

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Vice-Chair Scott Rowland.

Present: Lynne Higa, Mike Nassir, Scott Rowland, Carolyn Stephenson, George Wong

Ex officio: Ron Cambra (OVCAA), Jan Heu (A&R), David Ross (SEC)

Guests: Lisa Fujikawa (GEO), Duane Henry (GEO), Tom Hilgers (GEO),
Jo-Anne Nakamoto (GEO Recorder)

Excused: Susan Johnson, Mike Kirk-Kuwaye

MINUTES: Minutes of the November 19, 2008 meeting were approved.

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Rowland welcomed Heu to the GEC.
2. Vote on diversification recommendations: none were ready to be presented to the GEC.
Action: deferred to next month's meeting.
It was decided by the GEC that if any urgent items come up during the winter break, they would be sent out to the GEC via email; point was made that nothing is that urgent that it cannot wait until next month.
3. Foundations Board follow-up report on FS issues (Higa):
 - They have requested additional information (breakdown by class); focused on courses with no prerequisites.
 - Considered second year as an option, also development of a placement exam.
 - Primarily mirrored GEC's ideas and concerns.
 - They plan to meet week of January 19th.

Discussion:

- What is "foundational"? Should we use that term?
- If we change it to 2nd year requirement, then must be approved by Faculty Senate after GEC and F-Board are involved.
- Suggestion made to have GEC and F-Board meet together. Note: This is F-Board's responsibility. Let them meet first, examine their response.
- Start FG data search now.

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Next meeting: Please hold Wednesday, January 21, 2009 1:30-2:30p.m., Haw 208.
Confirmation will be emailed at a later date.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder