

General Education Committee
March 23, 2007
Hawai'i Hall 208
Meeting Notes

Present: Helen Baroni (chair), Jon Goss, Megumi Taniguchi, George Wong.
Bob Campbell (FRAUHM), David Chin (SEC), Barbara Mueller-Ali (GEO), June Nii (A&R), Helene Sokugawa (A&S), Monica Stitt-Bergh (GEO).

Absent: Cristina Bacchilega, Richard Bigus, John Engel, Susan Johnson.
Ron Cambra (OVCAA), Jan Heu (A&R), Todd Sammons (GEO).

A quorum was lacking. The GEC will vote on Diversification and Foundations recommendations by email.

Next meetings: Friday, 4/13 and 4/27, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Hawai'i 208.

Members chose to stay and informally discussed the following:

1. Women's Campus Club (WCC) is encouraging everyone to purchase U.S. postage stamps commemorating the UH Centennial.
2. Chair's report.
 - a) 3/21/07 Faculty Senate (FS) meeting: The three Gen Ed motions passed: FG exclusionary rule; board appointments; Wild Card/Focus Exemption.
 - b) GEC annual report is due by mid-April to the FS.
 - c) System HAP efforts are progressing well; details of the articulation agreement are in the final stages of discussion.
3. Prioritized list of Gen Ed Improvements/Simplifications (attached)
 - a) Hawaiian/Second Language (#6): Chin checking on procedure for amending 4/12/2000 resolution.
 - b) Mentoring (#3): 10/10/05 GEC memo sought to remove GEC from involvement in mentoring. Implementation would require a motion.
 - c) Merging Diversification AHL into one category (#4): A discussion should be initiated this semester. System consultation will be required.
 - d) Major requirements (#5): Questions were raised as to who is responsible for implementing and overseeing, VCAA or GEC.
 - e) Completing Foundations (F) courses in the first year (#7): Implementation lies with the availability of seats in particular F areas: not enough FW seats are offered. FG has an excess of seats; transferring TAs to departments with FS and FW courses would help.

Barbara Mueller-Ali
Recorder