

Liaison Report – H Board
Carolyn Stephenson
Meeting of April 20, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

Present: Perry, Carlile, Nakao (GEO), Stephenson (liaison). Quorum established 10:42 a.m. with arrival of Silva.
Chang arrival 10:15. Absent: McClatchey.

Approval of Feb. 23 minutes deferred as only one Board member present had been present then.

Two courses were approved: a Geology and Geophysics course was approved with suggestions for improving the native voice component. A Women's Studies course was approved.

Three requests received from the GEO office were approved, in some cases with amendments:

1. Review of HAPS proposals for Fall 2009 was extended to Monday, May 18, the last faculty duty date. While the original request was to extend to June 26, it was noted by Silva, and echoed by Stephenson, that faculty are on 9-months appointments and this work should not encroach on non-duty period. There was extensive discussion of whether economic circumstances should lead to this extension. It was noted that this was a one-time only request. (vote: 3-0)
2. It was agreed to accept "staff designation" H focus proposals consistent with GEC policy 8-16, effective Spring 2010. (vote: 4-0)
3. It was agreed to accept "course-based" H focus proposals consistent with GEC policy 8-12, effective Spring 2010. (vote: 4-0)

GEO and Chair were reminded that it would be helpful to include GEC Liaison on committee emails.

Chang and McClatchey terms end June 30. Carlile will be on sabbatical Spring 2010.

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George Wong
April 21, 2009

Minutes approved

Many language sections closed due to uncertainty of funding for instructors. Many class proposals also submitted late for the same reason. Deans of various colleges are handling situation differently

W board was asked if they would consider extending proposal deadline until departments submitting proposals funding status is determined. Other focus groups will also be asked to do the same.

One approach, suggested by our chancellor, is to increase the class size from 20 to 26. However, the W board has not yet been approached about this possibility.

Remainder of meeting discussed classes proposed for W.

Some issues discussed:

Courses requesting three foci. Question was asked if it was really possible to have 2/3 of course for each focus requested.

Course proposed in which two sections would be offered, one W and the other with no focus designation. However, both sections would really be meeting at the same time and place. Question asked was if this was acceptable, i.e. two sections meeting in the same place and time will be covering the same material and receive the same number of credits, but those signing up for W focus in addition would have to fulfill the writing requirement as well. This is already occurring in some courses, e.g. Botany 101 lab has three sections designated as W and three without the W designation.