GENERAL EDUCATION POLICIES & PRACTICES

A Handbook for the UH Mānoa Faculty Senate’s General Education Committee and its Boards

Foundations Board
Contemporary Ethical Issues Board
Hawaiian, Asian, & Pacific Issues Board
Oral Communication Board
Writing Board

Purpose and Organization of the Handbook

The General Education Office (GEO) has assembled this handbook for faculty groups that govern UHM’s General Education (Gen Ed) program. Its purpose is to provide information for the members of the General Education Committee and its Boards. The handbook is organized by area of responsibility. The Table of Contents and Index provide details.

Faculty governance of the Gen Ed program is overseen by the General Education Committee (GEC). The GEC is assisted and advised on the various Gen Ed areas by five faculty Boards:

1. Foundations Board (F)
   Focus Boards:
   2. Contemporary Ethical Issues (E)  4. Oral Communication (O)
   3. Hawaiian, Asian, & Pacific Issues (H)  5. Writing (W)

These documents guide the operations of the faculty groups (available online; see Appendix Web Sites):

- Charter of the Faculty Congress and Senate, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (May 2004)
- Bylaws of the Faculty Congress and Senate, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (May 2004)
- Faculty Governance of University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa General Education (Dec 6, 2000)
- Memo of Understanding Regarding Relationships Between the Mānoa Faculty Senate/SEC, the GEC, and the Gen Ed Boards (April 2003) (page 2-3 of this handbook)
- General Education policies (determined by the GEC; ongoing, chapter 8 of this handbook)
General Education Office (GEO)
The GEO provides staff support to the GEC and its subsidiary Boards. It was established by the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) in 2001 and built upon the staff and facilities of the Mānoa Writing Program (MWP).