



December 15, 2015

TO: Mānoa Faculty Senate
FROM: Katrina-Ann Kapā Oliveira, Chair
RE: General Education Committee (GEC) Fall 2015 Report

The GEC met 7 times during Fall 2015 on 9/9, 9/30, 10/14, 10/28, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2. The voting members of the GEC included: Kaitlyn Conner, Miguel Felipe, Nicole Iwasaki, Dore Minatodani, Katrina-Ann Kapā Oliveira (Chair), Michael Nassir, Kiana Shiroma, Maria Stewart (Vice-Chair), and Nori Tarui. Non-voting members of the GEC included: Hōkūlani Aikau (General Education Office), Ronald Cambra (Assistant Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education), Bonnyjean Manini (Senate Executive Committee Liaison), and Ryan Yamaguchi (Admissions). Lisa Fujikawa and Vicky Keough of the General Education Office also attended GEC meetings. Mahalo to Lisa Fujikawa for taking copious minutes.

During the Fall 2015 semester, the GEC addressed the following issues:

Course-based Focus Requests

The GEC reviewed 11 Course-based Focus requests.

Multiple Focus Designation Requests

The GEC reviewed 2 Multiple Focus designation requests.

Foundation Requests

The GEC reviewed 5 Foundation requests.

Focus Exemption Requests

The GEC reviewed 10 Focus Exemption requests.



Quantitative Reasoning (QR) Hallmarks

In Spring 2015, the GEC was charged with developing QR Hallmarks after a resolution to create a Foundations-Quantitative Reasoning (FQ) requirement was revised (removing QR definitions and Hallmarks) before being proposed and passed at the Faculty Senate. In Summer 2015, the applicability of the “current” QR Hallmarks (the ones created by the QR Working Group and found in the original QR resolutions) were examined.

In Fall 2015, the Hallmarks were revised by the QR Ad Hoc Committee based on input received from UHM academic community. The QR Ad Hoc Committee sent out an email to the UHM faculty requesting feedback on the draft QR Hallmarks. A second email was sent to current FS departments to solicit their feedback specifically. The CAPP Chair, Carolyn Stephenson emailed and invited to send a CAPP member to join the QR Ad Hoc Committee.

The members of the ad hoc committee included: Katrina-Ann Kapā Oliveira (GEC Chair), Maria Stewart (Vice-Chair), Bonny-Jean Manini (SEC liaison), Miguel Felipe (GEC), Mike Nassir (GEC), Nori Tarui (GEC), Kaitlyn Conner (ASUH), Matthew Romaniello (F Board Chair), Rufus Willett (F Board), John Casken (F Board), Hōkūlani Aikau (GEO Director), and Lisa Fujikawa (GEO).

Representatives from CAPP were also invited to serve on the QR ad hoc committee. Once CAPP provides their input on the revised Hallmarks, the QR Hallmarks will be placed on the Faculty Senate agenda to be voted on.

The GEC Advisory Group

The GEC Advisory Group met on November 23 to discuss the Boards reviewing course-based Focus Exemption requests; creation of email addresses for the Board use; conditional course approvals; re-reviewing current focus designation(s) when requests for additional focus designation(s) is/are submitted.



Reconfiguring the W and Foundations Boards

The GEC voted to have the Director of Composition and Rhetoric and the Director of the English Language Institute remain on the W Board and also serve in an advisory capacity to the F Board on FW matters.

Boards

In addition to the work of the GEC, the Boards also reviewed a number of proposals as noted below:

Foundations:	5 Proposals
Diversification:	19 Proposals
E Focus:	23 Proposals
H Focus:	8 Proposals
O Focus:	44 Proposals
W Focus:	122 Proposals