

General Education Committee
March 19, 2008
Hawai'i Hall 208
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Jane Schoonmaker, Chair.

Present: Lynne Higa, Susan Johnson, Mike Nassir, Jane Schoonmaker,
Carolyn Stephenson, George Wong.

Ron Cambra (OVCAA), Bob Campbell (FRAUM), Linda Cox (SEC),
Lisa Fujikawa (GEO), Jan Heu for Alan Yang (A & R), Tom Hilgers (GEO),
Monica Stitt-Bergh (GEO).

Absent: Mike Kirk-Kuwaye

MINUTES: Minutes of the February 6, 2008 and March 5, 2008 meetings were approved,
along with accompanying liaison reports.

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Focus recommendations–tabled until future meeting. A course with 3+ Focus designations proposed still has a Focus awaiting Board recommendation. Fujikawa will follow up with the instructor and/or department.
2. Articulation vote–GEC approved Board recommendation for UHH's ESL 100T (FW), and WCC's AQUA 106L (DY).
3. Assessment Preamble–Hilgers presented the latest version along with comments from the Boards.
Discussion: Do we accept/modify this version? Are we going to remain with the current form? Clarify grammar?
Action: GEC voted to approve amended version of preamble and forward to Faculty Senate's Senate Executive Committee.
4. FW implementation update–Hilgers distributed handout representative of the larger picture.
 - Biggest hurdle at present appears to be funding and not enough sections to accommodate students.
 - Time constraints involved: everything must be approved by mid-April.
 - Foundations Board should be notified of this proposal, with a response date of March 28th. It should be noted that the GEC conveys this document with tentative approval for the FW initiative with the understanding that ENG and ELI offer sufficient seats to accommodate these students during upcoming years.
 - Even if we do offer a one-time FW equivalency option, we must offer the others seats in ENG 100 for new freshmen and for returning students who do not take advantage of the option.

- FW designation may need to be assigned to ENG 200.
4. Other Business -- Discussion of BUS 301 (1 cr). Hilgers stated that the W Board wanted to consult with the GEC before making a decision about a F08“staff W focus. GEC to invite a representative to next meeting to explain/justify this request.

WRAP UP

1. GEO will send draft Preamble comments to Foundations Board for review/comments by March 28th.
2. Hilgers to invite BUS 301 chair to next meeting, along with W Board members.
3. Fujikawa to contact instructors for focus follow-up.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 1:30 p.m. in Hawai'i Hall 208.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder