Called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Motion made by Kaleo Gagne to approve the minutes for December 1st, 2012, Second by Mike Sado, Unanimous, Oppose: 0  Ab: 0  Motion carries

Motion made by Kaleo Gagne to approve the agenda for January 27, 2013, Second by Mike Sado, Unanimous, Oppose: 0  Ab: 0  Motion carries

Roll Call (See attached roll call sheet)

Elections:

Neighbor Island at Large - Motion made by Kaleo Gagne to nominate John Oliver for Neighbor Island at Large, Second by Mike Sado, Chair Tracey Imper appoints John Oliver for Neighbor Island at Large.

Facilities and Budget Committee - Motion made by Kaleo Gagne to nominate EnJoli Alexander as Facilities and Budget Committee Chair, Second by Mike Sado, Chair: Tracey Imper appoints EnJoli Alexander for the position.

Unfinished Business: RCAC Resolution Update (Sommerset via Tracey email):

Aloha Caucus,

I would like to give you an update on the RCAC. Tracey was kind enough to put together a resolution (on pretty paper) so that we could pass it on to those in the Senate. On Friday, January 11th, the members of the Committee met with Senator Brian Taniguchi (head of the higher education committee) and Senator Donna Kim (Senate President). These meetings were to establish a relationship with the Senate. It seems the Senate is attempting attribute regent behavior to an individual or group. (i.e.RCAC) and we wanted to give a little synopsis of the way the committee works. In case you didn’t know, the committee interviews, does background checks and reference checks of the candidates and then forward 2-4 names per opening to the governor. Subsequently, the Governor selects and the Senate approves a candidate. The committee goes through an extensive process to make sure the candidates are as qualified as they can be. We narrow from approximately 40 applicants to between 2-4 per position (6-12 this year). The Committee really appreciates the caucus’s support.
As for where the committee is in the process of selection of regents, we are doing our interviews and will be sending names up soon. Please contact me with any questions. I just want to let you know that this is the place for our voice. The RCAC hears the students concerns, voiced through a student (in this case...me!). I try my best to make sure that the students are heard and the committee really respects the students concerns. This is our way of selecting our regents and we really need to support the process.

I know that Richard was thinking of drafting an even more in depth resolution of how our voice is heard at this meeting. I would love to see any of those products because the RCAC is really important and we should not let our voice be silenced without a fight!)

Sincerely,
Sommerset

-Kaleo Gagne: Run an email blast to all colleges about the resolution, set up online testimonies and make sure nothing is overstated. Try to get as many students as we can to testify at Legislature. College needs transparency.
-Mike Sado: Do not want the student’s voice to be taken away
-EnJoli Alexander: Most of the students do not know what will happen if their voices are taken away, need to let them know.
-Richard: Spoke to Donna Kim at Legislature, maybe a video can be created for students to see and then have online testimonies.
-Mike Sado: Word of mouth is sometimes the best way to let students know about what is going on: also students can submit online testimonies.
-Kaleo Gagne: The student’s voices need to be heard; leaders must take responsibility for our students and let them know what is going on.
-Mike Sado: Will go to all of the classes and speak to the students.
-Kaleo Gagne: If we can get 25 to 30 students to go and testify at legislature it would be great.
-Lyle: He will give the senators some incentive to address legislature.
-Tracey Imper: (Chair) will email Sommerset to work on a script for the video.

Unfinished Business:

Pau Violence- Many of the campuses do not have the money to do an event. It would be good if we had one whole semester ahead of time to do this activity.
-Tracey Imper: Can we revisit this during the summer?
-Lui: It is student government’s responsibility to get the information about student violence out.
-EnJoli Alexander: It takes time to plan out an event for this.
-Mike Sado: There are other organizations on campus that is addressing the problem.
-Kaleo Gagne: Will go and talk to the Health Care Provider.
-EnJoli Alexander: It is a disservice to victims, put the information out.
-Lui: Go back to your campuses and create awareness on the campus.
-**Kaleo Gagne:** Health center puts on displays about domestic violence and there is awareness on the campus.

-**Lui:** Student Government is responsible for making students aware of student violence that goes on in colleges. Students should be involved system wide. Each campus can do something on the same day at the same time.

-**Tracey Imper:** Let's choose a day and time during one month for each campus to do something about student violence. System Day of Awareness is in the month of April.

Break into committees

**Committee Meeting Updates:**

**Articulation: Richard**

Survey results:
5,307 students took the survey

2,1191 UH Manoa
  300
458 UH Hilo
300 UH Maui
674 Kapiolani CC
509 Leeward CC

Comments: KCC 115, Hilo 538, Maui 411 Survey was successful. Richard and Van will sift through the comments and filter the information.

Richard will email everyone the survey. We also talked about the Math program at UH Maui College and Leeward CC. Need caucus to help in some way to improve the Math or brainstorm of what we can do to better the department. Richard will look into the surveys that were done at the two colleges and discuss at next caucus meeting. Tracey and Richard will attend the meeting with the Vice-Chancellors on Feb 20th.

**Budget and Finance:**

**EnJoli Alexander:** Make the budget process more transparent to the students. Create a task force of students on campus to become advisors. (Transparency of the budget process)

**Campus Updates:**

**UH Manoa:** Marti Gras coming up, student government visits the Legislature, health fee proposal.
Manoa GSO: There was a budget cut, but the Chancellor matched funds. Bills in the Senate and the House, Trivia night, Resolution went through for the graduate students to get a raise. January 31st bills (SB606)(HB1045)(SB 389)

Manoa WSR-SBA: Jan 7-14 Constitution Convention would like to have the elections at the beginning of the semester instead at the end. Symposium to take place at the school, a well-known Professor passed away, there will be no school that day.

UH Hilo: Went to Legislature with 13 senators for three days, working on the fee increase, college Pharmacy and Accreditation.

UH West Oahu: absent

UH Maui: Restructuring student government to have a full executive board, culture day coming up, talent show, and car show.

Honolulu CC: Lost two senators, restructuring, Welcome Week went well, Upcoming food drive will be at the bowling alley (college night) all students can bowl for free, they just have to bring cans of food.

Kapiolani CC: Valentine’s Day Bash

Kauai CC: Recess and snack night for students, renovations on student lounge, lights installed to save energy, bus pass (BOR), Martin Luther King event, $4 student publication fees.

Leeward CC: Security petition generated, fee increase, bill generated, education building being worked on.

Executive Reports:

Treasurer: EnJoli Alexander Bal: $15,446
Secretary: Danette Arrojo (nothing)
Vice-Chair: Adrienne (Nothing)
Chair: Tracey Imper Windward CC and Hawaii CC
Lui: (Nothing)

Motion made by Kaleo Gagne to adjourn the meeting, Second by Mike Sado, meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.