

General Education Committee  
April 4, 2006  
Hawai'i Hall 208  
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by the chair.

Present: Helen Baroni, Patricia Fryer (chair), Jon Goss, Emily Hawkins, Jeannie Lum, Megumi Taniguchi, Kelly Aune (OVCAA), Ron Cambra (OVCAA), Jan Heu (A&R), Tom Hilgers (GEO), Noel Kent (SEC), Helene Sokugawa (OVCAA).

Absent: Richard Bigus, Jesse Jones, James Marsh.

MINUTES: The minutes of March 14, 2006, were approved as modified.

Old Business. 1. Discussion, bullet 3:

Modify text: -If a course does not include reference to writing instruction in its catalog description, but the course has evolved to meet W hallmarks, the department can submit a UHM-2 form.

REPORTS

1. Multi-campus Foundations Committee (Chin, UHM F Board chair)

The committee is comprised of chairs of UHM, HCC, KCC's F Board.

- a) The committee met on 3/17/06 to review what each board has been doing and agreed that each campus board was performing as expected.  
The committee recommends continuation of the current arrangement.
- b) Sokugawa asked whether there is a process for notifying Mānoa in a timely manner of courses HCC and KCC have approved. Articulation database (maintained by OVCAA) must be current and accurate. Past practice: Campus CAOs send Sokugawa a list of courses that have been approved. But no reporting procedures are spelled out in the multi-campus agreement.

Two issues:

- 1. Mānoa needs to be informed of HCC and KCC F Board decisions. (Sokugawa will email Chin information on who needs the information.)  
GEC asked Chin to discuss procedures for distribution of information with the Multi-campus Committee. Chin: F Boards are advisory to the GEC. Informing other campuses of decisions should not be an F Board's responsibility.

Current dissemination of information from UHM to CCs: GEC to AVCUE to VCAA to CCAO. Cambra, AVCUE, will try to facilitate the channeling of information between the CCs and UHM. He and Hilgers will meet during the summer to devise a solution.

- 2. Articulation requires a definitive database and a single responsible unit. The question of which existing database should be definitive for Mānoa also needs to be resolved.

Cambra with Aune and Hilgers will seek a solution for UHM and then approach the CCs.

c) Modifying Foundations Global and Multicultural Perspectives (FG) Hallmark 4

Current Hallmark 4: "include at least one component on Hawaiian, Pacific, and Asian societies and their

cultural traditions.”

The F Board recommends changing “Hawaiian, Pacific, *and* Asian” to “Hawaiian, Pacific, *or* Asian.”

Rationale of F Board, HCC and KCC representatives: In practice, F Board has been interpreting Hallmark 4 as “or.” Renewals for HIST 151, 152 are problematic if Hallmark 4 includes all 3.

#### Discussion:

1. Seems reasonable: Since the Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Issues (H) Focus calls for intersection, FG need not. Requiring all 3 duplicates the H Focus.
2. Possibilities
  - a. Interpretation of “Component” needs to be clarified.
    - one component Hawaiian or Asian or Pacific  
(F Board and HCC/KCC representatives unanimous in this interpretation.)
    - one component all three areas
    - one component of each area: Hawaiian, Pacific, and Asian
  - b. Hallmark 4 is redundant of Hallmark 1; to be distinct, Hallmark 4 only needs Hawai‘i; Hallmark 1 is so broad that Hallmark 4 is not needed.
    - FG Hallmark 1: “From multiple perspectives, analyze the development of human societies and their cultural traditions through time and throughout the world, including Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania.”
  - c. Change Hallmark 1: change Oceania to Hawai‘i and the Pacific and remove Hallmark 4.
3. Best to review all FG courses before FG hallmarks are modified; see what different subject areas are doing in practice.
4. Current language confounds geography and culture.

Chin will take the GEC discussion points back to the F Board for consideration.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to change the wording from “and” to “or” in Hallmark 4: “...Hawaiian, Pacific, and Asian” to “...Hawaiian, Pacific, or Asian.”

3 in favor; 3 abstained. The motion passed.\*

Kent will consult with SEC chair, Robert Bley-Vroman on how to interpret the results.

\*email from Kent: “Robert tells me that three ayes and three abstentions equal a yes vote since you had a quorum.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### 1. Diversification (Taniguchi)

A list of *Diversification Requests* (attached) with recommended designations and a rationale for each was distributed.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the Diversification recommendations.

The motion passed, 5 in favor, 1 abstention.

##### 2. Wild Card Request (Baroni)

Applicant was informed of GEC’s decision and responded. Baroni offered him an opportunity to resubmit, in accordance with GEC consensus at the time the decision was made. He must do so by 4/21/06.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### 1. Focus recommendations (Hilgers):

*Focus Board Recommendations: Fall 2006 Proposals, Fourth List, 04/03/06* was distributed.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve all the recommended classes on the list with the exception of ITE 343. The motion passed unanimously.

The recommendation of ITE 343, Personal and Social K-6 Health Skills, for an O Course designation was discussed. GEC reviewed materials submitted with the proposal (attached).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve ITE 343 with this condition: By mid-semester of Fall 06, the GEC must receive proof that an appropriate UHM-2 form, signed by the department chair, is being processed to modify the catalog description or title to reflect the inherent O component. When an appropriate UHM-2 form is received, the effective dates of approval will be F06-SS09. Otherwise the course-based designation is for F06 only.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. “Simplification” subcommittee (Hilgers)

Hilgers called for the formation of a subcommittee to look into ways of simplifying GEC policies and procedures; e.g., how to deal with the multiple sunset dates for Diversification and Foundations courses. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

3. WASC and Gen Ed (Aune)

A WASC Steering Committee has been formed and will ask the GEC for input.

WRAP UP:

1. Diversification Renewal Packet for departments: Mueller-Ali will add Explanatory Notes for the Sciences (DP, DB, DY) and forward the packet to Diversification Subcommittee members.
2. Chin will bring GEC discussion points on hallmark change to the F Board and report back to GEC.
3. Cambra will work with Hilgers on a procedure for disseminating information between CCs and UHM; and with Hilgers and Aune on the question a definitive database for articulation.

Next meeting: April 18, 2006, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Hawai‘i 208.

Send New Business items to Fryer.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Mueller-Ali, Recorder