

Minutes of the General Education Committee  
Wednesday, January 27, 2010  
Hawai'i Hall 208

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Chair Scott Rowland.

Present: Ernestine Enomoto, Lynne Higa, Susan Hippensteele (SEC), Mike Nassir, Scott Rowland, Todd Sammons, Galen Sasaki, Mamoru Sato, Carolyn Stephenson

Ex officio: Ron Cambra (OVCAA), Steve Rola (A&R)

Support staff: Tom Hilgers (GEO), Lisa Fujikawa (GEO), Jo-Anne Nakamoto (GEO Recorder)

Excused: Garrett Inoue (A&R)

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Minutes of December 16, 2009 were approved with the following changes:
  - Action Item #4, Bullet #8: reworded to read (in italics), "Some low-enrolled 400-level courses are actually being used as a "culture course" substitution (*for the language requirement*) although it may appear to be non-essential."
  - Action Item #5, Bullet #5: removed "glossy".
2. What is FS? Working Group
  - First meeting is scheduled for today.
  - Enomoto, Nassir and Sasaki met with the Foundations Board last week and explained task of Working Group. Erik Guentner, Chair of Foundations Board, will also sit on this group.
3. Discussion – 400-level Diversification courses
  - GEC awaiting data (how many 400-level courses have prerequisites with same Diversification designation; how many students satisfy their Diversification requirements with 400-level courses?) from Gary Rodwell's office (Cambra). To be discussed after additional data is obtained.
  - Motion to vote on decision deferred.
4. Voting on Diversification subcommittee recommendations  
The GEC voted unanimously to approve the following recommendations (7 yes votes, 0 abstained, 0 opposed)
  - ART 478 (DH)
  - HIST 352 (DH)
  - HIST 362 (DH)
  - HIST 480 (DH)
  - EDEE 297 (none; UHWO course)

It was brought to the GEC's attention that the subcommittee reviews System courses; non-System courses are evaluated by A&R.

5. Focus Exemption Application Appeal – Discussion: the student's application is to now be considered a non-course, extraordinary experience.
  - GEC felt none of the Hallmarks were met; it was not enough to merely become fluent in the language.
  - Motion to vote on her appeal: 4 yes, 0 no, 2 abstained.
  - Vote to reverse our decision: 0 yes, 6 no, 1 abstained.Copies of GEC's memo will also be sent to the student's advisors.

WI Focus Exemption Application – Discussion: quantity of writing adequate (also “real-life writing”). GEC voted to approve: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained.

6. VCAA Reed Dasenbrock spoke about the University Council on Articulation (UCA) meeting this Friday on articulation issues within the UH system.
7. Update on Recent Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Visit
  - GEC advised to read report; discussion deferred until next meeting.
8. It was noted by Chair Rowland that the General Education section in the upcoming UHM Catalog has been moved from the **Curriculum and Academic Departments** section to the **Undergraduate Education** heading in the **Structure, Services, and Policies** section.

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Next meeting: February 10, 2010, 1:30 p.m., HH 208.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder