



FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2021

Online via Zoom

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Present:

AGRUSA, Jerry; BANNA, Jinan; BEAULE, Christine; BERGSTROM, Kelly; BIAGIONI, Edoardo; BINSTED, Kim; BOVARD, Penny-Bee; BUSCH, Gerald; BUSINGER, Steven; CHANDRA, Nandini; CHEN, Roger; CLAPP, Justin; CONWAY, Thomas; COONEY, Michael; DAVIS, Katherine; EICHELBERGER, Ariana; GILLILAND, Betsy; GUENTNER, Erik; HARRIS, Chessa; HIGA, Jason Kenji; IRVIN, Vanessa; JOHANSEN, Morgen; JULIEN-CHINN, Francie; KAME'ELEIHIWA, Lilikala; KAO, Peiling; KIRS, Marek; LAWSON, Kenneth; LENTZ, Rachel; LENZ, Cory; MAYNARD, Ashley; MCKIMMY, Paul; MEDINA, Richard; MESSINGER, Thane; MIYAMOTO, Camaron; MOORE, Colin; NGUYEN, Trúc; NÍ DHONACHA, Siobhán; NUTE, Kevin; O'BRIEN, Maureen; PAULL, Robert; PETTIT, Jonathan; POTEIRA, James; RUTTENBERG, Kathleen; SAKAGUCHI, Ann; SALZER, Ku'uilei; SAND, Shannon; SANDERS, David; SINCLAIR, Gwen; SIPES, Brent; SORESEN IRVINE, Christine; SPEETJENS, Maile; STEPHENSON, Carolyn; STIRR, Anna; STOKES, Alexander; THOULAG, Jean; USPAL, William; UYEHARA, Lisa; VARGO, Stephen; VON DOETINCHEM, Sandra; WANG, George; WERTHEIMER, Andrew; WITHY, Kelley; YAGI, Seanyelle; and YUAN, Sarah.

Excused:

BATANI, Sayed; DE SILVA, Kahikina; FARRAH, Duncan; GAL, Roy; HOFFMANN, Kathryn; JHA, Rajesh; RAY, Stacy; and WONG, Vanessa.

Absent:

TALLQUIST, Michelle; and YOSHIOKA-MAXWELL, Amanda.

Guests:

CHANG; Healani; LEONG, Jaret; PEARSON, Wendy; and THORNE, Mark;

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair McKimmy called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

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2. MINUTES - March 24, 2021 [Senate \(DRAFT\) Minutes](#)

- Chair McKimmy indicated that suggested edits could be seen in the document. Secretary Nguyen explained the difference in voting results during the meeting versus in the minutes because of a non-senator voting during the business item Undergraduate Certificate in Queer Studies vote. Chair McKimmy asked for additional edits. None were offered. Chair McKimmy asked if there was any opposition to approving the minutes. None were raised.
 - Minutes approved and passed unanimously through acclamation.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Chair McKimmy reminded everyone about meeting protocols of raising hands in the participant panel and that Secretary Nguyen as co-host could request the floor verbally.
- SEC Elections and committee preferences timeline updates were provided. SEC elections were to close at 11:59 pm April 21, and 100% of Senator committee preferences were submitted.
- General Education Summer Institute applicants were reviewed by the Committee on Faculty Service, who made recommendations to the SEC. The SEC reviewed the list and sent recommendations to the organizers. SEC has been in discussion with President Lassner to have more UH Mānoa representatives on the Summer Institute with the rationale based on the relative proportion of undergraduates at UH Mānoa.
- Chair McKimmy provided testimony on April 15, 2021 at the Board of Regents meeting opposing the Phase I and Phase II Reorganizations. The BOR, however, still approved the reorganization.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

● CAB PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MFS BYLAWS (Second Reading)

Recommendation from the Committee on Administration and Budget (CAB)

Co-presenters: Ann Sakaguchi, Ashley Maynard & Erik Guentner

Supporting document:

