

General Education Committee
April 23, 2008
Hawai'i Hall 208
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Jane Schoonmaker, Chair.

Present: Susan Johnson, Mike Kirk-Kuwaye, Mike Nassir, Jane Schoonmaker, Carolyn Stephenson, George Wong.

Ex officio: Ron Cambra (OVCAA), Alan Yang (A & R).

Guests: Lisa Fujikawa (GEO), Peter Quigley (OVCAA), Monica Stitt-Bergh (GEO).

Absent: Bob Campbell, Linda Cox, Lynne Higa, Tom Hilgers

MINUTES: Minutes of the April 2, 2008 meeting were approved.

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Vote on Focus Exemption ("Sam's" application). GEC voted to approve this Focus exemption application, Oral Communication (2 members abstained).
2. Vote on Diversification recommendations – GEC voted to approve subcommittee's recommendations:
 - APPROVAL of NURS 311 (removal of DB designation); GG 301, GG 309, GG 450 (add DY lab designation to existing DP designations).
 - DENIAL (does not meet Hallmarks) of GG 461(DP) and TPSS 236 (DP).
3. Vote on Focus multiple designations –
ICS 390 (E, O, W) - GEC voted to give provisional approval for one academic year. GEC to request additional information from instructor (i.e., textbook, assessment tools (e.g., video of students), number of credits, number of contact hours, and elaboration on how E, O, and W are incorporated into the course).

ENG 352 - E Board did not approve, therefore it was not up for GEC vote.

PACE 485/SW 480 (E, O, W) renewal – GEC voted to approve recommendations (one member voted against this renewal).

CEE 355 (W) course-based. GEC voted to approve as course-based.
4. HIST 155 – the Foundations Board did not recommend renewal, nor the request for change from FG-B to FG-C.
 - Past offerings included 11 students in 2002 and 12 in 2004.
 - F Board felt course could not be renewed because it had not been offered since 2004.

- Stitt-Bergh contacted HIST Chair, who stated it probably would not be offered this fall.
GEC approved the Foundations Board's recommendation not to renew HIST 155. The designation will be removed effective Fall 09 (given a one-year extension because course will be printed as FG-B in 2008-09 Catalog).
5. FW implementation plan update – Schoonmaker reported that funding has been obtained for additional sections.
Discussion:
 - In the future, who will have the authority to grant waivers on credit?
 - Will ENG determine ENG 100 equivalents or is the responsibility broader-based (e.g., F Board)?
 - Will transfer students get automatically placed into ENG 200?
 - General Education Office Director, Tom Hilgers, commended the hard work of Fujikawa and Stitt-Bergh over the past seven weeks, along with other committee members.
 - Cambra stated that the FW subcommittee should be maintained in the coming months.
 - Schoonmaker suggested that the chair of the Foundations Board should be included in future meetings.
 6. BUS 301 W update: Hilgers reported that a memo was delivered to the Chair today stating that they approved the W designation for staff sections of BUS 301 in F08. Similar approval will not be given in future semesters to “staff” requests.
 7. Annual Report draft – Schoonmaker distributed a draft for Committee review. She will report to the Faculty Senate on May 7th.

WRAP UP

1. GEC members to review Schoonmaker's draft of the Annual Report.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, 1:30 p.m. in Hawai'i Hall 208.

Meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder