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**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: May 1, 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 Beaulé	P	Lisa Fujikawa	P
Shana Brown	E	Jonathan Pettit	P	Ronald Cambra	E	Vicky Keough	P
Garrett Clanin	P	Halina Zaleski	P	Ryan Yamaguchi	E	Cari Ryan	P
Betsy Gilliland	P	Andy Chu	P	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 4/17 meeting approved with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.	Minutes approved at 11:06am



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INFORMATION ITEMS

GEO Director's report

- The GEO has worked hard to make sure that the COVID-19 Emergency Credit/No Credit guidelines are clear for faculty and students.
 - Christine reports that the FAQs for students did not originally address the GenEd requirements. Within a day, however, this problem was fixed.
- The General Education Advisory Board met this past week. Christine informed them of the changes underway for course-based and instructor-based Focus proposal forms. They also discussed the budget cuts that might happen due to COVID-19, including changes in lectures and laboratory classes.
 - Christine started a Google doc to serve as a sketch page for ideas on preparing for a variety of scenarios. For example, if the FW courses are increased from 20->23 students, what kind of workload issues might faculty encounter?
 - Christine shared this Google doc with GEC members during the meeting

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

- Betsy: W Board is working on revising the proposal form. After next Wednesday, there will be a combined form for both kinds of proposals.
- Mike: Div Board is working on the student learning objectives.

SEC Liasion's report

- Carolyn reports that the SECwants to make sure that the students receive clear instruction on the GenEd requirements in light of the Credit/No-credit changes to UHM policy this semester.
 - She asks if there is a place on the website to include this information.
- SEC has recommended that tests (SAT/ACT) for Fall 2021 admissions be waived.
- The three SEC members have been elected and forwarded for approval.

Garrett A-I asks
GEO to put a link
to the FAQs on the
GEO website.



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OLD BUSINESS

- E, O, & W course-based Focus request for IP 363/ENG 375:
 - Mike notes that the box to request Ethics is not checked on the front page.
 - Garrett A-I asks which focuses are new, and which are renewed
 - Lisa says that the E Focus is new.
 - Course passes 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Revised Thematic Pathways in General Education (TPGE) proposal:
 - CWG reduced number of courses required for a TPGE to 40 from 50.
 - They also changed the wording that the criteria are not mandatory, but highly encouraged.
 - Emphasized that it should cover multiple disciplines.
 - There is a discussion concerning the way that the application process will transpire. GEC recognizes the need to formalize flexibility in the SLOs, so that courses can be integrated by including courses where only one or a few of the SLOs relate to the TPGE.
 - A motion is made to approve the proposal, and to review TPGE no later than three years from now.
 - Motion passes 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
 - Mike asks what the next step might be to advertise the TPGE.
 - Christine says that we should provide a sample TPGE proposal to show prospective faculty members.
 - Garrett A-I encourages us to include the sample proposal(s) in the town halls.
 - GEO will produce a Google form using the approved proposal language, and create a new page on the website about TPGEs. This will be shared once published with the groups of faculty who have already expressed interest in proposing TPGEs for sustainability, oceans, multiculturalism/multilingualism, etc. One or more town halls will also be planned by the GEO/GEC/Diversification

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	<p>Board for the fall to introduce faculty to the initiative and answer questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Civ. Policy for FG proration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to table this to discuss new business. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Motion passes 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions. 	
NEW BUSINESS	<p><u>Proposed changes to SLOs for FG</u>: Evaluate and vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garrett A-I asks about the plural for world in natural and human world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Betsy proposes the phrasing “human societies and natural world” ○ Christine responds that there are multiple human worlds and natural worlds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Betsy suggests removing “the” • A discussion about the power relations in the third SLO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Garrett C. proposes “social relationships and issues” as a possible alternative. ○ Garrett A.I. expresses support for the terms of power-relations and social justice, but also latched on to the idea of a more general description ○ . <p>Mike asks about changing policy for GenEd credits to allow Credit/No Credit. Christine responds that this would be a system-level change that would be difficult to carry out.</p>	<p>Garrett A-I. asks GEC members to make further recommendations on the SLOs.</p> <p>Cari will ask the Foundations Learning Community to revise the SLOs before the next meeting on May 8</p>
UPCOMING MEETINGS	Last Meeting: May 8, 11-12pm viz Zoom	
ADJOURNMENT		Meeting adjourned at 12:22pm

Respectfully drafted by Jonathan Pettit, Secretary, and submitted by Garrett Apuzen-Ito (GEC chair)
Approved on 5/8/20 with 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions.