

General Education Foundations Articulation
Multicampus Meeting Notes
January 16, 2008

Present

Steve Canham, UHM
Donna Matsumoto, LeeCC
Kathy Ogata, KapCC
Jean Okumura, WinCC
Jerry Saviano, HonCC

Guests

BK Griesemer, MauiCC
Suzi Johnston, UH System
Dorothy Pyle, MauiCC
Colleen Shishido, MauiCC
Monica Stitt-Bergh, UHM (recorder)

The meeting began at 3:00 pm at UHM Bachman Hall 113. Maui CC joined the conversation at 3:30 via polycom.

BACKGROUND

Today's meeting continued the discussion of MCC's proposal (submitted August 2007) to join the multicampus Foundations articulation agreement. After the initial review, the board had requested that MCC do the following:

- A) submit a revised, reformatted "Category I" section so students are aware of the difference between MCC AA degree requirements and the common Foundations requirements.
- B) certify/recertify its Foundations courses by December 2009.
- C) participate in the annual multicampus Foundations meeting and other meetings as needed.

MCC submitted the revision in November 2007, agreed to (re)certify its courses, and agreed to participate in meetings. Upon receiving the revision, the board's concerns regarding two issues persisted:

1. The articulation agreement stipulates a common Foundations program and MCC's Foundations/Skills category differs from the Foundations program at other campuses.
2. MCC specified "English Communication" rather than "Written Communication."

TODAY'S MEETING

The board agreed that campuses in the agreement should have a common Foundations program and they may add requirements. For example, campuses can have an oral communication or ethics requirement in addition to the Foundations requirements. However, the additional requirements should be separate from the Foundations requirements. Because MCC's Foundations/Skills category includes additional requirements, MCC does not appear to share the common Foundations program. Board members suggested that MCC separate the additional requirements, possibly putting them in the "other degree requirements" category. A second option was to have a "Foundations part 1" (or "part A") and "Foundations part 2" with part 1 consisting of the common Foundations program requirements. The board also felt that "Written Communication" should be stated and that "English" not be specified. The board stressed that it was not asking for a change in the MCC AA degree requirements.

MCC explained the process the faculty undertook to revise the AA degree requirements and that the faculty had deliberately placed certain requirements under "Foundations/Skills" because they were deemed foundational and should be taken early in a student's career. Thus, these requirements should not be listed last, under the "other degree requirements."

MCC agreed to discuss the board's recommendation: separate the requirements that are in the common Foundations program and reply to the board as soon as possible.

NEXT MEETING – ANNUAL MEETING (campus reports will be due)
Tuesday, **April 8, 2008**; 3:30 pm, room TBA; Windward Community College