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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 10:30-11:30 AM
LOCATION: Bilger 106 or Zoom
ATTENDANCE: [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS	
Kahea Faria	P (Zoom)	Scott Rowland	P (Zoom)	Jenny Brown (acting ASUH rep)	P	Christine Beaule	E
Mahealani Kaneshiro	P (Zoom)	Shauna Sibonga	P (Zoom)	Paul McKimmy (OVPAE rep)	P (Zoom)	Lisa Fujikawa	P
Keahiahi Long	P (Zoom)	Brad Taylor	P (Zoom)	Max Xiong (Enroll- ment Management rep)	P (Zoom)	Vicky Keough	P (Zoom)
Nadine Ortega	P	June Zhang	A	Gerry Busch (SEC liaison)	A	Rose Paradise	P

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER		Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:35 AM.
REVIEW OF MINUTES		Minutes from 12/6/23 were amended and approved by acclamation.
INFORMATION ITEMS	<p>Liaison reports (as collected by a Google Form prior to the meeting) can be found at the bottom of this document.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> New ASUH representative, Sonja Giardina (unable to make Spring 2024 meeting day/time). There was some confusion about who the ASUH rep to GEC will be this semester. The new appointee, Sonja Giardina, is not able to make the Wednesday 10:30 AM meeting time this semester, whereas last year's rep, Jenny Brown, has continued to attend GEC meetings this academic year although she was not officially reappointed. The ASUH President will be contacted to see if a) Jenny can continue serve as the ASUH rep in Spring 2024 because Sonja cannot make the meeting time and b) ASUH can appointed a 2024-25 rep before the end of the academic 	



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	<p>year so that their schedule can be taken into consideration when determining a Fall 2024 meeting time.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Liaison reports (as collected by a Google Form prior to the meeting) can be found at the bottom of this document. The Gen Ed Redesign Working Group met last semester but hasn't met since. An email to schedule meetings for this semester should go out shortly. 3. Gen Ed governance document (see 1/17/24 MFS agenda) - CAB has reviewed the GEC's proposed revisions and is putting forth a motion to officially update the document. There will be a first reading at today's (2/17/24) MFS meeting, with discussion and voting at the next MFS meeting on February 21st. All members are encouraged to attend. 4. Committee/Board member recruitment - With support from the SEC and CFS, the GEO is beginning the process earlier this semester (in January vs. February or March) so that there is a greater likelihood of members being appointed before summer. The GEO will provide CFS with a list of vacancies this month. 	
ACTION ITEMS		
DISCUSSION ITEMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Articulation of E and O Focus designations from other UH campuses (see system requirements and Executive Policy 5.209) - Currently, there is no articulation agreement in place, although there are other campuses that offer some version of E and/or O courses. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Position and rationale of the E and O Boards and need for GEC to take a position on both (lower- vs upper-division courses) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. E Board: In short, although the Board feels it is more collegial to accept lower-division E courses from other UH campuses, they feel that learning ethics in the major is paramount. Ideally, ethics would be scaffolded, with general ethics taught at the lower division and program-specific ethics taught in each major. ii. O Board Chair Emiko Taniguchi-Dorios presented the O Board's position, which supported the model outlined in the 2022 Gen Ed Baseline proposal: 	



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	<p>scaffolding oral communication with a Foundations-Oral Communication (FO) requirement at the lower division and a program-specific upper-division O Focus course in the major. Consistency across the System in how courses are reviewed and designated was also emphasized, with the need for an articulation agreement so that campuses are all operating in the same manner.</p> <p>iii. It was pointed out that the program sheets on the OVPAE website make it appear that the only Gen Ed requirements are Foundations and Diversification. However, if Focus is also part of Gen Ed, then lower-division Focus courses offered at other System campuses should be accepted by Manoa.</p> <p>b. UH System will bring together campuses that offer E and O courses to discuss the issue later this semester. The GEC expects to formalize its position at the next meeting, which can then be shared at the System meeting.</p>	
NEW BUSINESS		
UPCOMING MEETINGS	<p>SPRING 2024 MEETINGS: Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 31 • February 14 • February 28 • March 13 • March 27 • April 10 • April 24 • May 1 or 8 (final exam week) 	
ADJOURNMENT		Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Fujikawa, Acting Secretary.
Approved on 01/31/2024 by acclamation.



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LIAISON REPORTS

- O Board (Shauna Sibonga): The O Board is finalizing plans for the Alternative O Activities workshop this month. Further, the board discussed their position on lower division OC focus vs upper division and its articulation. It was agreed that Chair Emiko would attend GEC meeting to elaborate on the board's stance.
- HAP Board (Kahea Faria): HAP first meeting for the semester will be on Wednesday, January 24.
- E Board (Scott Rowland): The E-board voted unanimously to recommend that UHM [not accept](#) E-focus courses from other system campuses as counting for UHM's upper-division E-focus requirement. They recognize that this is a hardship for students transferring in from other campuses, but they feel that the 300-level Ethics content *in a student's major* is paramount. They think it would be great if students have a lower-division course as well, but that they are not the same.

The E-board will host an E-focus workshop, tentatively April 10.

They approved one course, WGSS 392 for an E-focus designation.