

General Education Committee
May 14, 2008
Hawai'i Hall 208
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Jane Schoonmaker, Chair.

Present: Lynne Higa, Susan Johnson, Mike Kirk-Kuwaye (arrived at 1:38 p.m.),
Mike Nassir, Jane Schoonmaker, Carolyn Stephenson, George Wong.

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

Guests: Lisa Fujikawa, Tom Hilgers, Kelly McDaniel (A & R), Ryan Yamaguchi
(A & R), Monica Stitt-Bergh.

Absent: Bob Campbell, Linda Cox.

MINUTES: Minutes of the April 30, 2008 meeting were approved.

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Diversification vote on AMST 454 (DS) and WinCC BIOL 200L (DY): GEC voted to approve.
2. Discussion-- TIM in Singapore proposal.
GEC addressed issues included in Baroni's 03-16-07 memo to Walter Jamieson and Erika Lacro, along with proposal dated 04-26-08.

ISSUES/CONCERNS:

- TIM requires DL and DA courses; Temasek has no DH offerings, no SP 151/152 (TIM requirement).
- No physical sciences course offered at Temasek (TIM requirement).
- No UHM equivalency for Foundations offered. How will this requirement be met?
- Students must register for admission at multiple campuses (UNLV, Broward CC, UHM; per Yang, there are possibly 6 more institutions involved). Schoonmaker noted that we should document problems students encounter.
- McDaniels stated that when they first started reviewing the proposal, they thought it was a twinning project but discovered that once students were placed in different programs/tracks, they are unable to take courses not in their prescribed program.
- Students can enter the program with 24 transfer credits, but will have to go elsewhere for the additional 100 credits. It would make sense to accept only students that have the majority of credits already earned.
- Issues are much broader, there are also institutional issues.
- Yang reconfirmed that the MOA has been signed by McClain.
- How can it (MOA) be signed if it wasn't reviewed/approved by the GEC? Yang: "no answer".
- If students apply to UHM and are accepted, they could come to the Mānoa campus to take courses here.

- Faculty workload issue – one lecturer hired to teach 2 sections of OC and WI simultaneously? Also, if they use “source lecturers” (from the industry), are they qualified to teach OC and WI courses?
- Does Temasek have a dedicated Director for this proposed program? Yang: may have had 3 FTE.
- Program only planning to have 35 students.
- Program must be approved by WASC.
- Unknown if TIM has met requirements listed in the memo. Schoonmaker suggested that GEC form a sub-committee to discuss and prioritize concerns, then present memo to TIM.

WRAP UP

1. Sub-committee of Schoonmaker, Higa, Johnson, Kirk-Kuwaye, Hilgers and Fujikawa will meet next week to prioritize GEC concerns of the TIM proposal before it is addressed to TIM.
2. Stitt-Bergh will report back to Manoa Distance Learning Committee on the GEC’s concerns about the TIM in Singapore proposal, and that we are working on a response.

Next meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder