

General Education Committee  
March 7, 2006  
Hawai'i Hall 208  
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m. by the vice chair.

Present: Helen Baroni (vice chair), Richard Bigus, Jon Goss, Emily Hawkins, Jesse Jones, Jeannie Lum, Megumi Taniguchi.  
Kelly Aune (OVCAA), Ron Cambra (OVCAA), Jan Heu (A&R), Tom Hilgers (GEO),  
Helene Sokugawa (OVCAA).

Absent: Patricia Fryer (chair), James Marsh, Noel Kent (SEC).

MINUTES: The minutes of February 21, 2006, were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Diversification subcommittee (Taniguchi)

The committee is working on information and forms for the renewal packet. They will schedule a meeting to include Cambra and Heu.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Focus recommendations (Hilgers)

*Focus Board Recommendations: Fall 2006 Proposals (Second List)* was distributed (attached).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve Board-recommended UHM courses for Fall 06 and an LCC course. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Diversification recommendations (Taniguchi)

The following courses were recommended for Diversification designations:

ANTH 444/REL 444	DS
ANTH 445 / REL 445	DS
EALL 330	DH
EALL 140	DH
FR 491	DL
WS 151	DS
IND 405	DH

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the recommended Diversification designations. The motion passed unanimously.

Still pending review: ANTH 380; IND 407; LING 320.

3. Wild Card Request

The Wild Card subcommittee reviewed a request for an O waiver and found the request as written to be inadequate grounds for a waiver.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to deny the request as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Baroni will draft a letter explaining the GEC's decision.

4. Course designation policy (Hilgers)

Hilgers reviewed the existing policy for course designations (pp. 85-86 of the GEC Handbook). Writing (W) course proposals have been received for courses that may not be inherently W. The proposals do demonstrate how W hallmarks are met in standard practice. Hilgers asked for the GEC's interpretation of "inherent."

Board supports the definition as provided in the Handbook and felt that, as a rule of thumb, the Focus content should be evident from the title and/or catalog description of the course.

Baroni will attend the W Board meeting tomorrow, 3/8, to discuss.

Hilgers will report on the GEO Advisory Board discussion of the topic at the next GEC meeting.

Next meeting: On call for Tuesday, 3/14/06

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Mueller-Ali, Recorder