

General Education Committee
April 30, 2008
Hawai'i Hall 208
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m. by Jane Schoonmaker, Chair.

Present: Susan Johnson, Mike Kirk-Kuwaye (arrived at 2:10 p.m.), Mike Nassir, Jane Schoonmaker, Carolyn Stephenson, George Wong.

Ex officio: Ron Cambra (OVCAA), Alan Yang (A & R).

Guests: Lisa Fujikawa (arrived at 2:10 p.m.), Tom Hilgers.

Absent: Bob Campbell, Linda Cox, Lynne Higa.

MINUTES: Minutes of the April 23, 2008 meeting were approved with corrections (2 members abstained on Focus Exemption vote, one voted against PACE 485/SW 480).

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Diversification vote on AMST/ACM 352: GEC voted to approve sub-committee's recommendation.
2. FW in 1st Year implementation report
 - Fujikawa reported on the inquiries and responses received by GEO/MWP in response to the email announcement sent to over 700 students.
 - Hilgers attended a Composition Directors meeting on April 29th involving a proposed ENG 190 course specifically for transfer students. English and ELI appear to be the only faculty carrying out the Fall 07 assessment plan. To date, they are unable to obtain funding for scoring.
 - GEC may have to request steady funding for assessment efforts.
 - Cambra stated that we should seek funds from the Chancellor to be designated for Gen Ed's assessment efforts, improvement of Foundation courses, English courses, "challenge" courses.
3. Annual Report draft – Schoonmaker will present report to the Faculty Senate on May 7th, with electronic copy submitted tomorrow morning.
4. Priorities for F08
 - Major/college/school limiters on General Education require clarification, more transparency to students.
 - Continue discussion of Foundations in first year issues (FG, FS).
 - Mapping of WASC requirements for quantitative skills.
 - WI, O workload issues
 - Mode of instruction (e.g., online) – we do not know how a course is being taught once the approval has been given.
 - UH System Focus Proration

5. Names for General Education Boards
Nassir is willing and eligible to serve another year.
GEO will forward list of suggestions to Mānoa Faculty Senate's Committee on Faculty Service.

OLD BUSINESS – Yang reported that the offering of a TIM degree in Singapore at Temasek Polytechnic is a “go”, as he has seen the Business Plan/MOA; we would be in breach of contract if we don't offer it. (Note: at present, GEC has not seen the revised proposal, although it was received by the Mānoa Distance Learning Committee).

- They would have to fulfill Gen Ed requirements by “approved” UHM faculty.
 - The balance would have to go through the regular articulation approval system.
 - Students would not be traveling to Hawai'i for any portion of this proposed degree.
- GEC will await receipt of the proposal before taking further action/discussion.

WRAP UP

1. GEO to send recommendations of potential GEC/Board members to Mānoa Faculty Senate and Committee on Faculty Service.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2008, 1:30 p.m., Haw 208.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder