

Minutes of the General Education Committee

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Hawai'i Hall 208

ATTENDEES: Jim Caron, Ernestine Enomoto, Joe Jarrett, Mamoru Sato, Galen Sasaki, Comfort Sumida, Wei Zhang

Support staff: Lisa Fujikawa (GEO), Jo-Anne Nakamoto (GEO Recorder), Todd Sammons (GEO)

Excused: Ron Cambra (AVCUE), Sianha Gualano (ASUH), Garrett Inoue (A&R), Lilikala Kame'eleihiwa (SEC), Mike Nassir, Ryan Yamaguchi (A&R)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Ernestine Enomoto.

ACTION and INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Minutes of March 15, 2011 were unanimously accepted with the following corrections (*in italics*):
Action/information Item #5, 3rd bullet, 3rd indent: *Original recommendation was to freeze registration if a classified student (entering junior year with ≥ 55 credits) had not completed his/her Foundations requirements. It is not a viable form of enforcement at the present time since Banner and Star cannot "talk to each other", and would require massive person hours to manage the situation.*
Revised recommendation: Put a hold on juniors, and allow any advisor to remove them. This could be ~~done~~ ~~included~~ via an email reminder.
The goal for this is to be effective for Spring 2012 registration.
2. Foundations Board on FS Resolution – Tabled until next meeting. Board meeting on Friday, April 1st.
3. Proposals for GEC consideration
Multiple designations:
ENG 383_SS11_Ward (E, O, W) – Comment by E Board: remained skeptical that an instructor could manage all three designations in one course, but they approved it.
ENG 460_SS11_Ward (E, O, W)

Both of these multiple designation focus proposals were unanimously approved by the GEC (7-0-0).

Course-based:
ENG 273_F11 (W)
SLS 302_F11 (W)
SLS 380_F11 (W)

All of the above-mentioned course-based proposals were unanimously approved by the GEC (7-0-0).
4. HAP Board Liaison report (Zhang)
 - a. RE networking concerns. Board did contact several departments to promote more HAP proposals.
 - b. Planning to do a workshop.

c. Next meeting: 4/6/11.

5. Working Group on High Failure Courses – Update

- Ernestine thanked the group for their time.
- To move towards placing the report on High Failure Courses on Faculty Senate agenda for April 20th.
- Look at suggestions campus-wide.
 - First bullet: change “unclassified”.
 - Second bullet: maybe change wording (virtually all students need info on requirements and orientation).
- Can they do a one-credit course in a year’s time? Or 1 credit = 3x in the first semester?
Idea of coaching; or use the concept of learning communities as a model.
- Suggestion: make New Student Orientation (NSO) free so that more will attend. Cost is probably prohibitive.
The idea of making it mandatory and free has been proposed in the past. Perhaps offering another NSO session or event after school starts might help.
- How about putting a hold on registration for transfer students?
- NOTE: NSO doesn’t have information students can’t find online.
- Suggestion: Remove “NSO” and replace with “orienting students”.
- Remove “incentive” and replace with “resources”
- Question: what could the department do that the campus level/admin cannot achieve if the funds went directly to the department?
 - Idea of a department servicing many departments across campus without compensation.
 - Manoa Assessment Committee has reviewed and added language to this draft.
 - Some form of “instruction” should be available to students.
Is this an advising issue (release of information) or is it a mechanism to succeed?
 - Students need to know what it takes to do well.
- Draft will be worked on.

6. Discussion: CAPP resolution in support of removing technical and administrative barriers to collaborative, freshman-only, academic offerings

- a. Why limit to only freshmen?
- b. Is sharing a course a big deal? In non-science community, the answer is yes.
- c. Has this been looked at from an operational view point? Who else has examined it?
- d. Resolution was discussed, and GEC is puzzled as to why it’s restricted to freshman only.

Next meeting: April 12, 2011, 3:00 p.m., HH 208.

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder.