

Minutes of the General Education Committee

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Hawai'i Hall 208

ATTENDEES: Jim Caron, Ernestine Enomoto, Sianha Gualano (ASUH), Joe Jarrett, Lilikala Kame'eleihiwa (SEC), Mike Nassir, Mamoru Sato, Galen Sasaki, Comfort Sumida, Ryan Yamaguchi (A&R),

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

Excused: Ron Cambra (AVCUE), Garrett Inoue (A&R), Wei Zhang

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 April 26, 2011 were unanimously accepted with the following corrections (*in italics*):
Action/Info Item #4, 3rd bullet: Commended Working Group members: *Sato*, Sammons and Jarrett;
Action/info Item #6, 1st bullet: Delay in process of *SOCS 150* is problematic . . .
2. HAW 100 – FG-B – (Nassir reporting)
 - Formerly submitted as an FG-C proposal.
 - Very Hawaii-centric, some readings from other cultures. Syllabus also Hawaii-centric.
 - Proposers were given BOT and AMST 150 as samples.
 - In April, the revised version added additional resources.
 - However, bullet points not changed, still Hawaii-centric.
 - Where was the rest of the world in the syllabus?
 - Title – not global-sounding. The proposers insisted on retaining original title.
 - Erik Guentner, Foundations Board Chair, was in contact with Maya Saffery with the Board's concerns.
 - As of today's date, the revised version has not been received by the Foundations Board, but Guentner felt that it would be recommended if they revised the bullet points to synch with the readings/references.
 - ASUH Rep stated that from a student's view point, the title is very misleading.
 - Perhaps if they changed the title or make it an entirely different course than HAW 100
 - Concern raised by Jarrett: there are many readings listed, who picks what gets assigned if there are many instructors?
 - What is their definition of "foundational" compared with our Foundations Hallmarks?
 - Have they consulted with students? (unknown)
 - Advising Rep stated that students will get confused if they talk to others that took it with an H focus (vs. FG-B).
 - Will the GEC grant provisional approval today of the proposal in its current form, pending final decision with the Foundations Board?
 - VOTE: 1 – yes, 6 – no, 1 – abstention
 - GEC voted not to approve HAW 100 as FG-B; invite resubmission for F12.

3. GEC Annual Report
 - Enomoto thanked the committee members (especially Kame'eleihiwa, GEO, Cambra, Yamaguchi), and reminded the group that the GEC represents 45 faculty on 5 Boards.
 - Reviewed 443 proposals this academic year, of which 421 were approved. There were a larger number of Foundations Course proposals this year
 - Major policy concern involved the FS resolution.
 - This year the Manoa Faculty Senate gave us four charges; the Working Group on High Failure Courses took the most time.
 - Congratulations to Sammons for a successful first year, along with the support of the GEO.
 - If there are any comments on her draft report, please convey them to her by this Friday.
4. Future Endeavors of GEC
 - Maybe next year GEC can look at the FG completion issue.
 - Next year the emphasis will be on assessment.
5. Report on Final MFS Meeting
 - Recommendation on course numbering schema
 - Senate voted in (our) favor with proviso.
 - Reed appointed Sammons to sit on Systemwide committee.
 - CAPP resolution (Freshman System Seminar Resolution)
 - Passed.
 - For all courses, not just freshmen.
 - Move towards implementation of grade change, effective F11
 - CAPP said it could be done.
 - Yamaguchi stated volume of students is immense, UHM would have to handle changes manually.
 - Advised by Jarrett that after it is implemented, explain the difficulty of actual implementation to the SEC.

Orientation: GEO will hold the annual orientation on Thursday, August 18th.

Next meeting: TBA, Fall, 2011
Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder.