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Liaison Reports for 03/09/05 GEC Meeting

1. E Board
Emily Hawkins, Liaison

2. H Board
Jon Goss, Liaison
   February 26, 2005
   The Board discussed several proposals that circulated. The Board still feels that a “unit
   mastery” course in Linguistics cannot satisfy the H-Focus hallmarks since there are no
   meetings with instructors and the spoken language is not used. The Board also feels that
   courses designated “Staff” submitted without a syllabus should not be considered: the
   Board insists that a detailed syllabus and bibliography is required. There are many
   courses “pending”: communication with instructors has been delayed, but also many
   instructors have not provided additional materials as requested. The Chair reported that
   one instructor has withdrawn a proposal following requests for clarification of
   “intersection” and will seek an alternative focus designation (which suggests that faculty
   do seek Focus designations in order to increase enrollment).

   March 7, 2005
   The H-Board circulated 12 pending proposals that had been supported by new materials
   submitted by instructors. There is still some confusion over native voice: the book
   “Peoples and cultures of Hawaii” was offered by one instructor as an example, and
   Gavan Daws, as when he speaks of Hawaiian judge, William Richardson, was offered by
   another. There was a consensus that too many professors do not seem to know which
   ocean they live in: there is very little attention paid to the Pacific Islands. Courses on
   tourism in Hawai`i, for example, claim to offer an H-Focus when they are only about
   Hawai`i and fail to take this opportunity for a comparative approach. It is also felt by the
   Board that faculty do not understand, as one member put it, that “You need to design a
   course to do it. You can’t just take an old course and dress it up”. It is hoped that the
   presentation by Trisha Watson at the workshop made this clear, but unfortunate a
   recording is not available to send to faculty. One course was approved for H-Focus. One
   course had been withdrawn with the instructor obviously not happy about comments on
   the lack of native voice. Eleven were classified as still pending and the Chair would
   again approach them for clarification.

3. O Board
Dick Chadwick, Liaison

4. W Board

5. Foundations Board
Megumi Taniguchi, Liaison

6. HSL
Patricia Fryer, Liaison