

General Education Committee
January 27, 2006
Hawai'i Hall 208
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by the chair.

Present: Helen Baroni, Patricia Fryer (chair), Jon Goss, Emily Hawkins, Jesse Jones, Megumi Taniguchi.
Jan Heu (A&R), Tom Hilgers (GEO), Helene Sokugawa (OVCAA), Monica Stitt-Bergh (GEO).

Absent: Richard Bigus, Jeannie Lum, James Marsh.
Kelly Aune (OVCAA), Ron Cambra (OVCAA-AVCUE), Noel Kent (SEC).

INTRODUCTIONS: Jesse Ikaika Jones was introduced. He is the ASUH representative.

SPRING MEETING TIME: Fridays, 1:00–2:15 p.m., in Hawai'i 208.

MINUTES: The minutes and liaison reports of 11/29, 2005, were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Summary of Gen Ed requirements for OVCAA web site (Hilgers)
Three drafts describing Gen Ed requirements were presented (attached).
 - Fryer's understanding from her meeting with VCAA Smatresk is that he wants a statement describing the philosophy of Gen Ed at UHM followed by the requirements.
 - Jones was asked to have ASUH rank the three versions as to their appropriateness for student readers.
 - Sokugawa will check with the VCAA on the master plan for the web site and what, specifically, he wants from the GEC. Who is the intended audience for the requested summary?
2. Diversification Subcommittee (Stitt-Bergh)
Arts Hallmarks revision: UHM faculty responded favorably to the proposed revision; the subcommittee subsequently reconsidered parts of the revision which resulted in two changes (attached). The revision before the GEC for approval clarifies how courses get designated for Arts and creates clearer, more meaningful definitions for each Diversification area. Two-thirds of a course must satisfy the Arts area hallmarks.

CONSENSUS: GEC agreed by consensus to accept the revision.

The next step is to send out the revised hallmarks for system consultation. The review process needs to be finalized before the renewal forms can be prepared for fall distribution. The application of the approved hallmarks will begin with the Fall 2006 reviews.

3. Common HAP Program (Hilgers)
The Common HAP Program proposal is based on the Foundations Common Program. The proposal can be handled through chief academic officers or AVCAA Cambra.
VC Smatresk will be meeting on 2/6/06 with Hilgers, Cambra, Aune, Heu, Fryer, Baroni, and Spencer Leineweber (H Board chair). Hilgers will report on the results of the 2/6 meeting.
4. Letters of appreciation to Gen Ed boards (Fryer)
Email any suggestions/edits to Fryer. The letters will be sent to all Focus and Foundations board members.

NEW BUSINESS

1. GEC calendar for S06 was distributed (attached).
2. Diversification designations (Taniguchi)
 - Two UHM courses were recommended for the Diversification Social Science (DS) designation:
ANTH 482 Environmental Anthropology
NREM 420 Community and Natural Resource Management

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

3. Implementing Diversification designation changes (Heu)
A&R is having difficulty with Diversification designation changes for English courses (attached). The difficulty is identifying transfer courses in the database affected by the changes. Heu will develop a flowchart of how changes are currently handled; discussion will continue at the next meeting.

One option is to have English review the affected transfer courses. However, a) the English Department may have difficulty doing it by the effective date and b) English does not make the Diversification determination. GEC makes Diversification determinations.

The question of how Diversification designations are determined needs to be resolved.
Possible solution: GEC creates ad hoc faculty committees which review titles (after training by the GEC) and make decisions.

E5.209 governs articulation. The revised version (pending signatures) states that all significant changes must be announced one year prior to effective dates.

4. Spring 06 recruitment and faculty development efforts (Hilgers)
Hilgers emailed E and O Boards an update on E and O seats available in S06 (attached). An adequate number of seats are offered but students in the largest majors are hard pressed to find seats in their majors. Discussion will continue next week.

WRAP UP

1. Jones will bring feedback from ASUH on the summary for the OVCAA web site.
2. Sokugawa will get info on the master plan of the VCAA web site and the type of Gen Ed summary the VCAA is seeking from the GEC.
3. Mueller-Ali will prepare letters of appreciation for Fryer's signature.
4. Hilgers will transmit DA hallmark revision for system faculty consultation.

5. Heu will develop a flowchart of how A&R currently handles Diversification changes and course review.

Next meeting: Friday, 2/3/06, 1:00-2:15, Hawai'i 208.
Send New Business items to Fryer.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Mueller-Ali, Recorder