- [Redline Bylaws \(PDF\)](#)
- [Amendments list, Bylaws](#)
- Senator Guentner (NATSCI) introduced Article III, Sec. 2. which adds that senators in their final year of eligibility may not stand for election to the SEC. An amendment to the amendment was brought forward to be considered from CAB to the Senate.
 - Amendment to Amendment: Change first part of sentence to read "Senators in the final year of a two-year term who have not been reelected to continue their service in the Senate for a subsequent term may not stand for election."
 - Chair McKimmy asked if any Senators opposed the amendment to the amendment. No opposition was voiced, and the amended language was accepted.
 - Senator Guentner explained that the Bylaws already state that SEC members are required to be Senators. The proposed language creates more internal consistency, eliminating a third term when Senators should time out of service and the possibility of skewing the proportional representation

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of a constituency. Chair McKimmy asked if any Senators opposed the amendment. No opposition was voiced.

- Motion passed unanimously through acclamation.
- Senator Maynard (SOCSCI) introduced Article III, Sec. 5, which in current duty (12) added the requirement that the representative to Graduate Council be on SEC or CAPP. She explained that the addition codifies what has already been done successfully for the last several years. Chair McKimmy asked if any Senators opposed the amendment. No opposition was voiced.
 - Motion passed unanimously through acclamation.
- Senator Maynard introduced Article III, Sec. 5, which in current duty (12) changed the requirement that a Senate representative "will serve" to "may be invited."
 - Senator Sorensen Irvine (ED) recommended replacing "may" with "shall" to indicate that the Dean of Graduate Division does need to invite either of the representatives to be the Chair of the Program Committee.
 - Senator Maynard moved to accept that amendment of replacing "may" with "shall." Senator Sorensen Irvine seconded. Chair McKimmy asked if any Senators opposed the revised amendment. No opposition was voiced.
 - Motion passed unanimously through acclamation.
 - Chair McKimmy asked if any Senators opposed the revised amendment. No opposition was voiced.
 - Motion passed unanimously through acclamation.
- Senator Guentner introduced Article IV, Sec. 2, to have the terminology "Continuing Committees" replace "Permanent Committees." The change was recommended to codify the distinction between committees that are composed entirely of Senators and committees that are partially composed of Senators. The committees composed partly of Senators are GEC and CEE with two Senators each. CAB was advised by the Parliamentary Advisor that the concept of standing vs. permanent committee is not recognized in the Robert's Rules of Order and that the current use of the terminology has created confusion. Additionally, Senator Guentner explained that the detailed text of the section is patterned directly on the previous section that addresses standing committees.
 - Senator Pettit (CALL) brought forward an amendment from members of GEC, CEE, and CFS to the preamble in Article IV, Sec. 2. The main goal with these three committees was to detail the fact that a Senator can serve on a Continuing Committee, but might not be serving as a Senator. Chair McKimmy asked Senator Pettit to provide the proposed language in the chat. UHMFS Staff Member Kinder added the proposed language for all to see on screen.
 - Senator Guentner expressed that he generally supported the amendment. However, he clarified that CAB had introduced the language of "Regular Senate Member" to cover this concern and advised that this terminology be included for purposes of consistency. Senator Maynard also suggested adding "Regular Senate Member" to the latter part of this amendment. Senator Sipes (CTAHR) cautioned that it should not be assumed that a Senator is on the GEC or CEE before recommendation by the CFS and appointment by the SEC. Chair McKimmy called for additional discussion. None were raised.

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- A motion to accept the revised amendments to the amendment was made as follows:

“Continuing Committees are those whose membership may contain Regular Senate Members as well as non-Senators. If an individual is already serving on a Continuing Committee as a non-Senator and is elected to the Senate, then they may continue their non-Senator service on the Continuing Committee, but if so, their service as a Regular Senate Member must be on a different committee. Alternatively, they may choose to resign their non-Senator role in order to be eligible to serve as a Senator on the same Continuing Committee.”

