Liaison Reports for 01/26/05 GEC Meeting

1. E Board
Emily Hawkins, Liaison

2. H Board
Jon Goss, Liaison

3. O Board
Dick Chadwick, Liaison
The O-Focus Board met Friday as scheduled. Two courses were approved for O-Focus. Workshops were planned for 3/11 or 3/18, and for 4/8 or 4/15, which would be training session(s) on how to do O-Focus courses. Emphasis would be on one or more of the following: public speaking, interviewing, and small group dynamics and decisionmaking. Content and timing depends on availability of staff to run the sessions.

For the GEC meeting agenda:

The Board had an inquiry for the GEC: Are there any guidelines for the total number of Focus designations a course might be given? For instance, if a course is approved by each of the appropriate Boards for E, O, H, and W, may the course be listed as meeting all four requirements? (I gather that this has happened in the past.)

A policy question is implicit: Is there a preferred minimum total number of course credits through which to meet all Focus requirements? The question came up because it was noted that a particular instructor was applying for many of these designations for the same course. In its discussion of the inquiry, the Board noted that its specific responsibility is limited to O-Focus approval.

I gathered that unless the GEC provides guidelines that recommend otherwise, the Board would continue to make decisions solely on the basis of meeting O-Focus hallmarks and not concern itself with the total number of Focus designations being requested for a given course.

4. W Board

5. Foundations Board
Megumi Taniguchi, Liaison

6. HSL
Patricia Fryer, Liaison