

General Education Committee  
January 25, 2008  
Hawai'i Hall 208  
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Jane Schoonmaker, Chair.

Present: Lynne Higa, Susan Johnson, Mike Nassir, Jane Schoonmaker, Carolyn Stephenson, George Wong.  
Bob Campbell (FRAUM), Jan Heu for Alan Yang, Tom Hilgers (GEO),  
Monica Stitt-Bergh (GEO)

Absent: Mike Kirk-Kuwaye, Ron Cambra, Linda Cox

MINUTES: Minutes of the November 30, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved.

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

1. GEC member roster was distributed and any corrections are to be forwarded to Jo-Anne. Alan Yang, Interim Director, Admissions and Records, has been added to the roster in place of Jan Heu.
2. WS 176 FG-group B recommendation by Foundations Board – GEC voted to conditionally approve this request. Stitt-Bergh will go back to the Foundations Board to see if they are in agreement with the course catalog description.
3. Application for Focus Exemption – GEC approved applicant's application for 1 writing intensive exemption.
4. Diversification courses – GEC approved the recommendations by the Diversification subcommittee (refer to attached list – 1 page).
5. Assessment Update (Hilgers)  
--Two faculty positions for an assessment office were approved by OHR and have been advertised.  
--No faculty member has accepted the position of Director; search is still ongoing.  
--GEO is ready to launch 3 projects involving E, O, and W. Focus.  
--No GA has been hired by GEO. An assistant would be needed in February or March, no sooner.
6. Preamble Update (Hilgers)  
--Hilgers sought review of the Preamble by an assessment specialist not involved with GEC. Consultant brought up several important issues: (a) preamble restricts the usefulness of the assessment results; (b) careful coding of data can ensure confidentiality; (c) assessment is not measurement and outcomes can be more than behaviors; (d) outcomes/results need to be linked back to their educational circumstances.

Discussion: before we go forward with the Preamble, we might want to revisit the topic. Preamble seems not ready for distribution. We want to do good research and be able to use the data to guide program improvement: that's what assessment is about. Do we now want the Foundations board alone to review? Bring in more faculty? Concern is not to just protect students but also faculty. IRB may need to be further consulted.

Action: Stitt-Bergh and Hilgers will draft a summary of the GEC's concerns for distribution to all boards. They will also draft a new version of the preamble which covers both (1) ethics of research and (2) goals of assessment.

7. Spring 08 agenda items – a) Consideration of the A or H or L Diversification categories. Very difficult to apply/distinguish in some fields. GEC should start with a report from the Diversification Subcommittee. A discussion of modifying the AHL category has to involve A & R representatives and the general faculty. b) Issue of completion of Foundations requirements within the first year. Stitt-Bergh stated that they did look into Eng 100 as a prerequisite to W classes but it was too labor-intensive and unrealistic. Hilgers stated that requiring satisfaction first-year writing requirements in the first year seems to be a national trend. Most UHM students take the FW course in the first three semesters, but we have hundreds of active students who seem to put it off indefinitely.

#### WRAP UP

- Stitt-Bergh to check with Foundations Board concerning WS176 catalog wording.
- Stitt-Bergh and Hilgers to draft document on Preamble concerns for GEC review.
- Highest priority carry-over item for GEC will be the issue of completion of Foundations requirements in the first year.
- GEC to reconsider AHL Diversification this semester; to start off with a report from the Diversification Subcommittee.
- Please keep all Wednesdays (1:30-3:00 p.m.) open this spring for GEC meetings.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 2008, 1:30-3:00 p.m. in Hawai'i Hall 208.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder

1/23/2008

Diversification requests (received Dec 2007-Jan 2008): GEC vote needed

**Subcommittee recommendation: DENY request**

**COURSE REQUEST REASON**

BOT 449 Ethnobotany Practicum DB Internship/directed study/practicum not eligible

FSHN 401 Food Processing I DB Not 2/3 DB; combination DP & DB

GEOG 390 Tutorial in Geography DS Internship/directed study/practicum not eligible

SP 200 Speaking Skills for Prospective

Teachers

DA No content related to aesthetic or artistic conventions

SP 280 Interviewing DA No content related to aesthetic or artistic conventions

SP 321 Speech for Classroom Teachers DA No content related to aesthetic or artistic conventions

SP 351 Professional Presentations DA No content related to aesthetic or artistic conventions

SP 353 Argumentation and Debate DA No content related to aesthetic or artistic conventions

SP 490 The Helping Relationship

Crosslisted with PSY 477

DA No content related to aesthetic or artistic conventions

**Subcommittee recommendation: APPROVE request**

(course meets hallmarks)

**COURSE REQUEST NOTES**

AMST 250 The Hollywood Century DH New course

CHEM 100 Chemistry and Society DP New course

ECON 301 Intermediate Microeconomics DS Course being modified from **FS to DS**; 300-level courses no longer eligible for the FS designation

ECON 320 Intro to Tourism Economics DS Oversight when course was created

ECON 356 Games and Economic Behavior DS Oversight when course was created

ECON 362 The World Trading System DS Oversight when course was created

ECON 427 Economic Forecasting DS Oversight when course was created

HIST 438 European Cult of the Primitive DH Oversight when course was created

HIST 490 Maori and American Indians DH Oversight when course was created

IP 367 Philippine Popular Culture DH New course; course number may change

MUS 360 Music in Film DH New course

REL 209 Understanding Islam DH New course

SP 361 Leadership Skills DS

WS 306 Indigenous Women's Health DS New course