

General Education Committee
February 27, 2008
Hawai'i Hall 208
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Jane Schoonmaker, Chair.

Present: Lynne Higa, Susan Johnson, Mike Kirk-Kuwaye, Mike Nassir,
Jane Schoonmaker, Carolyn Stephenson, George Wong.

Ron Cambra (OVCAA), Linda Cox (SEC), Lisa Fujikawa (GEO), Jan Heu
(A & R Guest), Tom Hilgers, GEO), June Nii (A& R Guest),
Monica Stitt-Bergh (GEO), Alan Yang (A& R)

Absent: Bob Campbell (FRAUM)

MINUTES: Minutes of the February 6, 2008 meeting were approved.
There were no liaison reports.

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Diversification committee preliminary report on AHL (Stitt-Bergh).
Committee dealt with question: would it be easier to have the AHL and Social Sciences requirements similar, i.e., take 2 AHL courses from different departments. After much debate, the committee decided that no change should be made. Final subcommittee report is due later this spring.
 - Use of the word “culture” in Hallmarks and Explanatory Notes made it difficult for the committee to decide if a course should be classified as DL or DH.
 - A suggestion was made to remove “culture” in DL Hallmarks and place it in DH.
 - Application courses have been difficult to classify.
 - Committee will be reviewing Explanatory Notes and Hallmarks to further clarify the areas.

2. Report of implementation plan for FW requirement in the first year.
A group chaired by Cambra met on February 8, 2007.
Highlights:
 - The English Department is very eager to move forward. English may modify its ENG 200 course to be FW for transfer students; however, resources do not currently exist.
 - In order to remedy the backlog, we will need resources for approximately 1,061 students (~ 500 freshmen, 230 sophomores, 160 juniors, and 120 seniors) who have not yet taken a FW course.

- Implementation plan (effective April 08) likely to involve 4 email messages: students 1) receive email prior to registration; 2) receive a second alert; 3) receive a warning; 4) have a hold placed on the registration.
 - Current students will have 3 semesters to register for an FW course before a hold would be placed. The hold would not go into effect until F09.
 - Cambra will hold an additional meeting shortly, then distribute a document to GEC for final review.
3. Focus recommendations – there were no proposals to vote on. Two courses with 3+ Focus designations proposed still have 1 Focus awaiting Board recommendation. Per Hilgers, Focus designations for Fall 2009 are stable; no big changes.
 4. Cox was asked to provide an update on the assessment office: no news.
 5. Yang distributed two draft P-20 reports (DOE- & UH-supported) for GEC perusal (“English Transitions from High School to Hawaii Post Secondary Education Institutions”; “Math Transitions from High School to College”).

WRAP UP

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 1:30 p.m. in Hawai'i Hall 208. Please keep March 5th and 12th on hold in the event that GEO receives recommendations that require GEC voting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder