

General Education Committee
March 9, 2007
Hawai'i Hall 208
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by the chair.

- Present: Helen Baroni (chair), Richard Bigus, John Engel, Jon Goss, Susan Johnson, Megumi Taniguchi, George Wong.
Ron Cambra (OVCAA), David Chin (SEC), Jan Heu (A&R), Todd Sammons (GEO), Helene Sokugawa (A&S), Monica Stitt-Bergh (GEO).
- Absent: Cristina Bacchilega, Bob Campbell (FRAUHM).

MINUTES: The minutes and liaison reports of February 23, 2007, were approved as submitted.

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Foundations (F) Board recommendations (Stitt-Bergh)
F Board recommends approval of BOT 105, FG (new); GEOG 151, FG renewal.
(BOT 105: The department is in the process of renewing the course's H Focus designation; if approved, the department will choose between FG and H.)
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Diversification recommendations (Heu)
The following Honolulu CC courses are recommended for articulation as equivalent courses: BIOL 171, DB; BIOL 171L, DY.
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.
3. TIM in Singapore Plan (Stitt-Bergh)
The GEC reviewed the draft response (attached).
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the response as modified and to send it to appropriate parties (TIM, VCAA, SEC). The motion passed unanimously.
4. Faculty Senate Motions (Johnson, Taniguchi, Stitt-Bergh)
The motions (attached) to modify the UHM General Education requirements were discussed and voted on and will be forwarded to the FS SEC.
 - a) Remove the General Education Foundations Global and Multicultural Perspectives "exclusionary rule."
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the motion as drafted. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b) Change the method of appointing members to the General Education Committee (GEC) and related Boards.
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the motion as drafted. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c) Change the General Education Wild Card option to a Focus Exemption.
Modifications to the text were discussed.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the motion as modified. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Foundations Board Liaison Report (Johnson)
F Board is considering establishing a discussion list that will foster systemwide discussions of Foundations issues and concerns by instructors and other interested parties.
GEC has no objection to the F Board proceeding with the distribution list.
6. GEO report: Articulation (Stitt-Bergh)
 - a) The Foundations Board is preparing to send the same renewal materials sent to UHM departments to the community colleges which have opted to continue course-by-course articulation. GEO has cautioned that such a plan might not be well received and has suggested alternatives. Cambra, AVCUE, will attend the next F Board meeting (3/13). Sunset dates for F courses have been extended indefinitely pending renewal review.
 - b) Diversification review of system Diversification courses: The subcommittee is considering mirroring the Mānoa process: the community college's department reviews its own courses, and reports its recommendations to the GEC; the subcommittee negotiates if needed. The subcommittee is now verifying the accuracy of the lists that would be sent to each system campus.
 - c) HAP articulation: Systemwide efforts are moving forward towards HAP articulation based on the Foundations model. Eight campuses have participated in the two meetings. A draft HAP articulation agreement will be discussed at the next meeting (3/22). The goal is to complete the draft this semester with ratification by system Faculty Senates and implementation in the fall.
7. Chair's report (Baroni)
 - a) The WASC visit has been postponed to fall when the new Chancellor is in office.
 - b) Faculty Senate Task Force on Assessment proposal: Partial funding might be available; SEC would like guarantees that full implementation will occur within a specified time.

WRAP UP

1. The TIM response will be modified and delivered to TIM.
2. The Gen Ed motions will be prepared for the SEC.
3. The GEC has no objections to an F Board distribution list.
4. The Diversification subcommittee will meet next Wednesday, 3/14.
5. Continuing Gen Ed simplification efforts: information will be emailed to the GEC for discussion at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Friday, 3/23/07, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Hawai'i 208.

If you have any agenda items, please email Baroni <hbaroni@hawaii.edu>.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Submitted by Barbara Mueller-Ali, Recorder