 - 44 (84.62%) aye, 8 (15.38%) nay, 4 abstentions
 - Amendments were supported.
- Discussion continued with concerns around terms of service for GEC and CEE and the need to use “Regular Senate Member” or a “Non-Senate Member” throughout the suggested amendments to amendments for consistency. Several Senators expressed concern that line-by-line revisions do not take into account the whole intent of amendments across the Bylaws for consistency, and the discussion of amendments by piecemeal is not helpful. Secretary Nguyen pointed out that the language as proposed by CAB was inaccurate in relation to the start date of a Senator’s term on the SEC. CAB members explained that Article IV, Section 2 referred to Continuing Committees and not the SEC. Secretary Nguyen supported earlier comments that the length of discussion and the complexity warranted referring the amendments back to CAB. Concerns were also raised by CAB about proposing to delete an entire paragraph and replacing it with a new paragraph and that such a replacement did not constitute an amendment-to-an-amendment but a new amendment. Chair McKimmy asked for advice from MFS Secretary/CFS liaison Truc Nguyen in her capacity as MFS Parliamentary Advisor, and she advised in favor of the amendment involving the paragraph replacement recommended by CFS/GEC/CEE; this advice was accepted by Chair McKimmy. A motion was made by Senator Sorensen Irvine to close debate. Seconded by Senator Sipes.
 - Motion to close debate
 - 49 (98.00%) aye, 1 (2.0%) nay, 1 abstention
 - Motion carried.
- A motion to accept the revised amendment from CFS/CEE/GEC to replace original language from line 617 to 621 with lines seen from 600 to 615 was made.
 - 21 (47.73%) aye, 23 (52.27%) nay, 12 abstentions
 - Amendment to the CAB amendment was not supported and did not carry.
- Discussion returned to Article IV, Sec. 2. A motion to remand amendments in Article IV, Sec. 2 by to CAB for consideration and discussion, with GEC, CEE, and CFS was made by Senator Sipes. Seconded by Senator Sorensen Irvine who suggested that CAB consult with CFS/GEC/CEE on the CFS/CEE/GEC proposed amendments in its review.
 - CAB noted it had not seen any of the CFS/CEE/GEC proposed amendments that involve deleting and replacing paragraphs in entirety.



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- Senator Potemra asked if there were other Articles for which GEC/CEE/CFS had proposed language that perhaps should be included in the motion. Senator Pettit mentioned there were several other amendments to the amendments to which Senator Paull requested the language be sent to the CAB. Senator Pettit clarified that the other proposed amendments are all in Article IV and confirmed that GEC/CEE/CFS proposed language would be sent that day (4/21) to CAB. Chair McKimmy asked if any Senators opposed remanding the amendment back to CAB. No opposition was voiced.
 - Motion passed unanimously through acclamation.
- Senator Guentner introduced Article VI, Sec.1 clause (d) that refers to terms of office for "regular Senate members" of "Continuing Committees". He noted that the topic is related to the previous discussion and motion that was made and passed to remand back to CAB.
 - A motion was made by Senator Sorensen Irvine to remand Article VI, Sec. 1 clause (d) back to CAB. Seconded by Senator Guentner. Senator Guentner stressed the importance of considering the Bylaws in its entirety and not in pieces and sections, which may have contributed to some earlier confusion. Chair McKimmy asked if any Senators opposed the remanding of the current amendment back to CAB. No opposition was voiced.
 - Motion passed unanimously through acclamation.
- Senator Sakaguchi (SOCSCI) introduced Article VI, Sec. 2, which changes clause (a) to reflect that CFS "submits" election results to SEC and SEC "certifies" election results. The amendment makes the language more consistent with three or four other sections in the Bylaws.
 - Senator Nguyen (ED) asked if Senator Sakaguchi would be willing to consider the next amendment together with this amendment, Article VI, Sec. 2 in clause (d) that the SEC "certifies" alternates. Senator Sakaguchi supported the suggestion.
 - A motion to amend Article VI, Sec. 2 to change clause (a) to reflect that CFS "submits" election results to SEC and SEC "certifies" election results was made.
 - Motion passed unanimously through acclamation.
 - A motion to amend Article VI, Sec. 2 to clarify that the SEC certifies alternates was made.
 - Motion passed unanimously through acclamation.
 - Senator Maynard presented an amendment to the amendment to add "(Regular, Special, or Other)" as related to elections in the first sentence to read "after any election, (Regular, Special, or Other)" and add "names of Senators who replace faculty due to resignations, leaves, retirements, etc. will be published on our Faculty Senate website for at least five years, noting who has been replaced." A motion was made and seconded to accept this amendment.
 - Motion passed unanimously through acclamation.
- Senator Sakaguchi (SOCSCI) introduced the amendment to Article III, Sec. 2, which adds "The Senate Executive Committee members, elected to represent the faculty (I, R, S, A, B, J, M), shall endeavor to respect and represent the faculty as a whole, must be cognizant of the faculty needs of the entire campus, and must recognize that faculty have varying opinions." She explained that the new language refers to the organization of the SEC. The purpose of the SEC is stated as serving as agents of the Congress and

