# University of Hawai‘i
## Student Caucus 2011-2012

**Minutes for Delegation Meeting 11-005**
**Date of Meeting: Saturday, January 21, 2011 @ Kauai CC**

**Call to order: 0804hrs**

### Roll Call

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### Establish Quorum

3.1 Quorum Established?  Yes
Open Forum Guest
   Regent Dahilig

Approval of Agenda and Minutes
   Minutes for Meeting 11-004
   Motion: Melequini
   Second: Kaleo
   Vote: Yea-9, Nay-0, Abstain-1 (Windward CC)

   Motion: Meliquini motions to add friendly amendment to Agenda 11–005 under new business to discuss February's delegation meeting at UH Hilo.
   Second: Kaleo
   Vote: Unanimous

Agenda for Meeting 11-005
   Motion: Melequini
   Second: Kaleo
   Vote: Unanimous

Internal Reports
2. Chairperson
   - Thanks delegation for turning in travel forms on time.
3. Vice Chairperson
   - Thanks delegation for being at BOR presentation to give reports on their campuses. Tells delegation to keep up the good work.
4. Data Director
   - Asks new delegates to provide contact information after the meeting and reminds the rest of the delegation to give any updated information.
5. Treasurer
   - Reminds delegation to turn in receipts for reimbursement.
   - Lyle:
   - Adrienne: Replies Yes.
   - Tracey: Inquires how reimbursements work.
   - Adrienne: Explains process.
   - Sam: Exclaims he just got his.
6. Neighbor Islands At-Large
   - Indicates that he has heard nothing about Hawaii CC. States his disappointment with the Maui College delegation. Explains that he talked with the Maui advisor, she was unaware of their lack of attendance.
   - Tracey: States that she spoke with Palika recently.
   - Ryan: Asked Lyle when was the last time he heard from them.
   - Lyle:
   - Kaleo: States that he talked with Palika earlier, indicates that he is sick.
   - Melequini:
   - Ryan: Exclaims that if your SG does not think UHSC is a priority. Tell them we take it seriously. Let me know.
7. Oahu At-large
   - Asks Ryan if a delegate can't make a meeting, do let you know.
   - Ryan: Replies Yes
8. Advisor
   - Thanks all delegates for their work. States that we should check on Maui CC's delegation.
   - Ryan: Asks what we can do.
• Lui: Replies that he will check out the Constitution. States that he is sure we can vote them out, pretty sure.

Ad-Hoc Committee

U Pass
Anna: States that UH Manoa is close to renewing U pass initiative.
Asa: Inquires is there a way we can go as a group to set up something system-wide.
Martin: Responds that they need to be careful, since it forces students to pay even if they don't catch the bus.
Anna: States that UH Manoa used UH portal to survey students on U-pass initiative.
Stacy: Asks did you use UH portal.
Anna: Responds that they used survey monkey.
Kaleo: Exclaims that he wants to do a similar program for bus riders at his campus.
Anna: States go to your SG's.
Mathew: Inquires how to use UH portal to do surveys.
Anna: Replies through ITS, it cost some, ask Danny.
Lyle: Added that they use survey monkey by binding it with e-mail. The service was free.

Constitution & Bylaws
• Martin: Explains that he wants to have Constitution amendment changes made by the end of the semester.

PR
• Jessica: Announces that she has access to website now. Indicates that she put up delegation meeting schedule. Adds that she will work with Stacy to get minutes.
• Stacy: Advises the delegation that a University of Hawai'i - Student Caucus Facebook page was created so they could view minutes, agendas, documents, photos, etc until website is up.

Advocacy & Awareness
• Kaleo: Opening session for the State Legislature was on Wednesday, January 18, 2012. I spent 4 hours visiting the Senators and Representatives. I went in my own capacity as the Chair of the Advocacy and Awareness Committee (AAC), not as ASUH Caucus. I explained about our training that we have provided for the caucus members, regarding the legislative session. I received positive responses. I primarily spoke to Senator Tokuda, and she was very pleased about the training. A a reminder we are asking the caucus members to please send questions to Kaleo Gagne’s email account at: bgagne@hawaii.edu regarding the gmail account conversion. All questions that are being received will be collected and compiled then sent to ITS, and we hope that we can have ITS possibly come to the next ASUH Caucus meeting in May.

