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COMMITTEE ON GENERAL EDUCATION (GEC)
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: 29 Sept 2016
LOCATION: Hawai'i Hall 208
ATTENDANCE: [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		GUESTS	TIME
AGCAOILI, Aurelio	P	KAPAONA, Alyssa (Non-Senator Faculty)	E	RAI, Sarita (SEC Liaison)	P		
JOHNSON, Shannon	P	NASSIR, Michael (Non-Senator Faculty)	P	AIKAU, Hokulani (GEO)	P		
MINATODANI, Dore	P	TARUI, Nori (Non-Senator Faculty)	P	VINCENT, Wendi (GEO)	P		
PAVLOVIC, Dusko	P			FUJIKAWA, Lisa (GEO)	P		
ROBERTS, Stacey	P	CAMBRA, Ron (Undergraduate Education)	P	KEOUGH, Vicky (GEO)	E		
LAO, Eugene (ASUH Representative)	P	YAMAGUCHI, Ryan (Admissions)	P				

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER 11:35 am	Sarita Rai called the meeting to order. Introduction of members.	
REPORT FROM SEC LIAISON	Sarita reviewed Summer 2016 actions by the SEC and discussed the role of the SEC liaison.	
GEC OVERVIEW	Committee duties and resources were reviewed, including how issues are brought forward for consideration.	
ISSUE 18.13 – FS/QR	Review of issue 18.13. FS/QR is the only open/in progress issue by the GEC. This issue was opened in 2012-2013 and has the possibility of remaining open through Summer 2023 until the transition is complete from Foundations Symbolic to Quantitative	

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	Reasoning. In Spring 2016 MFS passed a resolution adopting the QR core requirement hallmarks, and an implementation plan and FAQ have been released. The GEC can consider the issue closed or still in progress.	
ELECTION OF OFFICERS	<p>Normally, the Vice-Chair from the previous year serves as Chair the following year. However, the 2015-16 Vice-Chair left UHM in Summer 2016, resulting in vacancies for both positions.</p> <p>Sarita informed the GEC that the GenEd governing document is in conflict with the MFS By-laws, which is to say that the GEC secretary has to be a MFS senator. Shannon Johnson was elected secretary for the GEC. After some discussion, the GEC voted to have the General Education Office (GEO) continue to provide administrative support for the GEC, which includes taking meeting minutes. The GEO will work with MFS senator, Shannon Johnson, to get the minutes posted to the GEC listserv.</p> <p>Stacey Roberts was confirmed as Chair. Aurelio Agcaoili was confirmed as Vice-Chair. Shannon Johnson was confirmed as Secretary.</p>	Voted in unanimously
SEC CHARGES FOR GEC	<p>Reform of General Education. Current requirements are “quite onerous” and should be reviewed to see where changes can be made. Concerns about WASC accreditation should not greatly affect reform since WASC specifies core competencies, not GenEd requirements. It was reported that the SEC will be creating a Task Force to look into GenEd reform. The GEC asked for clarification, because as the committee responsible for the GenEd Program, they felt that the details of how to address GenEd reform should be their kuleana.</p> <p>Streamline current processes to reduce workload for the GEC and its Boards. The current GenEd review process is “very labor intensive.” How can this review be streamlined? For example, should renewals be handled at the School/College level instead of by the Boards and the GEC?</p>	



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	Review membership of the committee. The SEC feels that the GEC and its Boards need to have people who teach GenEd courses, not just those who fill constituencies.	
FALL 2016 GEC MEETING SCHEDULE	Sarita will send out a Doodle to find a regular GEC meeting time. The next meeting will be held in approximately two weeks. The suggestion was made to see if Hawai'i Hall 309 is available for future meetings since a larger space would be helpful to accommodate the size of the GEC.	Sarita to send Doodle Vicky Keough in GenEd Office to check on room availability
FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION NEXT TIME	Clarification of SEC charges to the GEC, assignment of Board liaisons and Diversification Subcommittee members, proposal review/approval.	
ADJOURNMENT 12:40 pm		

Respectfully submitted by Shannon Johnson and Lisa Fujikawa.

Approved on 27 October 2016 with 5 votes in favor of approval and 0 against.