



Meeting | UHM Staff Senate

Wednesday, January 10, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Zoom

Name	Role	Attendance
Christie Nitta	Chair	Present
Noweo Kai	Vice Chair	Absent -Excused
Carol Oshiro	Executive Board Secretary	Present
Jennel Sesoko	Communications Officer	Present
Raedelle Van Fossen	Senate Secretary	Present
Carl Dionne	Past Chair	Present
Bernadette Baraquio	Senator	Present
Jacob Choe	Senator	Present
Devon Gordon	Senator	Present
Aeza Hafalia	Senator	Present
Michele Inouchi	Senator	Present
Elmer Kaai	Senator	Absent - Excused
Reynold Kajiwara	Senator	Present
Nate Kinglsey	Senator	Present
Jaret Leong	Senator	Present
Richard Okubo	Senator	Present
Andrew Sensano	Senator	Present
Sarah Simmons	Senator	Absent - Excused

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order
 - A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Nitta at 11:02 am
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. **Senate Meeting** (2023.12.13), view at: [MSS | Minutes 12-13-2023](#)
 - B. Minutes were approved: **2024.01.10**
- III. Report from the Chair | **Chair Nitta**
 - A. No Provost Council Meeting December (Provost Council Meetings will remain on the fourth Monday of each month from 12:15-1:30pm via Zoom, unless otherwise notified.)
- IV. Reports | Standing Committee Chairs
 - A. Communications | Senator Sesoko
 1. No updates
 2. Looking to reschedule
 - B. Elections | Senator Sensano
 1. Two senators new to committee: Sen.Choe and Sen. Hafalia
 2. Still deciding date to meet
 3. Will be going over items once date determined to meet
 - a) Communication reminder for self-nomination
 - C. Outreach | Senator Oshiro
 1. No update
 - D. Shared Governance | Senator Ka'ai
 1. No update
- V. Mānoa Executive Search Advisory Committee(s):
 - A. Dean | College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) | Senator Dionne
 1. Final stages
 - a) Candidates being brought in for second interview
 - B. Reorganizations:
 1. UHM Provost's Office - Institute for Sustainability and Resilience - Feedback submitted
 - a) No updates
 2. Center on the Family - Move from CTAHR to the College of Social Sciences
 - a) Not moving forward
 - (1) Current Dean is interim
 - (2) Faculty Senate does not recommend change while interim dean is in place
 - C. Mānoa College/School Staff Senates:
 1. College of Education (COE) Senate | No Representative
 - a) Sen Leong attending Faculty, Staff (RCUH, Civil Service) meeting
 - b) Trying to get COE rep for MSS

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- D. UHM Shared Governance | Representatives:
1. UHM Graduate Student Organization (GSO) | Graduate Student
 - a) No update
 2. ASUH | Bronson Azama President
 - a) No update
 3. Manoa Faculty Senate | Erin Senio
 - a) No update
- VI. Reports | Committee Representatives
- A. Mānoa Campus Climate Committee | **Senator Leong**
1. No update
- B. Mānoa Campus Fee Advisory Committee | Senator Dionne
1. No update
- C. Mānoa Office of Student Conduct | Student Conduct Code Appellate Board | **Senator Sensano**
1. No update
- D. Administration Meeting (President Lassner, VP Gouveia, Provost Bruno) | **MSS EB**
1. No scheduled meeting
 - a) Chair Nitta will follow up
- E. UH Communicators Council | **Senator Baraquio**
1. Did not attend the meeting
 2. Save the Date - Giving Day 4/10/24
 3. Comms office restructuring
 - a) Senator Sesoko
 - (1) Janica will be focusing on social media content producer with Jon Burdios
 - b) 2 million views for UH News last year - record
 4. Provided link to UH News UH Priorities:
<https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2023/12/19/uh-priorities-included-in-gov-budget-2024-legislative-session/>
 - 5.
- F. University of Hawaii Staff Council (UHSC) Update | **Senator Leong**
1. UH Presidential search is focus
 2. Chair Nitta testimonial made a difference
 3. Some of the groups are not including staff in testimonial
 - a) Student group had misconceptions about staff
 - (1) Though they were Faculty
 4. Main push is to fill other seats on advisory group
 - a) Pre-advisory group is group of 6
 - b) Trying to push two seats for staff, Currently only 1 seat for staff
 - c) Asked campuses to provide priority for the remaining seats

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- d) OHA, DOE suggested for seats by other groups
 - e) Pushing to be part of job description, head-hunting firm suggestion, since staff does not have a vote
 - (1) Head hunting firm can be critical in decision for candidates
 - G. Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee (AESSC) | **Chair Nitta**
 - 1. Looking at academic at Policy changes Student policy relooking at changes
 - a) E.g. Grade forgiveness
 - 2. Chair Nitta will share changes at next meeting if allowed
- VII. Discussion Topic(s):
- A. Testimony - UH President search
 - 1. Sen Leong will meet with other organizations to leverage first step to include organizations to be part of the BOR
 - a) Staff regent and Faculty regent
 - (1) There is a regent liaison Tochik on BORI
 - (a) Sees herself as a staff
 - (2) Has to be a legislative change pathway
 - (a) Regents cannot make the change but can advocate
 - 2. GSO is not represented
 - a) Situation being discussed
 - B. Staff on-boarding training
 - 1. January 19th meet with Jan Gouevia and team
 - C. Treasurer
 - 1. Any timeline for set-up for accounts for donations?
 - 2. MSS EB Met with Deb Ishii last February to discuss
 - a) Asked for \$7000 for initial investment
 - b) Budget request Items not approved
 - (1) Grad Asst, Compensation for Chair - rejected
 - (2) Maybe for PD but need more justification
 - c) Other campuses look to M
 - d) What is the Faculty Senate budget?
 - (1) They do have a APT band B position
 - (2) PD and student position
 - D. Please provide Senator Sensano when everyone first came in to check election cycles
 - 1. On website has the terms for the Senators
 - 2. Sen Sensano want information further back to the beginning of MSS
 - a) Suggestion from Sen Sesoko to have a running spreadsheet or database to keep track of historical information

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- b) There is a list in the Google Drive with contact information
 - E. Input to Sen Sensano regarding MSS election structure
 - 1. Eg Number of seats on MSS
 - F. Think about doing something special for next in-person meeting
 - 1. Maybe for June - last meeting?
 - 2. Next meeting is Valentine's Day
- VIII. Adjournment Time 11:54 am
- A. *Next Senate Meeting: Wednesday, February 14 2024 - Zoom and in-person*

Respectfully submitted by R.Van Fossen

Approved on:

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