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Senate, and SEC is the leadership group. The language is an expansion of that definition and is consistent with other parts of the section.

- Senator Potemra asked why the language did not apply to all Senators and why it needed to be repeated here again. Discussion also included questions of why the specific language applies to SEC members but not to other Senators. Responses included that the SEC is the leadership group representing the Senate and Congress and that the language is new, so appears only in this section as it pertains to the SEC. Additionally, the SEC members while on the SEC represent all faculty, not just their constituencies; hence, the recognition of different perspectives and diversity of opinions are important. Individual Senators represent their constituencies when on other committees, but the SEC represents the entire campus. Chair McKimmy invited additional discussion. None were raised.
- Motion to add new language to Article III, Sec. 2
 - 32 (61.54%) aye, 20 (38.46%) nay, 5 abstentions
 - Amendment was supported.
- Senator Maynard introduced the amendment to Article VI, Sec. 3. where changes "Permanent Committee" to "Continuing Committee" to the sentence that the first meeting of each Standing and Permanent Committee shall be convened by the respective SEC liaison. Because the language involves language related to Continuing Committees, Chair McKimmy suggested it also be remanded to CAB. The concern was also raised that the SEC Liaison convening the first GEC meeting did not work since the GEC convenes before the SEC Liaison is determined.
 - A motion to remand this section back to CAB was made by Senator Maynard. Seconded by Senator Sorensen Irvine. Chair McKimmy asked if any Senators opposed the remanding the amendment back to CAB. No opposition was voiced.
 - Motion passed unanimously through acclamation.
- Senator Maynard introduced the amendment to Article IV, Sec. 1 where in the current clause (h) "transfer" requirements would be added to the duties of CAPP. The rationale is that CAPP handles academic policies, including enrollment and admissions and these policies affect transfer students. It was noted that the percentage of transfer students has increased in recent years. The concern is that curriculum and admissions, which includes transfers, should not move to the system level because the UHPA Contract Section R20 states that academic policy is the province of the faculty.
 - Senator Beaule shared that there is complexity of transfer requirements and that the work of the General Education Committee with the Council of Academic Advisors is also to refine transfer and articulation policies. She requested that language be more specific if involving CAPP because the current wording is vague. Senator Stephenson, as Chair of CAPP, stated that CAPP members did not have an issue with the language and have concerns that the system will take over admissions and transfers. Other discussion included support for transfer to be in the province of CAPP. Senator Sipes stated that curriculum belonged to the faculty so these matters needed to be brought to the MFS. Chair McKimmy invited additional discussion. None were raised.
 - 22 (46.81%) aye, 25 (53.19%) nay, 7 abstentions
 - Amendment was not supported.

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- Chair McKimmy recognized it was 5:00 pm and asked for the Senate's support to complete the business items. No motion to adjourn was made.

