



## UHHSIA SENATE REPORTS

NAME: President Kelson Ho'omano Pakele  
RPT TYPE: Executive Committee Presidential/Caucus  
SENATE MEETING: 09-014  
DAY OF WEEK: Friday  
DATE: October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

### Presidential Report:

- 1) Data Director/Constitutional Amendments
  - I've talked with Ellen Kusano about the status of filling the Data Director position. We do need to get the constitutional amendments approved first before we can appoint or approved anyone officially in the position. Because this may take a while and need this position filled, it was suggested that we hire an interim member to hold this position until we can make it official. The problem is that whomever we hire as an interim Data Director is not promised the position once our amendments have been approved. We must still open up the application process and allow for anyone to have equal chance at being officially appointed.
  - The only other option is that we have one of our current senators be the consistent interim Data Director. Over the past few meetings we've been asking who would like to take minutes. This is different because if we hire an interim Data Director from within' UHHSIA they need to consistently be the one taking minutes every week and not just once in a while.
- 2) Commencement
  - The 2009 Fall Commencement will be held on Saturday December 19, 2009. It will be held in the UH Hilo New Gymnasium. The Commencement Committee Chair, Judith Fox-Goldstein has contacted me and we will be working with her about anything Commencement related.

### UH Student Caucus:

- 1) The Guest Speakers at UHSC Retreat:
  - Ginger Takeshita (Board of Regents Student Regent Selection Committee)
  - John Morton (Vice President of CommunityColleges)
  - MRC Greenwood (UH System President)
  - Grant Teichman (B.O.R. Student Regent)
  - Leon Richards (Chancellor of Kapi'olani CC)
  - Jody Ito (IT Information Technology at Manoa)
- 2) Discussion with John Morton
  - Legislature made cuts last Spring to balance the budget

- The Council of Revenues lowered the Legislature's figured drastically (This council is who decides how much money the state gets)
  - There will be some additional tuition revenue but it won't increase further than what was already discussed
  - In the Community Colleges there is a huge interest in increasing the graduation rate of native Hawaiian students
  - There is a plan for at least 5000 more students to graduate per year within the entire system
  - One of the huge reasons people don't graduate is because they don't have enough money (refer to Strategic Outcomes Brochure)
  - A big part of what the University and Strategic Plan is about focusing on helping people staying and living in Hawai'i after they graduate, not just focusing on them graduating.
  - Back during the last recession because of the gulf war, plane loads of tourists never left and thus a huge budget cut much similar to this time around. Since they decided to cut building and maintenance instead of classes, we're all still paying for that decision now, thus always difficulty with building and maintenance.
- 3) Discussion with Jody Ito
- Financial Aid maybe in jeopardy if the UH system IT standards are not met
  - How do we deter against illegal downloaders?
  - Somehow let's get the word out to our respective campuses
  - Possible solutions are to blast everywhere what the sanctions are on the UH Portal, Code of Conduct, and through flyers/tent cards etc.
- 4) Executive Board of UH Student Caucus 09-10
- O'ahu at Large: Keokolo Akina from Leeward Community Collge
  - Neighbor Island at Large: Michael Sado from Hawai'i Community College
  - Secretary/Data Director: Kelsea Shiosaki from University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu
  - Treasurer: John Cando from Kapi'olani Community College
  - Vice Chair: Matthew Williams from Graduate Student Organization of UH Manoa
  - Executive Chair: Kelson Ho'omano Pakele from UH Hilo