

# ***GENERAL EDUCATION POLICIES & PRACTICES***

*A Handbook for the UH Mānoa Faculty Senate's  
General Education Committee and its Boards*

*Foundations Board*

*Contemporary Ethical Issues Board*

*Hawaiian, Asian, & Pacific Issues Board*

*Oral Communication Board*

*Writing Board*

## ***Purpose and Organization of the Handbook***

The General Education Office (GEO) has assembled this handbook for faculty groups that govern UHM's General Education (Gen Ed) program. Its purpose is to provide information for the members of the General Education Committee and its Boards. The handbook is organized by area of responsibility. The Table of Contents and Index provide details.

Faculty governance of the Gen Ed program involves six main areas, each overseen by a faculty group:

1. General Education Committee (GEC)
2. Foundations Board (F)

Focus Boards:

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| 3. Contemporary Ethical Issues (E)       | 5. Oral Communication (O) |
| 4. Hawaiian, Asian, & Pacific Issues (H) | 6. Writing (W)            |

These documents guide the operations of the faculty groups (available online; see Appendix *Web Sites*):

- *Charter of the Faculty Congress and Senate, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa* (May 2004)
- *Bylaws of the Faculty Congress and Senate, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa* (May 2004)
- *Faculty Governance of University of Hawai'i at Mānoa General Education* (Dec 6, 2000)
- *Memo of Understanding Regarding Relationships Between the Mānoa Faculty Senate/SEC, the GEC, and the Gen Ed Boards* (April 2003)
- General Education policies (determined by the GEC; ongoing, chapter 8 of this handbook)

### **General Education Office (GEO)**

The GEO provides staff support to the GEC and its subsidiary Boards. It was established by the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) and is built upon the existing staff and facilities of the Mānoa Writing Program (MWP).

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