



# STUDENT CONGRESS

## The Associated Students of Kapi'olani Community College - Student Congress 2017-2018

### Resolution (#02-17/18)

**Regarding:** Associated Students of Kapi'olani Community College - Student Congress (ASKCC-Student Congress) are in support of a U-PASS student fee to begin Fall 2019 -

**WHEREAS,** ASKCC-Student Congress is one of the official Chartered Student Organizations (CSO) and Authorized Governance Organizations (AGO) of Kapi'olani Community College, representing nearly 7,000 part time/full time students; a diverse student body of local, out of state, and international students; and,

**WHEREAS,** Section 13-2.1 (j) of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, authorizes the City and County of Honolulu to partner with colleges and universities for a public transportation pass program; and,

**WHEREAS,** The current agreement made with the City and County of Honolulu and Kapi'olani Community College (KCC) is an opt-in option for KCC students to purchase a U-PASS at a rate of \$225 a semester and is subject to an increase due to inflation; and,

**WHEREAS,** ASKCC-Student Congress analyzed the reports of the usage of the current U-Pass via the Office of Student Activities and has noted the steady increase of cost and simultaneously a decrease in students purchasing a U-PASS. Since the Spring semester in 2014, the total amount of Kapi'olani Community College students that have purchased a U-PASS has drastically dropped by 29% and their ridership is expected to continually decrease. In the Spring Semester in 2014, a TheBus U-Pass was available to Kapi'olani Community College students for a one time fee of \$150, when a total of 1,369 students purchased a U-PASS. As of last year during the Fall 2016 semester, the cost of the U-PASS has increased to \$225. The amount of ridership however, decreased to a total of 975 Kapi'olani Community College students; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Associated Students of Kapi'olani Community College - Student Congress, through their annual survey report in the 2016-17 school year, identified that the cost of the U-PASS was one of the major concerns students had. The current option regarding TheBus

U-PASS is no longer feasible for Kapi‘olani Community College students and thus, ASKCC-Student Congress would like to begin negotiations for a new proposal; and,

**WHEREAS**, ASKCC-Student Congress began negotiations with the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu in the Summer of 2017; and,

**WHEREAS**, Originally agreed to a proposal on October 25, 2017 of \$40 a semester with a minimum of 7,000 students. However, this was declined by Interim Chancellor Louise Pagotto and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Brenda Ivelisse due to the steady decrease in enrollment at the College and that the minimum of 7,000 students may not be feasible,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, ASKCC-Student Congress has re-negotiated with a representative from the Department of Transportation Services Public Transit Division, Eric Stoetzer. On January 9, 2018, an agreement was made of a new proposal that was deemed feasible for KCC which entails \$40 a semester with a minimum of 6,000 students; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, ASKCC-Student Congress next step is to conduct a campus wide survey, public forums, and tabling to maintain an open line of communication with the KCC student population and ensure the student body is in favor of the new proposed fee. ASKCC-Student Congress is expected to have this proposal presented at the Board of Regents meeting on March 22, 2018 at the College. The new student fee for the U-PASS is projected to be implemented starting in Fall of 2019 semester if all necessary approvals are acquired.

This resolution was voted on January 22, 2018:

9 In Favor

0 Not In Favor

0 Abstentions



*2017-2018 ASKCC-Student Congress, President*