Contact Barbara at the Gen Ed Office <muellera@hawaii.edu>, if you want an item added to the agenda.

**Activity**

**Action**

Call to Order

Minutes & liaison reports of Dec 4, 2006

Approval

**ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. School of TIM in Singapore (Chin)

   Discuss Gen Ed implications: Temasek University will teach undergraduate lower division courses, including UHM core courses that satisfy foundations and diversification requirements. [See p.2]

2. Diversification recommendations (Stitt-Bergh)

   Vote [see email attachment]

3. Modified procedure for proposals requesting 2 or more Focus areas (Baroni)

   Approve procedural modification, [see p. 2]

4. Policy language for delegating approval [GE improvement] (Baroni)

   Approve policy language for delegating approval authority to Focus Boards. [see p. 2]

5. GEO Report (Sammons)

   Update:
   - Summer and Fall Focus proposals/designations
   - Foundations renewals: FS, FG, FW
   - FS Task Force on Assessment
   - Systemwide videoconference on F and H multicampus articulation procedures

6. Wrap up and adjournment

   Next meeting; any assignments, agenda items.
The SEC received for review from Neil Smatresk this business plan for a School of TIM in Singapore. We are referring it to the GEC. I read through the TIM proposal and it is definitely more than just a TIM issue because the Singapore host university Temasek will teach undergraduate lower division courses including UHM core courses that satisfy foundations and diversification requirements. Also, TIM will only supervise the upper division courses, leaving the supervision of the lower division courses uncertain. Also it is doubtful whether TIM has the expertise to supervise core requirements even if they were to assume supervision. TIM has obviously put a lot of thought into ensuring the quality of the upper division TIM requirements, but has left the quality of the UHM Core courses completely to the whims of the host Temasek university. This is more than just a matter of accepting transfer students from Temasek university into the UH Singapore TIM Center, because this will be an institutionalized transfer path, so deserves greater attention to quality. Also the proposal claims that the B.S. "degree program offered in Singapore will be identical to that offered in Hawaii using the same curriculum." Since a degree is more than just the upper division courses, we need to ensure that the core courses offered in Singapore meet the same stringent UH standards as the upper division courses.

3. **Procedural modification for Focus**
   Require request for 2 or more Focus designations to include an integrated syllabus which clearly states the Focus areas, grading policies, and assignments. If the instructor has any existing Focus approvals for the course, they must be renewed when the application for an additional Focus area is requested. Effective Spring 08.

4. **Policy language for delegating approval**
   The GEC authorizes the Focus boards to act on its behalf to approve Focus designations when the instructor requests 1 or 2 Focus areas, effective Spring 07. Boards will continue to recommend designations to the GEC when a) the instructor requests 3 or 4 Focus areas, or b) the department requests a course-based Focus designation.