

LSG Senate Minutes

Thursday, October 16, 2014

LIB 118, William S. Richardson School of Law, 2515 Dole Street,

Honolulu, HI 96822

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Roll Call (2 min)

Matt Tsujimura, 2L Senator
Raven Sevilleja, 2L Senator
Mariss Agena, 2L Senator
Katherine Richards, Part Time Senator
Louise Togia, 3L Senator
Norman Wong, 3L Senator
Nina Ki, 1L Senator
Sai Grey, 2L Senator
Kamakani, 1L Senator
Mike Wingfield, Part time
Christine, Part time
Marissa Agena, 3L Senator

Present By Proxy:
Jeremy Butterfield, 1L Senator

Guest:
Tom Michener, Justice
Jordan Inufuku, 3L guest
Sarah Sheffield, 3L guest

Absent, not voting: 3
Z Aki, Ulu Lehua Senator
Justine Chmielewski, Ulu Lehua Senator

III. Chair Report (3 min)

IV. Approve Minutes

Senator Matt Tsujimura moves to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2014, **Senator Raven Sevilleja** seconds.

All in favor:

Matt Tsujimura, 2L Senator
Raven Sevilleja, 2L Senator

Mariss Agena, 2L Senator
Katherine Richards, Part Time Senator
Louise Togia, 3L Senator
Norman Wong, 3L Senator
Nina Ki, 1L Senator
Sai Grey, 2L Senator
Kamakani , 1L Senator
Mike Wingfield, Part time
Christine, Part time
Marissa Agena, 3L Senator

V. New Business (115 mins)

A. Adopt William S. Richardson School of Law LSG By-Laws

a. Executive

Floor is open to comments and debate: No comments

Senator Matt Tsujimura moves to adopt the William S. Richardson School of Law LSG By Laws pertaining to the Executive branch of the William S. Richardson School of Law LSG, leaving the By Laws open for technical edits and formatting. **Senator Raven Sevilleja** seconds.

All in favor:

Matt Tsujimura, 2L Senator
Raven Sevilleja, 2L Senator
Mariss Agena, 2L Senator
Katherine Richards, Part Time Senator
Louise Togia, 3L Senator
Norman Wong, 3L Senator
Nina Ki, 1L Senator
Sai Grey, 2L Senator
Kamakani , 1L Senator
Mike Wingfield, Part time
Christine, Part time
Marissa Agena, 3L Senator

b. Judiciary

Floor is open to comments and debate:

Justice Michener: the Judiciary has their own rules in development, could we discuss the current rules of procedure and consider the rules before passing the By-Laws

Senator Sevilleja: Could we adjust the current By-Laws to fit your rules?

Justice Michener: Rules created so far are just rules for procedure. Idea was to do those first and then address record keeping and swearing in ceremonies. They would like to address those rules after the rules of procedures have been set.

Senator Togia: You're asking if we can hold off on voting on your By-Laws until we sit down and sync with you?

Senator Sevilleja: If we took out the specific roles and responsibilities regarding the Judiciary

Senator Agena: My understanding from ConCon is that we are filling the holes in the Constitution with the By-Laws and their rules of procedure should fall in line with the By-Laws.

Senator Tsujimura: Apologizes for not sending out the Rules of Procedure for the Judiciary. The email is sent out to the Senators in attendance

Senator Togia: Agrees with Senator Agena and disagrees on holding off on Judiciary By-Laws.

Senator Sevilleja: Yes, the By-Laws are filling the gaps and does want to finalize the By-Laws. If we can get rid of the overlap, that would be optimal.

Justice Michener: Section E regarding the petition to the judiciary. Right now the en banc and the way to

Senator Wingfield: The By-Laws are too granular in their approach?

Justice Michener: I don't know the overlap.

Senator Tsujimura: The purpose is to plug the holes in the Constitution. With no disrespect to the Judiciary, we have people who were at ConCon, so we should leave deference to those that were there. They know best what they left out and what they feel needs to be plugged. He thanks the former 2L Senators for drafting these By-Laws. If we're all of the same mind that these are to plug the holes, then we should.

Senator Togia: These sections can be changed, right? Then the judiciary can come to the next meeting

Jordan Inufuku: Not sure how appropriate it is to look at the Judiciary's rules of procedure. We tried to talk about the ByLaws with the Judiciary and Executive about this, and the Senate was told to make the laws, as is their power to do, and the other branches can fill in their rules of procedure around the rules. They can petition to the Senate for amendments.

Louise Togia moves to adopt the William S. Richardson School of Law LSG By Laws pertaining to the Judicial branch of the William S. Richardson School of Law LSG, leaving the By Laws open for technical edits and formatting. **Raven Sevilleja** seconds.

All in favor:

Matt Tsujimura, 2L Senator

Raven Sevilleja, 2L Senator

Mariss Agena, 2L Senator

Katherine Richards, Part Time Senator

Louise Togia, 3L Senator

Norman Wong, 3L Senator

Nina Ki, 1L Senator

Sai Grey, 2L Senator

Kamakani, 1L Senator

Mike Wingfield, Part time

Christine, Part time

Marissa Agena, 3L Senator

Opposed: None

Abstaining:

Katherine Richards, Part Time Senator

Christine , Part time

c. Senate

Floor is open to comments and debate: No comments

Senator Tsujimura moves to adopt the William S. Richardson School of Law LSG By Laws pertaining to the legislative branch of the William S. Richardson School of Law LSG, leaving the By Laws open for technical edits and formatting. **Senator Agena** seconds.

All in favor:

Matt Tsujimura, 2L Senator

Raven Sevilleja, 2L Senator

Mariss Agena, 2L Senator

Katherine Richards, Part Time Senator

Louise Togia, 3L Senator

Norman Wong, 3L Senator

Nina Ki, 1L Senator

Sai Grey, 2L Senator

Kamakani , 1L Senator

Mike Wingfield, Part time

Christine, Part time

Marissa Agena, 3L Senator

B. Elect Senate Chair

3L Senator Marissa Agena nominates **2L Senator Matt Tsujimura** for the Senate Chair.

Senator Sevilleja seconds the nomination.

2L Senator Tsujimura nominates **3L Senator Agena**. She declines her nomination.

The floor is open to questions and comments of the nominee.

Senator Agena: Having someone who has served as a Senator and knows about the transition would be beneficial

Senator Togia moves to elect a new Senate Chair. **Senator Kamakani** seconds.

All in favor:

Raven Sevilleja, 2L Senator

Mariss Agena, 2L Senator

Katherine Richards, Part Time Senator

Louise Togia, 3L Senator

Norman Wong, 3L Senator

Nina Ki, 1L Senator

Sai Grey, 2L Senator

Kamakani , 1L Senator

Mike Wingfield, Part time

Christine, Part time

Marissa Agena, 3L Senator

Abstaining:
Matt Tsujimura, 2L Senator

VI. Adjournment

Senator Kamakani moves to adjourn the LSG Senate meeting of October 16, 2014. Raven Sevilleja seconds.

Submitted by:

Katherine Vessels
LSG Senate Chair