

Minutes of the General Education Committee

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Hawai'i Hall 208

ATTENDEES: Fred Birkett, Ron Cambra (AVCUE), Richard Chadwick (SEC), Sianha Gualano (ASUH), Joe Jarrett, Scott Rowland, Mamoru Sato, Comfort Sumida, Wei Zhang

Support staff: Dawne Bost (GEO), Lisa Fujikawa (GEO), Jo-Anne Nakamoto (GEO Recorder), Todd Sammons (GEO)

Excused: Jim Caron, Garrett Inoue (Admissions), Dore Minatodani, Ryan Yamaguchi (Admissions)

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Jarrett at 12:00 noon.

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Minutes of October 26, 2011 were unanimously approved with one typographical error (Action and Information Item #3, IP 398, second bullet: "Syllabus vague regarding ~~ethnical~~ ethical reflection and oral communication.")
2. Proposals for GEC Vote:
 - Foundations Proposals (Renewals) – The following courses were approved unanimously (6-0-0) by the GEC:
 - HIST 151 FG-A
 - HIST 152 FG-B
 - HIST 161A – FG-A
 - HIST 162A – FG-B
 - ART 175 – FG-A
 - ART 176 – FG-B
 - REL 150 – FG-C
 - Course-based W proposal – for ENG 400-level courses (applies to only supplied course numbers)
 - Courses have a 10-year track record, Hallmarks are clearly indicated.
 - GEC voted unanimously (6-0-0) to approve.
 - IP 368B (Multiple Focus Designations, E, O, W)
 - Concern about three different syllabi vs. one integrated syllabus and grading issues.
 - Tabled until next meeting.
 - IP 398 (Multiple Focus Designation – E, O, W)
 - Minatodani had questions and was not present at this meeting.
 - Tabled until next meeting.
3. Diversification Subcommittee –Request for two volunteers
 - Meetings usually held in the latter half of the semester to comply with December 15th and May 15th deadlines.
 - Rowland and Birkett volunteered for this subcommittee.
 - Fujikawa to email them meeting details.

4. Discussion: FG Compliance
 - Do we want to address the FG compliance issue?
 - GEO is doing a study on program plans, to eventually be able to map FG location.
 - Should we change the requirement to read, “Complete one FG requirement in the first year, and one in the second year”?
5. MFS Agenda Item
 - Proposed revision in graduation requirement wording from “60 non-introductory credits” to “45 upper-division credits.”
 - Issue: many majors require students to take their foreign language and/or diversification courses in their junior/senior semesters. Some majors are already taking 15 credits/semester. In the Chemistry Department students are taking upwards of 20 credits/semester.
 - If this change went through, students’ graduation would be delayed.
6. Update on Memo to Multicampus Foundations Board
 - No forward movement to report at the present time.
 - Idea of adding or changing Explanatory Notes became an issue; the community colleges felt PHIL 110 should remain FS.
 - Problem: we would have to create a new General Education category (“FQ”).
7. Presentation by Mānoa Assessment Office – Monica Stitt-Bergh and Marlene Lowe
 - Report on the Student Success Project, a longitudinal study of factors influencing the success of learning. [Power Point Presentation (posted on Lulima for GEC).]
 - Preliminary findings presented based on a longitudinal study of 251 incoming freshmen.
 - Focuses on General Education courses and outcomes
 - To determine where General Education learning occurred.
 - Ultimate goal: to improve the program, remove barriers to learning.
 - Faculty study group will meet in the spring to examine student work examples.
 - Assessment Office will return in the early spring to report on another set of results.

Next meeting: November 16, 2011, 12 noon, HH 208.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder