

Minutes of the General Education Committee  
Wednesday, September 10, 2008  
Hawai'i Hall 208

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Mike Kirk-Kuwaye, Chair.

Present: Susan Johnson, Mike Kirk-Kuwaye, Mike Nassir (arrived at 1:43 p.m.), Scott Rowland, Carolyn Stephenson, George Wong.

*Ex officio:* Ron Cambra (OVCAA), David Ross (SEC), Alan Yang (A & R).

Guests: Lisa Fujikawa (GEO), Tom Hilgers (GEO).

Excused: Lynne Higa.

MINUTES: Minutes of the May 14, 2008 meeting were approved.

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Assignment of board liaisons: E – Susan Johnson (M, 11:30-1), F – Lynne Higa (TH, 10:30-11:30), H – Carolyn Stephenson (W, 3:30-4:30), O – Mike Nassir (W, 2-3), W – George Wong (TH, 9:15-10:15).
2. GEO update (Hilgers)
  - Preamble on assessment was sent to the SEC in Apr 08 with the suggestion that it be considered by the full Faculty Senate. As of today, action is still pending.
  - Handout re enrollment data on Focus classes within UHM's largest majors was distributed, along with a portion of the original Faculty Senate GenEd document. Hilgers reiterated GEC's responsibility: assist in curriculum development and ensure quality instruction. Although GenEd course choice is ideally linked to each individual student's academic goals and plan (over a 4-yr period), there are few if any models of how a student might achieve a coherent educational plan that utilizes GenEd, major, and college requirements. Hilgers strongly suggested GEC adopt the role of reaching out to faculty (current and new) in an effort to develop model course-taking plans.
  - Cambra stressed that the Boards need to require inclusion of the SLO's in the course syllabus pursuant to a WASC requirement.
3. Other reports
  - Yang reported that UHM has instituted earlier priority application dates.
  - Yang distributed a sheet reflecting UHM freshman breakdown. He noted a stable/slight decrease in enrollment at UHM by 37 heads.
4. Priorities/goals for Fall 08:
  - Assessment
  - FG, FS timeframe

Next meeting: 1:30 p.m. on 9/24; on call 9/17/08.

Meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder