

General Education Committee
September 23, 2004
Hawai'i Hall 208
Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Present: Linda Cox, Patricia Fryer, Jon Goss, Emily Hawkins, Jeannie Lum, Megumi Taniguchi; Jan Heu (A&R), Thomas Ramsey (SEC).

Excused: Richard Chadwick, Randy Hensley.

Guests: Tom Hilgers (GEO), Todd Sammons (Foundations Board Chair), Helene Sokugawa (OVCAA), Monica Stitt-Bergh (GEO), Myrtle Yamada (OVCAA).

2. MINUTES: The minutes of September 9, 2004, were approved as corrected.

New Business: a. Articulation of H Focus classes, item 5 in the MOTION amended to include "from other campuses":

"Proposals from other campuses will require 2 administrative signatures..."

3. Report on the Multi-campus Foundations Committee meeting, 9/17/04 (Sammons)

The committee is comprised of the chairs of the F Boards of UHM (Sammons), HCC (Jerry Saviano), and KCC (Nathan Dwyer). By adopting the Foundations Program Option for their campus in principle, HCC and KCC have agreed to adopt UHM's Foundations hallmarks and UHM's interpretation of the hallmarks, although questions have been raised about the latter by Saviano. HCC, KCC, and UHM submitted portfolios describing how the F Program will be implemented on their campus. Saviano questioned and Sammons sought clarification from the GEC as to the procedure for handling the portfolios. The GEC unanimously confirmed that, according to the agreement signed by all three campuses, the portfolios need to be reviewed by the Multi-campus F Committee and then recommended for approval by each campus as "receiving campus."

Attached documents distributed by Sokugawa:

- 1) Procedures for Articulation to UH-Mānoa's General Education Foundations Requirements
- 2) UHM Portfolio
- 3) KCC Portfolio
- 4) HCC Portfolio

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Implementing H articulation (Sokugawa)

The draft memo "Renewal of Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific Issues (H) Focus Courses" was discussed, revised and approved by the GEC. Final copy attached.

b. Proposal for provisional designation of Foundations courses (Taniguchi and Sammons)

The syllabi for new F courses may lack details because the course has never been taught. The F Board would be more apt to approve a course if a 1- or 2-year provisional approval could be given.

Discussion:

- W Board experience has shown that tracking varying terms is difficult. W Board has found it better to recommend that a course be taught once if a proposer needs experience in order to write a strong proposal.
- The F Board is willing to work with departments in developing their courses for the F designation.
- It would be collegially friendly to allow a 1- or 2-year provisional designation.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to maintain the policy of a uniform 5-year approval period. The motion passed, 5 in favor, 1 abstention.

c. Diversification designation for HON 291 (Cox)

Memo from Jim Caron, Honors Program Chair, distributed.

Diversification areas are by discipline so interdisciplinary courses, such as Honors, have difficulty qualifying for the designation.

CONSENSUS: Cox will suggest that alphas be attached to the course number and that Honors submit an appropriate request for each alpha.

WRAP UP

1. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 9/30.

Agenda items: Chancellor's reorganization plan; voting on Focus recommendations for S05.

Send New Business items to Cox.

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Mueller-Ali, Recorder