

## MĀNOA FACULTY SENATE



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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 8:30-9:30 AM  
**LOCATION:** Bilger 106 and Zoom  
**ATTENDANCE:** [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS	
Sonja Giardina (ASUH rep)	P (Zoom)	Nadine Ortega	P (Zoom)	Pauly Yamada	P (Zoom)	Ashley Maynard (GEO Director)	P
Mahealani Kaneshiro	P (Zoom)	Sarah Post	P (Zoom)	Garett Inoue (Admissions rep)	P (Zoom)	Lisa Fujikawa (GEO liaison)	P
Keahiahi Long	P (Zoom)	Shauna Sibonga	P (Zoom)	Paul McKimmy (OVPAE rep)	P (Zoom)	Vicky Keough	P
Laura O'Rourke	P (Zoom)	Brad Taylor	P	Marguerite Butler (SEC liaison)	P	Rose Paradise	P

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER		Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:33 AM.
REVIEW OF MINUTES	1. <a href="#">2/26/25 draft minutes</a>	Minutes from 2/26 were approved by acclamation.
INFORMATION ITEMS	1. <b>Reports and updates</b> (as collected by a <a href="#">Google Form</a> prior to the meeting) can be found at the bottom of this document. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEC liaison report mentioned referral for EP5.231 Sustainability Curriculum Research and Scholarship and encouraged the GEC Committee to attend the next MFS meeting to ask questions about it.</li> <li>Brief discussion of new housing development</li> </ol>	1. No action.
ACTION ITEMS		

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DISCUSSION ITEMS	<p>1. <b>Gen Ed redesign update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Patsy F. from CAPP shared perspectives about GenED redesign meetings; students seem to be OK with changes proposed, do not want increase in total credit hours, waivers for HSL should continue, History department concern about FG change may affect ability to cover all courses.</li> <li>b. Ashley shared that there were 22 campus meetings; there seems to be a consensus to add FH although name of category may change, keep 5 of 6 courses box, agreement to decrease WI from 5 to 4 but revisit what WI addresses, OC at any level was inconclusive; ETH seemed to be OK at any level. Like CARE framework, commit to the sustainability requirement; other considerations are AI and community involvement.</li> <li>c. Reviewed resolution and was shown a report.</li> <li>d. Likely launch of new GenEd in Fall 2026.</li> </ul>	<p>1. Recommendations for Curricular Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) FH/FI (*ike kupuna) accepted [acclamation]</li> <li>2) 5 of 6 box accepted [acclamation]</li> <li>3) Commit to competency of sustainability accepted [acclamation]</li> <li>4) Decrease WI from 5 to 4 accepted [acclamation]</li> <li>5) O/E any level not voted on; needs further discussion</li> </ul>
NEW BUSINESS		
UPCOMING MEETINGS	<p><b>REMAINING SPRING 2025 MEETINGS: Wednesdays 8:30-9:30 AM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 2</li> <li>• April 16</li> <li>• April 30</li> <li>• May 14? (finals week, if needed)</li> </ul>	
ADJOURNMENT		Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 9:36 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Mahealani Kaneshiro, Secretary.

Approved on 04/02/2025 by acclamation.

#### LIAISON REPORTS & UPDATES

- **HAP Board** – The HAP Board did not have a quorum for their 26 February 2025 meeting. The board was reminded via email that a decision about AMST 453 must be made before 28 February, because it is a summer proposal.
- **SEC liaison report:**
  - The SEC received an issue referral for EP5.231 Sustainability Curriculum Research and Scholarship, and because it is an Executive Policy, referred it to CAB as lead, as well as CAPP and COR because of the broad ranging implications. I will ask the SEC to refer to GEC as well.

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- SEC met with consultants conducting a feasibility study for redevelopment of the “Campus Town” - the parcel currently containing the College of Ed, UHMCC, UH Lab School, and the PBS building. Asked the consultants for their slides and any other materials, the scope of work, cost of the contract, and the source of funding. The UH contact for this project is Michael Shibata, Director of Strategic Development and Partnership, an office at the System level .
- Please attend the MFS meeting today at 3pm via zoom. There will be two resolutions - one on student housing, one on the proposed fee increase at the UHMCC. At the congress we will have a report on the textbook strategy committee from the MFS appointed faculty representatives to this committee (Ashley is one of them).

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