

## MĀNOA FACULTY SENATE



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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 8:30-9:30 AM  
**LOCATION:** Bilger 106 and Zoom  
**ATTENDANCE:** [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS	
Sonja Giardina (ASUH rep)	P (Zoom)	Nadine Ortega	P (Zoom)	Paully Yamada	P (Zoom)	Ashley Maynard (GEO Director)	P
Mahealani Kaneshiro	P (Zoom)	Sarah Post	P	Garett Inoue (Admissions rep)	P (Zoom)	Lisa Fujikawa (GEO liaison)	P
Keahiahi Long	P (Zoom)	Shauna Sibonga	P (Zoom)	Paul McKimmy (OVPAE rep)	P (Zoom)	Vicky Keough	P
Laura O'Rourke	P (Zoom)	Brad Taylor	P	Marguerite Butler (SEC liaison)	P	Rose Paradise	P

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER		Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:31AM.
REVIEW OF MINUTES	1. <a href="#">4/16/25 draft minutes</a>	1. Minutes from 4/16 were approved by acclamation.
INFORMATION ITEMS	1. <b>Reports and updates</b> (Note: Those collected via <a href="#">Google Form</a> prior to the meeting can be found at the bottom of this document.) 2. GEC annual report for MFS	1. Nothing discussed. 2. Brad will write it concisely.
ACTION ITEMS		
DISCUSSION ITEMS	1. Next steps for next AY. Specifically, the language requirement and waivers; refining the description between the FH and HAP.	1. Discussed.
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UPCOMING MEETINGS	FINAL SPRING 2025 MEETING: Wed, May 14, 8:30-9:30 AM	
ADJOURNMENT		Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Mahealani Kaneshiro, Secretary.

Approved on 5/14/2025 by acclamation.

#### LIAISON REPORTS & UPDATES

- **HAP Board** (Mahealani Kaneshiro): The HAP Board met to discuss changes to the Focus Proposal Form (pages 11 to 13). They would like to change the formatting to add checkbox or a checklist, specific requirement for syllabi formatting, and distinguish each hallmark, including how the hallmark will be assessed.
- **SEC** (Marguerite Butler): Congratulations to the GEC the GEO and CAPP for your hard work over multiple years to pass a revision of UH Manoa's General Education program. Thank you, truly for all your hard work. Just prior to the MFS meeting the Senate office received an urgent memo from Debbie Herbert and Della, Teraoka asking MFS to hold off on voting on our Gen Ed resolution. This was highly unusual, and as the SEC saw no substantive reason to interfere with our process, the vote went forward. Since then, Brad, Patsy, and Ashley wrote a response, which was endorsed and transmitted by the SEC. There is a meeting of the student success committee of the Board of Regents on Thursday at 10:30 AM at Bachman Hall and Edo will present testimony for the passage of the Gen Ed resolution. Please consider submitting your own. And finally, I want to thank Brad Taylor for running For SEC. He is the first alternate after a very close election with many strong candidates (7 candidates! for 4 seats).
- **O Board** (Shauna Sibonga): The O Board has not met since the last GEC meeting.

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