10. Committees
- Academic Policy & Planning (APP)
• Tom: On numerous occasions over the past few years, the administration has made some very significant decisions that have direct financial impact on students. Almost all of these financial decisions have been passed with student disapproval and a sense of student voice not being taken seriously. There is an abundance of serious complaints amongst the students in the UH system about these financial decisions. In order to provide a more meaningful relationship between administration and students, administration must consider student input DURING the research phases of brainstorming solutions to financial problems and policy making, and students must be willing to participate in the time consuming process of researching and creating policies that benefit the entire University
community. The University of Hawai‘i will benefit if a consistent and nurtured relationship between administration and students exists.

EXAMPLES OF FINANCIAL DECISIONS:

1. The Mānoa Student Athletic Fee: After brief consultation by the student governments at UH Mānoa, the Athletics Department and Chancellor's Office took an entire year to prepare a student athletics fee proposal. The student governments were then informed that the proposal was going to be presented to the Board of Regents at their next meeting. Despite overwhelming disapproval by the students, especially because the athletics department claimed they were running a deficit and provided NO financial information to the students, the student athletic fee was presented to the BOR and passed. The UH Mānoa student governments were not involved in the research process done by the Athletics Department and consultation during the process was practically nonexistent.

2. The 2011 UH tuition increase: After a brief presentation to the student caucus during the spring 2011 semester informing students that there would probably be a tuition hike proposal in the fall, the next news that most students heard about the potential tuition increase was less than a month before the proposal was presented to the BOR. Town hall meetings and student government presentations all took place less than a month before the BOR meeting. The time line was too short and, again, students were not included in the research process. Student input was only encouraged after the proposal had been set up and sufficient comparative research was done.

3. Hiring a new football coach: After unacceptably low student attendance at the UH football games towards the end of the season, the head football coach was fired, and a committee was formed to find a replacement. The committee was composed of University and Hawai‘i community members who are all involved in the athletics program through past participation and continued support. Being nearly two million dollar share holders and consistent supporters and participants of all of the athletic teams, the students should have naturally been a part of the hiring process, especially because the football coach is usually the highest paid state employee. Despite numerous requests and the support of Chancellor Hinshaw, no students were involved in the process or consulted for input.

I do believe that student voice is considered important by the university. However, when the background and research is so overwhelming and students are not given enough time to consider options and have meaningful, productive conversations with administrators, then we are left feeling unheard, unappreciated, and disrespected. The GSO is asking that a policy be adopted by the university that requires student involvement in all financial decision-making during the early stages of policy development. The policy should require that administrators request student involvement from the appropriate student groups: student government for campus-related financial decisions and student caucus for system-wide financial decisions. There will be no less than 1 and no greater than 2 students involved from each student representative group (caucus or student government) involved in the research process. The amount of student involvement will be determined by the student group itself. For UH Mānoa, the 1-2 rule will apply to both ASUH and GSO. When students are involved in the formation of policy instead of being told about new policy formation, there is a much greater chance that the entire student population will be satisfied with the policy because their concerns and needs were considered early on in the process and not as an after thought once the policy has been prepared. This policy provides for an increased feeling of respect for student voice and more transparency in the decision making process.
Policy for Including Students in Decision Making Processes

