

General Education Committee
April 13, 2007
Hawai'i Hall 208
Minutes

While waiting for a quorum, Baroni announced that Cristina Bacchilega has resigned as a Faculty Senate senator. GEC chair and vice chair appointments will have to be made for AY2007-2008.

Bacchilega's resignation leaves 7 voting GEC members. Quorum = 4.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m. by the chair.

Present: Helen Baroni (chair), Richard Bigus, Jon Goss, Susan Johnson, Megumi Taniguchi, George Wong.
Ron Cambra (OVCAA), David Chin (SEC), Jan Heu (A&R), Todd Sammons (GEO), Helene Sokugawa (A&S), Monica Stitt-Bergh (GEO).

Absent: John Engel, Bob Campbell (FRAUHM),

MINUTES: The minutes and liaison reports of 3/9/07 and the liaison reports of 3/23/07 were approved as submitted.

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Diversification (Heu/Stitt-Bergh)
 - a. MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept A&R's recommendation:
Win CC's REL 202: articulate as equivalent and DH. [4/16/07 email from Heu: effective Fall 07]
The motion passed, 4 in favor; Baroni, Religion chair, recused herself from voting.
(Bigus had not yet arrived.)
 - b. UHM Diversification (D) renewal update (Stitt-Bergh)
Departments in four colleges/schools reviewed their D courses in S07: Engineering; Education; Languages, Linguistics, & Literature; Medicine. All but three departments submitted reports; GEC will follow up with them during the next round of reviews.
Results: 414 courses: no change in D designation
4 courses: remove or change designation
14 course: no longer active
System campuses will be consulted before changes affecting equivalent courses are implemented.
 - c. System D review
In Fall 07, system departments will be asked to follow the same review process as UHM.
2. Foundations
 - a. System Foundations (F) renewal review (Johnson)
Johnson reported on F Board concerns: F board would like to require that system campuses not party to the multicampus agreement review their F courses but are questioning whether such a request would be enforceable.

Discussion and suggestions:

- initial designation was through fast-track. Participants were aware that review would be required in five years.
- have campuses do reviews; meet with F multicampus agreement partners and share the review load.
- the receiving campus determines whether a course articulates so other campuses must satisfy the requirements of the receiving campus.
- there will be a systemwide F meeting on 4/20; this issue could be discussed then.

Stitt-Bergh will add system review process to the 4/20 agenda.

- b. F Board renewal recommendations for UHM courses (Stitt-Bergh)
 - FW renewals: ENG 100/ENG 101
 - FG renewals: MUS 107

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the F renewal recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Course-based Focus recommendations (Sammons)

The W Board recommends course-based W Focus designations for MATH 311, 321, 351, 412, 413, 420, 431, and 432 with the condition that the department submit UHM-2 forms to modify the Catalog descriptions to reflect changes agreed on with the W Board.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the W Board recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Gen Ed improvements/simplifications (attached) (Stitt-Bergh)

Changes to Gen Ed document: (Items 1–3 will be voted on at the next meeting. If passed, the GEC will seek Faculty Senate action in F07.)

#1: Hawaiian or Second Language (HSL) changes reflect current practices and policies.

- Should the school/college-level waiver option be included?

The Gen Ed document should reflect its policies, not school/college exceptions. Student resources (e.g., Catalog) do include waiver information.

- Back Credits section: number of credits will be modified as suggested for clarity.

#2: Student representative needs clarification

GEC agrees with change that GEC, and not all the Gen Ed boards, should have a student representative.

#3: Faculty mentoring section needs to be deleted. (10/10/05 GEC memo requested removal of GEC involvement in mentoring.)

Simplifications:

#4: Merge Diversification AHL and require 6 credits taken in 2 departments

- this would simplify the requirement for students: mirrors Social Science requirement.

- must consider impact on UHM and system departments.

- impact on A&R recordkeeping: A&R should take a look at transition period required and whether it would be worth the effort. [4/16/07 email from Heu: If we were to implement the change hereafter and not make any changes retroactively, the process would be much simpler for UHM courses and for courses transferring in.)

-keep same coding (DA, DH, DL), change the requirement, 6 credits taken in 2 departments (e.g., could be 2 DHs as long from different departments). Then distinction between A/H/L will be less critical, which is partly what triggered the desire for change.

Discussion will continue in F07.

#5: Major requirements: GEC questioned whether this should be under its purview? Need to decide and modify this section.

Discussion of #5, 6, and 7 will continue at the next meeting.

5. Chair's report (Baroni)
 - a. 3/21/07 Faculty Senate meeting
The three Gen Ed motions passed: FG exclusionary rule; board appointments; WildCard/Focus Exemption.
 - b. A preliminary GEC annual report has been sent to the SEC; a final version will be sent by the FS deadline.
6. GEO report (Stitt-Bergh)
 - a. Systemwide meetings are being held to establish or reconfirm participation of campuses in multicampus agreements: HAP, 4/19; Foundations, 4/20; Written Communication, 4/27.

WRAP UP

1. System F review process will be added to the agenda of the 4/20 systemwide Foundations meeting.
2. Vote on Gen Ed improvement/simplifications #1, 2, and 3 at the next meeting.
3. Discussion of Gen Ed improvement/simplifications #5, 6, and 7 will continue at the next meeting.
Continue the discussion of #4 in Fall 07: Merge Diversification AHL and require 6 credits taken in 2 departments.

Next meeting: Friday, 4/27/07, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Hawai'i 208.

If you have any agenda items, please email Baroni <hbaroni@hawaii.edu>.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by Barbara Mueller-Ali, Recorder