great exposure for us.

10) Advisor Report
-Sent out email to talk to students about Hawaiian Senator position and Grad Senator position. Similar emails be sent out to other Grad programs
- Kolamaku Conference, Saturday Feb 28th all day on campus. All UH Hilo students attend for fee, for others it is $20 registration fee. Student Leadership Conference for any student. Possibility to recruit people for next year. Get more Pacific Islander students involved in CSO’s.

SAL Saarinen - Why isn’t the University paying to provide for students ID validation?
- Be sure to let me know who’s on your committees, when emailing administrators it’s important to state who is on the committee.
- Any questions about purchasing process please ask me and CC President Alles.

SAL Saarinen - I would like to put white boards up, do we need permission?
Advisor Kusano - No.
VP Ornellas - Wait until new furniture.
SAL Saarinen - White boards will help us focus and keep track of progress, we need them up ASAP.
- Shara: First Flow is Feb 18th, if interested in tabling there we can do that. Just contact me. This is BOSP’s Flow.

11) Next Week’s Meeting
Sending out an e-mail for updated schedule, please check your email and respond if anything has changed. It will be Thursday at 7:45 PM for now, I will let you know if it changes. In room 306.

12) Adjournment 9:39PM