

General Education Committee  
January 12, 2007  
Hawai'i Hall 208  
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by the chair.

Present: Helen Baroni (chair), Richard Bigus, John Engel, Jon Goss, Susan Johnson, George Wong.  
David Chin (SEC), Jan Heu (A&R), Todd Sammons (GEO), Monica Stitt-Bergh (GEO).

Absent: Cristina Bacchilega, Megumi Taniguchi, Ron Cambra (OVCAA),  
Ruth Kleinfeld (Faculty Retirees Association, FRAUHM) resigned; FRAUHM will assign a replacement.

MINUTES: The minutes and liaison reports of December 4, 2006, were approved as submitted.

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. School of TIM in Singapore Plan (Chin)

Gen Ed implications were discussed: Temasek University will teach undergraduate lower-division courses, including UHM core courses that satisfy Foundations and Diversification requirements. Chin's email explaining relevant parts of the proposal was discussed (attached): TIM would enforce equivalency of upper-division courses (includes Focus courses); lower-division courses (includes Foundations and Diversifications courses) would be the responsibility of Temasek. The plan's proposed start date is spring 2009.

Baroni, having discussed the plan with Sammons, presented questions/concerns, including several about the lower-division courses:

- a. Timing and process for articulation
  - According to Heu, A&R is currently reviewing course descriptions from Temasek.
  - Plan indicates TIM oversight of key core courses: these are key TIM core courses (not Gen Ed core courses).
- b. The status of the students will have implications for Focus requirements. Will they be considered transfer or UH students?
  - Heu: They will probably be regarded as transfer students.
- c. Focus designations: How will instructors at Temasek apply for Focus designations?
- d. Second-language back credits: How will back credits be given? Back-credit decisions involve testing by UHM language departments and completion of a UHM course.
- e. Diversification requirements: How will the requirement be met?

Possible answers/solutions will be discussed at a future meeting.

2. Diversification recommendations (Stitt-Bergh)

Recommendations were emailed to GEC members (attached).

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve all courses as recommended except for BE 150, EALL 476, ES/WS 339, WS 392, which will be discussed further by the Diversification subcommittee. The motion passed unanimously.

The following have been approved as recommended:

Recommendation to deny designation request: ANTH 381, ANTH 471.

Recommendation to remove designation, eff. F07: GG 104.

(Stitt-Bergh will contact department before finalizing action)

Recommendation to change designation, eff. F07: DA to DH – ART 109, ART 302.

DH to DA – ART 438.

Recommendation to add designation:

DA, eff. F07: ART 236, ART 237, ART 238, ART 338.

DH, eff. F07: EALL 366.

DS, eff. F07: SPED 201, WS 440, WS 460.

3. GEO Report (Sammons)

- a. Fall Focus: call for proposals has been emailed to department secretaries and chairs.  
Deadlines: 1/26/07 (printed Schedule of Classes); 4/2/07 (online listing).

b. Summer Focus

Deadlines: 1/12/07 (printed Schedule of Classes); 3/9/07 (online listing).

c. Foundations (F) Board: designation renewals are in progress.

–Symbolic Reasoning (FS): board is reviewing renewal materials submitted by departments; recommendations will be sent to GEC when all FS reviews are completed.

–Renewal deadlines: 1/29/07, Global & Multicultural Perspectives  
3/23/07, Written Communication

d. Faculty Senate Task Force on Assessment

The Task Force's proposal has been sent to the Senate Executive Committee and will be presented to the Faculty Senate next Wednesday, 1/17.

e. Systemwide videoconference to discuss and encourage other campuses to participate in multi-campus articulation agreements for Foundations and Hawaiian, Asian, & Pacific Issues Focus: Thursday, January 25, 2007, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Bach 113.

4. Procedural modification (Baroni)

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the procedural modification for requests of 2 or more Focus designations. The motion passed unanimously.

Procedural modification: Require request for 2 or more Focus designations to include an integrated syllabus which clearly states the Focus areas, grading policies, and assignments. If the instructor has any existing Focus approvals for the course, they must be renewed when the application for an additional Focus area is requested. Effective Spring 08.

5. Policy language for delegating approval (Baroni)

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve policy language for delegating approval authority to Focus boards. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy language for delegating approval: The GEC authorizes the Focus boards to act on its behalf to approve Focus designations when the instructor requests 1 or 2 Focus areas, effective Spring 07. Boards will continue to recommend designations to the GEC when a) the instructor requests 3 or 4 Focus areas, or b) the department requests a course-based Focus designation.

WRAP UP

1. GEC will make recommendations for questions that were raised re TIM in Singapore.
2. Stitt-Bergh will schedule Diversification and Wild Card subcommittee meetings.

Next meeting: Friday, 1/26/07, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Hawai'i 208.

If you have any agenda items, please email Baroni <hbaroni@hawaii.edu>.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Submitted by Barbara Mueller-Ali, Recorder