

Minutes of the General Education Committee
Wednesday, October 8, 2008
Hawai'i Hall 208

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Mike Kirk-Kuwaye, Chair.

Present: Lynne Higa, Susan Johnson, Mike Kirk-Kuwaye, Mike Nassir, Scott Rowland, Carolyn Stephenson, George Wong

Ex officio: Ron Cambra (OVCAA), David Ross (SEC), Alan Yang (A&R)

Guests: Lisa Fujikawa (GEO), Mark Heberle (ENG), Duane Henry (GEO), Tom Hilgers (GEO), Judith Kellogg (ENG), Jo-Anne Nakamoto (GEO Recorder)

MINUTES: Minutes of the September 24, 2008 meeting were approved, along with the E Liaison Report.

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Introduction of Duane Henry, Program Development Coordinator, General Education Office.
2. Introduction of Mark Heberle and Judith Kellogg, English Department. Kellogg presented an FW update.
 - ENG 100 normally taught by 1/3 regular faculty, 1/3 GAs/PhD candidates and 1/3 trained instructors w/experience.
 - Large percentage of ENG 100 students are not freshmen.
 - English needs 50 sections per semester to serve all first-year students.
 - How do we finance additional sections in the future?
 - 1871 incoming freshman each year (51% transfers, 49% new)
 - UHM was counting on attrition over 4 yrs in order to relieve the backlog, however, 1,600 seats in ENG 100 is not enough.
 - Kellogg will get back to GEC with report on statistics for F08 enrollment.
 - There are 48 sections of ENG100 ready for S09.
 - Question: Could we require system transfers to have ENG 100 to transfer in? This would be difficult to demand but perhaps possible at some campuses.
 - Kirk-Kuwaye requested of Kellogg an FW update report to the GEC in February, 2009.
3. Focus Board recommendations – all were forwarded to the GEC with recommendations for approval:
 - ANTH 419 (E, H, O)
 - IP 364 (E, O, W)
 - IP 368B (E, O, W)
 - AMST 481 (course-based W; based on modification of catalog description)
 - NURS 310 (course-based O; based on modification of catalog description)

ACTION: GEC voted to approve the above-mentioned recommendations (Stephenson abstained).

4. Diversification subcommittee recommendations of UHWO courses:

- BIOL 100 – DB
- EDEE 200 – none
- EDEE 201 – none
- HIST 296 – DH
- MATH 103 – none
- PHIL 220 – DS
- PUBA100 – none
- PUBA 101 - DS

Discussion: “none” designation decision was clarified by Fujikawa. Basically, courses are sent to UHM, then A & R attempted to check articulation. Forwarded to the Diversification subcommittee for review. Subcommittee must decide if they carried forward the designation; in some cases, the “how-to’s” did not qualify.

ACTION: The GEC voted to approve the subcommittee’s recommendations of the above-mentioned courses.

5. American Samoa Community College (ASCC) – Cambra explained that their office was approached for a suggested MOA regarding articulating of very specific/defined courses (towards their AA degree) to be eligible for articulation to UHM.

- They encouraged the President of ASCC to send syllabi for possible articulation.
- Three years hence, it appears that if a student follows a very prescribed track of courses we could accept the AA degree and/or courses. Note: ASCC is an accredited institution.
- At this point in time, UHM appear to be ready to start a formal conversation about agreement language. Both parties are enthusiastic.
- This could be used as a template to take to other colleges, perhaps with the potential agreement having its own separate name/identifier. This would be the first MOA in the Pacific Region.
- Hilgers stated that UHM would be articulating the COURSES and not the AA degree (or it could be said that they fulfilled our “core”.)
It was suggested that perhaps this could be considered as a program that others could follow, similar to the IB (Ross).

6. Assessment update: Memo from Chair Kirk-Kuwaye was sent to the Focus Boards; some have scheduled meetings with the UH Assessment Office (Stitt-Bergh and Lowe). There was no new information available regarding a Director/Head of this office at this time.

WRAP UP:

1. Defer discussion re time frame for FG and FS requirements to next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Next meeting: 1:30 p.m. on October 22, 2008, HH 208. (Upcoming meetings: 11/05, 11/19, 12/3).

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder