

General Education Foundations Articulation
Multicampus Meeting Notes
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Present

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1. Chairperson for 07-08

The group agreed to work without a designated chairperson.

2. Maui Community College (MCC) proposal to join articulation agreement

Discussion

- The common Foundations program has three components: written communication, symbolic reasoning, and global and multicultural perspectives. MCC's proposal includes both Foundations and AA degree requirements.
 - o The Symbolic Reasoning (FS) Hallmarks explicitly state that computation is not the course focus. Does MCC's numeracy requirement meet the FS Hallmarks?
 - o Oral communication and written communication are listed under "English Communication," which is not a Foundations area.
 - o Other campuses also list oral and written. These campuses should reformat how they present requirements to students.
- MCC can have additional requirements such as numeracy and oral communication but students should be aware that these are AA degree requirements and are not part of the common Foundations program.
- A MCC student could take PHIL 110 and not satisfy MCC's degree requirements but satisfy Foundations if he/she transferred to other UH campuses in the agreement.
- MCC should be aware that they need to participate in the annual Foundations meeting.
- Are "competencies" the same as student learning outcomes? (yes)
- Other campuses had to review their courses—certify or re-certify—once the group accepted their proposal. When will MCC review its courses?
 - o MCC should do an internal review of its Foundations courses using the Hallmarks.
- The group thanked MCC for submitting the proposal and joining the other five campuses in the agreement. The group is excited to have MCC as part of the articulation agreement.

Consensus: Approve the MCC proposal with the following stipulations:

- A) **MCC submits a revised "Category I" section** that is reformatted so students are aware of the difference between MCC AA degree requirements and the Foundations requirements. (The Foundations requirements will transfer to other campuses as satisfying Foundations requirements at the receiving campus.)
- B) **MCC certifies/recertifies its Foundations courses by December 2009.** An MCC representative will summarize the results of the certification at the spring 2010 annual Foundations meeting. Until then, MCC's Foundations courses will articulate as such to other campuses in the agreement, effective Fall 2008.

Note: The (re)certification is an internal review done by the MCC's Foundations Board, using the *MCC Foundations Course Designation Proposal* (Appendix 3) and *Foundations Course Review* (Appendix 4).

C) **MCC participates in the annual Foundations meeting and other meetings as needed.**

The group will vote via email on MCC's revised "Category I" section.

3. Articulation of FS-approved Math courses

Background

When a campus approves a course as FS, UHM accepts that course as meeting the FS requirement. However, individual colleges/schools at UHM have the authority to require particular Foundations courses as meeting college/school requirements.

For example, HonCC has approved MATH 135 as satisfying the FS requirement. UHM accepts the course as satisfying the FS requirement. However, the Colleges of Arts and Sciences require particular Math, Business, Economics, Information & Computer Science, Natural Resource & Environmental Management, or Philosophy courses (or their equivalent). Thus, a HonCC student entering UHM with MATH 135 has met UHM's FS requirement, but he/she has not met the Colleges of Arts and Sciences requirement because MATH 135 is not an approved course for those colleges.

Discussion

- This practice violates the spirit of the articulation agreement. Students majoring in American Studies, Dance, etc., should not be required to take an additional Math course to satisfy UHM's Colleges of Arts and Sciences requirement if they enter with HonCC's MATH 135.
- This practice also occurs within UHM. For example, Architecture students are required to take FG History courses to satisfy their Global and Multicultural Perspectives (FG) requirements, not FG courses in Art History, Geography, etc.
- What is general education and why have general education if it's not "general" and "foundational" for all students?
- When was MATH 135 last reviewed by UHM?
 - o HonCC changed MATH 135 so that it would meet the FS Hallmarks.
 - o Members of the group should review the MATH 135 proposal (available online) and they will see that the course does meet the FS Hallmarks.
- The articulation agreement is put at grave risk if campuses do not abide by the signed agreement that states "Once a campus's common foundations program is fully approved, its students' foundations courses can be readily transferred to other UH campuses that have an approved common foundations program" (Englert memo, May 20, 2004).
- A policy is needed that deals with the issue and is not specific to MATH 135.

Consensus: The UHM Foundations Board will alert the UHM General Education Committee and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs that the multicampus group views the actions of some UHM colleges/schools as violating the spirit of the agreement and putting student transfer at risk. A policy or guidelines that ensure the articulation agreement is followed need to be established.

Submitted by Monica Stitt-Bergh, recorder