- **CAB PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MFS RULES OF ORDER (Second Reading)**

Recommendation from the Committee on Administration and Budget (CAB)

Co-presenters: Ann Sakaguchi, Ashley Maynard & Erik Guentner

Supporting document:

- [Redline Rules of Order \(PDF\)](#)
- [Amendments list, Rules of Order](#)
- Senator Sakaguchi introduced the amendment to Rules of Order Article I, Section 2, which adds new language "Regular business is that which is voted out of a Standing Committee and placed on a meeting agenda by the Senate Executive Committee." She explained that the current Rules of Order addresses how "New Business" can be brought to the floor but not Regular Business. This new section serves that purpose. She also explained that in past decades, regular business items are considered to have been moved and seconded and may be voted on at the Congress or Senate meetings. This practice has been questioned in a past MFS meeting in October 2019 by the Parliamentary Advisor, however the Senate voted to keep past practices. The amendment here is to codify the long-standing practice. Chair McKimmy asked if any Senators opposed the amendment. No opposition was voiced.
 - Motion passed unanimously through acclamation.

- **RESOLUTION TO INCREASE STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING SUPPORT AT UHM**

Recommendation from the Committee on Student Affairs (CSA)

Presenter: Lisa Uyehara, Chair

- Secretary Nguyen confirmed there was still quorum.
- Chair McKimmy [presented on screen](#) several edits, which mostly spelled out acronyms, as amendments
- CSA Chair Uyehara (ED) presented the resolution. She explained that CSA members have worked on the resolution since the beginning of the term and they worked collectively with the JABSOM Department of Psychiatry and the Counseling and Student Development Center. They also listened to feedback from GSO and ASUH representatives. Senator Uyehara clarified that the hui in the resolution is not CSA, but the JABSOM Department of Psychiatry and Counseling and Student Development Center who also intended to work with the School of Social Work and Public Health as well as the Department of Psychology.
 - Chair McKimmy opened the floor for discussion of the amendments. No discussion was raised.
 - Motion passed unanimously through acclamation.
 - Chair McKimmy opened discussion of the amended resolution. Senator Sorensen Irvine shared that Provost Bruno reached out to the SEC regarding this resolution, and he shared (via email) that he is "in the final stages of awarding funds and positions...to do exactly what is being asked for in the resolution." Provost Bruno also shared that he is 100% supportive of this resolution.



Chair McKimmy invited additional discussion on the revised resolution. No additional discussion was raised. Chair McKimmy asked if any Senator was opposed to the resolution. No opposition was raised.

- Motion passed unanimously through acclamation.

5. BUSINESS

- **RESOLUTION CREATING ALICE AUGUSTA BALL DAY AND AN ANNUAL AWARD IN HER NAME RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH BY A GRADUATE STUDENT**

Recommendation from the Committee on Professional Matters (CPM)

Presenter: Camaron Miyamoto, Chair

- At 5:09 pm, Chair McKimmy inquired if there was still quorum. Secretary Nguyen confirmed yes.
- CPM Vice Chair Busch (JABSOM) presented in place of CPM Chair Miyamoto who needed to depart at 5:00 pm. Senator Busch introduced the resolution to honor chemist Alice Augusta Ball by establishing an annual award in her name. Dr. Ball in 1916 made major contribution to the treatment of Hansen's disease, and she is credited with helping develop what would remain the leading form of treatment for Hansen's disease for over two decades. CPM has reached out to Lt. Governor Josh Green to see if he could assist with the effort, which will involve the issuing a proclamation and commissioning of art in her honor. The resolution also calls for the establishment of an annual award to a UH Mānoa graduate student for outstanding research that contributes to the well being of the people of Hawai'i. Senator Busch with CPM Chair Miyamoto thanked the members of CPM for their work and collaborative efforts. Discussion included asking if the award would be only for medical or chemistry research or any field. Response was that it could be for any field. Chair McKimmy invited additional discussion. No additional discussion was raised. Chair McKimmy asked if any Senator was opposed to the resolution. No opposition was raised.
- Motion passed unanimously through acclamation.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- None

7. ADJOURNMENT

- Chair McKimmy thanked Senators for staying late to complete business.
- Chair McKimmy declared the meeting adjourned at 5:14pm.

Respectfully submitted by Truc Nguyen, MFS Secretary

Approved on May 12, 2021