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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

**MEETING DATE:** May 8, 2020 11:00 AM–12:45 PM  
**LOCATION:** Zoom  
**ATTENDANCE:** [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS	
Garrett Apuzen-Ito	P	Mike Nassir	P	Christine Beaule	P	Lisa Fujikawa	P
Shana Brown	P	Jonathan Pettit	E	Ronald Cambra	P	Vicky Keough	P
Garrett Clanin	P	Halina Zaleski	P	Ryan Yamaguchi	A	Cari Ryan	P
Betsy Gilliland	P	Andy Chu		Carolyn Stephenson (SEC liaison)	P		
Kalikoaloha Martin	P						

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order by Garrett A-I.	Meeting was called to order at 11:02am
REVIEW OF MINUTES	Minutes from the May 1, 2020 meeting approved with 5 votes in favor, 0 against and 2 abstentions.	Minutes approved at 11:05 am



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INFORMATION  
ITEMS

*GEO Director's report*

- Lisa and Jonathan created a COVID-19 page for Gen Ed, with an explanation of the CR / NC grading policy for Gen Ed. The page has links to UHM Covid-19 page, and to student & faculty FAQ's.
- WICHE passport has been approved for UH and implementation is now being developed in coordination with admissions, STAR, advisors and others across the System..
- Two Foundations-Board vacancies have been filled. Two vacancies remain on the W Board: a one-year position from Social Sciences; and a two-year position from a non-A&S or professional school.
- Scheduling polls will be sent out over the summer.

*GEC chair report*

- SEC has been informed of progress on thematic pathways as well as revising SLOs for FG courses, and SEC responded that these are examples of areas where GEC's area of responsibility versus the senate's is unclear. GAI hopes to be in communication with the SEC this summer for the upcoming academic year and hopes there will be progress in terms of clarity & collegial collaboration on determining the GEC's area of responsibility, our governance documents, and specifically about next steps with these particular issues.
- GAI will remain on GEC next fall but will step down as chair. Other returning members are Kaliko, Betsy, Michael, Jon, and Shana. Garrett Clanin is finishing his current term and should be replaced by another member from the advising council. As returning senators, Betsy and Jonathan will be chair and vice-chair.
- Congrats to GEO for success in staffing the boards!

*Liaison reports (E, H, O, W, F, Div, SEC)*

- Betsy: W Board hasn't met since last GEC meeting.
- Mike: Div Board has one more meeting and is working on the student learning objectives.
- Halina: O Board is discussing the idea of an additional O Foundations requirement. Analyzing relative advantages of different approaches. Still working on combining course & instructor-based into a single form.
- Shana: HAP has finished combining course & instructor-based forms and also worked on hallmarks.

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*SEC Liaison's report*

- Concerns in the SEC that there is not sufficient clarity in regards to policy versus implementation, and what the GEC can do on its own versus in consultation with the SEC. Issues of concern: thematic pathways; DIV-board; new SLOs for FG. SEC requests that these not be implemented until there is further consultation with the SEC.
- SEC liaison requests end-of-year data on total numbers of proposals for each board.

Christine notes that thematic pathways have been under discussion for 1.5 years and is surprised by the concern at this very late point. Also notes that the FG SLOs were previously approved by the GEC so SEC's concerns are inconsistent with past SECs.





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• But, BAM students are increasingly needing to use grad courses for BA requirements, consistent with the intent of BAM.</li> <li>• Proposed revised policy: Allow an exception to the general policy, to allow students pursuing a BAM degree to request a focus exemption, so that they can use grad courses to apply for Focus exemptions? (i.e., double-dipping Focus &amp; grad degree courses). Decisions would be on a case-by-case basis, made by the boards.</li> <li>• Suggestion was approved that proposed exemption also needed to be sent to Graduate Council for approval.</li> </ul>	<p>with 7 in favor, no abstentions, no objections.</p> <p>Lisa will follow up with Grad Division and Grad Council, to make them aware of our vote and to seek their consultation.</p>
<b>UPCOMING MEETINGS</b>	TBD. Poll will be sent out over the summer for current & incoming GEC members to indicate preferences for liaison assignments. Once assignments are set up, scheduling can begin for board meetings.	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		Meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm

Respectfully submitted by Matt Eng, GEC Secretary.

Approved on 09/09/2020 with 5 votes in favor, 0 against, and 3 abstentions.