

Windward Community College
University of Hawai'i
Foundations Board Annual Report
April 2008

Submitted by Jean Okumura, Foundations Board Chairperson

This report summarizes the work of the Windward Community College (WCC) Foundations Board during the 2007-08 academic year.

Course Renewals

The principal task facing the first year Board was to review the Foundations courses for their 5-year renewal. This academic year, the WCC Foundations Board reviewed and recertified the Foundations designation for the following courses:

In Written Communication (FW)

- ENG 100 – Expository Writing

In Global & Multicultural Perspectives (FG)

- HIST 151 – World Civilization I
- HIST 152 – World Civilization II

In Symbolic Reasoning (FS)

- MATH 100 – Survey of Mathematics
- MATH 140 – Pre-Calculus: Trigonometry and Analytic Geometry
- MATH 203 – Calculus for Business and Social Sciences
- MATH 205 – Calculus I
- PHIL 110 – Introduction to Logic

In general, the quality of the approved renewal documents was high. The applicants found that the explanatory notes were helpful. Where successful renewal examples were available, these proved to be helpful to the applicants. The 5-year renewal recommendations were forwarded to the chair of the Credit Curriculum and Academic Affairs Committee (CCAAC) and to the Office of the Dean of Instruction.

New Foundations Courses

The Humanities department applied for Foundations designation for REL 150 – Introduction to World's Major Religions. The major discussion centered on whether the course should satisfy group A or group C under FG. The Humanities department felt that it was a group A course rather than a group C course. However, at the other colleges within the multi-campus agreement, REL 150 fell in group C and designating WCC's REL 150 as a group A course would create much confusion especially among students within the UH system. After much discussion and some revision to the responses on the questions on the Foundations Designation Proposal Form, REL 150 was approved under FG group C.

The WCC Foundations Board is still in the process of discussing/reviewing the Foundations Designation Proposals for Math 135 – Pre-Calculus: Elementary Functions and Math 103 – College Algebra.

Multi-campus Foundations Board

The multi-campus Foundations Board, composed of the Foundations Board chairs of UH Manoa (UHM), Honolulu Community College (HonCC), Kapiolani Community College (KapCC), Leeward Community College (LCC), and WCC, met two times with one more meeting scheduled for April 8, 2008. These meetings were helpful in increasing inter-campus dialog and to give the Foundations chairs a better understanding of overall concerns since many of the chairs were new. For example, it was clarified that the common Foundations requirements for the campuses in the multi-campus agreement should be separated from all other requirements when printed in the catalog.

In the first two meetings for 2007-08, Maui Community College's application to the multi-campus Foundations Board was discussed and reviewed. Their application was approved in spring 2008. Another major topic discussed during the meetings was a concern regarding HonCC's Math 135 that was approved for the FS designation by their Foundations Board and the College of Arts and Sciences requiring specific courses (and thus excluding Math 135 from HonCC) as satisfying FS at UHM. This was viewed as a violation of the spirit of the Foundations articulation agreement.

The final meeting on April 8 will summarize the year's work and discuss relevant issues.

Foundations Board Website

A Foundations website has been created to give information about the Foundations Board and to provide the form to apply for the Foundations designation. It is planned to include more items on the website such as a listing of the courses that have been approved for the Foundations designation.

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Addendum – May 2008

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The WCC Foundations Board completed its review of the Foundations Designation Proposal for Math 135 – Pre-Calculus: Elementary Functions and Math 103 – College Algebra at the end of April and beginning of May. Both proposals were approved. Revisions were necessary for the Math 135 proposal.

Therefore, the complete list of WCC Foundations Board approved FS courses for the next 5 years (Fall 2008 – Summer 2013) are:

In Symbolic Reasoning (FS)

- MATH 100 – Survey of Mathematics
- MATH 103 – College Algebra
- MATH 135 – Pre-Calculus: Elementary Functions
- MATH 140 – Pre-Calculus: Trigonometry and Analytic Geometry
- MATH 203 – Calculus for Business and Social Sciences
- MATH 205 – Calculus I
- PHIL 110 – Introduction to Logic