 Whereas the University of Hawai‘i has approximately 60,000 adults making up the student body, and
 Whereas the University of Hawai‘i has a student government structure that is set up so that the governments act as advisory bodies to the chancellor for each campus and the University of Hawai‘i Student Caucus acts as an advisory body to the University President, and
 Whereas recently, financial decisions such as the tuition hike in 2011, the student athletic fee at UH Mānoa, and the hiring of a new football coach were researched and policy was formed before meaningful consultation with the student advisory bodies, and
 Whereas students want to be involved in the policy making process so that the University of Hawai‘i can be a place of excellent education and reasonable student expenses, and
 Whereas the current relationship and trust between students and administration may become tenuous, and
 Whereas including students in policy and financial decision making will build a team environment where students and administrators work together instead of one group presenting a policy and the other protesting it, and
 Whereas including students in the research and decision making process allows for more transparency related to decision making and fiscal responsibility, and
 Whereas creating and nurturing a positive relationship between students and administrators is imperative to the success of students at the University of Hawai‘i,
 therefore be it

 Resolved, That the University of Hawai‘i adopts a policy requiring administrators and University departments to include student representatives from the appropriate student advisory body in the research and policy forming process when the policies have direct financial impact on the student body; with each advisory body sending one or two representatives, and for issues related to Mānoa campus one or two representatives from the Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i (ASUH) and one or two representatives from the Graduate Student Organization (GSO).

- Facilities & Budget (FaB)
  - Ryan: States Daniel is no longer on UHSC, position is now vacant.
  - Sommerset: Asks if an ex-facto member can be elected chair.
  - Martin: Retorts No.
  - Tracey: Refers to UHSC Constitution
  - Ryan: Emphasizes that if no one wants to chair this committee, we will just continue.

- Student Life (SLif)

- Student Government Operations (SGO)
  - Tracey: States that she sent out e-mails and posted on the UHSC group Facebook page about how other universities requirements to make changes to their SG's constitutions.
  - Sam: Inquires from delegation how their campuses are doing on sustainability and refers the motion made by UHSC.
  - Kaleo: Connects with to drop the tuition, making students responsible.
  - Tom: States that they asked irresolution to support sustainability efforts, by turning off electricity we cut costs.
  - Sam:
  - Ryan: Reminds delegation to contact Sam with sustainability statuses on their respective campuses.
11. Campus Reports
6.10.1 UH Mānoa ASUH
6.10.2 UH Mānoa GSO
6.10.3 UH Mānoa WSR-SBA
6.10.4 UH Hilo
• Melequini: Proclaims that 65% of students in a survey says that getting a degree was worth paying higher tuition costs.
6.10.5 UH West O'ahu
6.10.6 UH Maui College
6.10.7 Hawai'i CC
6.10.8 Honolulu CC
• Ryan: Describes that they started getting applications for their Chancellor search, will try to get one before the end of the semester.
6.10.9 Kapi'olani CC
6.10.10 Kaua'i CC
• Bethany: Explains that they received some grants and funds to do more events on campus.
• Lyle:
6.10.11 Leeward CC
• Tracey: Says she will be conducting a workshop at Ho'opili Hou.
6.10.12 Windward CC

Q&A w/ Regent Dahilig
Lyle: Asks Regent Dahilig to relating to UHSC delegates to having school

Matriculation and Auto Graduation/Certificate Proposals

Unfinished Business

New Business
Hilo Delegation meeting
• Melequini: Queries delegation about staying overnight for Hilo delegation meeting at Mauna Kea.
• Ryan: Responds he will see you if we can do it.
• Adrienne: Notifies Melequini that UHSC budget allots $500 to each campus for sponsoring delegation meetings. Paying for delegation to sleep overnight is beyond means. Reluctant to financially support idea. UH had homecoming game on same day as delegation meeting and Kauai had the BOR presentations which are different circumstances.
• Tracey: Adds that LCC agrees with Adrienne, we shouldn't use UHSC funds to have fun.
• Anna: Inquires if it is difficult to get access to the telescope.
• Melequini: Retorts no, just need to pay for the passes.

Announcements and Open Forum
9.1 N/A
• Anna: Announces that if anyone wants to talk about the U-Pass after the meeting, please come talk to her.

Adjournment
Meeting Adjourned @: 2117hrs