Motion to Endorse Proposal for Common Course Numbering

The Mānoa Faculty Senate supports the recommendation of the General Education Committee to endorse, in principle, the following statement:

General Education core courses which are equivalent and/or share the same course number/alpha will be 100% articulated. They will share a common course alpha, number, title, course description, similar student learning outcomes and the same GE designation.

GE core course are identified as courses that fulfill Foundations/Basic and Diversifications/Area requirements. With the approval of the GE core MOA (http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/aa/articulation/JI_MOA.pdf) in May 2010, all campuses have agreed to accept the diversification/area designation of the sending campus. Thus, the focus will be on courses meeting the Foundations/Basic requirements. (100-299 course numbers)

Where discrepancies are identified in Foundations/Basic courses, a disciplinary meeting will be convened by the Office of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost to discuss the discrepancies and agree on the common alpha, number, title, course description, SLOs and GE designations.

Current courses that do not meet the criterion will be renumbered. Campuses will facilitate the curriculum process to make necessary course changes to meet the goal of 100% articulation.

The Manoa Faculty Senate supports the proposal under consideration with the All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs that a system-wide faculty implementation committee be formed and suggests that the following concerns and considerations help guide implementation:

1. In resolving discrepancies that exist, it is stated that “a disciplinary meeting will be convened by the Office of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost” but who will ultimately decide? Who has the authority to regulate?
2. To what extent will the originating campus of the course be the primary one to set course description, student learning outcomes, content and so on?
3. Currently not all departments use the same alpha designations. For example, Speech is different from Communications. Physiology might be Zoology at another campus. How will that be determined or altered accordingly?
4. What about courses where the numbers are the same but the content is not? How will those be articulated?
5. How do we intend to work through or mediate unresolved conflicts? Agree to disagree?

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MEMORANDUM

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RE: Motion to Endorse Proposal for Common Course Numbering

The above referenced motion was unanimously approved by the Mānoa Faculty Senate at the May 4, 2011 Senate meeting. The motion is attached.

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC), in consultation with the General Education Committee (GEC), reviewed this issue and provided a report to the Senate at the May 4, 2011 Senate meeting. The committee reports and deliberations can be viewed by accessing the meeting minutes of GEC and SEC at http://www.hawaii.edu/uhmfs/

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.