

General Education Committee
October 25, 2005
Hawai'i Hall 208
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by vice chair Helen Baroni.

Present: Helen Baroni, Richard Bigus, Jon Goss, Emily Hawkins, Jeannie Lum, James Marsh, Megumi Taniguchi.
Kelly Aune (OVCAA), Jan Heu (A&R), Tom Hilgers (GEO), Noel Kent (SEC), Helene Sokugawa (OVCAA), Monica Stitt-Bergh (GEO).

Absent: Patricia Fryer (chair).

MINUTES: The minutes and liaison reports of October 18, 2005, were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Additional S06 Focus recommendations (Hilgers)

GEC accepted by consensus the board recommended courses on the Third List (attached).

2. Diversification renewal (Subcommittee)

Proposed changes to Diversification-Arts Hallmark Language and Notes (attached)

The existing language is confusing and not clear. The proposed changes clarify the distinction between DA (practice) and DH/DL (appreciation).

(D-Humanities=DH; D-Literature=DL)

Discussion of the proposed changes:

-Bigus reviewed the Catalog and found that 98% of the current DAs would fit the new criteria; 2% should be DH.

-UHM departments with DA courses should review the changes and provide feedback.

-System community colleges should also have a chance to offer comments.

Discussion led to the following modification of the draft:

Bullet 2: emphasizes the ~~acquisition or training~~ *development of practical and theoretical skills* necessary....

MOTION: It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to modify the language as suggested and then to send the draft to UHM departments that currently offer DA courses; feedback due two weeks after the mailout. (Distribution to CCs will be decided later.)

Aune asked if there could be a process through which CCs would review their own courses for Diversification designations, similar to the Common Foundations Program. The subcommittee will consider this after it has finished work on UHM renewals.

3. Listing Gen Ed attributes on transcripts/myUH (Heu)

If there are changes in class attributes, A&R cancels the class and recreates it with new attributes. Banner Central controls Gen Ed attributes on transcripts; adding attributes to transcripts is not a priority with Banner Central.

Discussion: When students register at MyUH, there is no screen that allows them to see their courses

with attributes. This information is important because the printed Schedule of Classes is not up to date, and students are sometimes given incorrect unofficial information.

Baroni (with input from Heu and Stitt-Bergh) will draft a letter to Banner Central via VCAA Neal Smatresk requesting a screen that will show attributes when students view/print courses they've registered for.

4. Transfer credit web site (Heu)

The site is up as of today and available to the public: www.hawaii.edu/admrec/transfer
It includes system and non-system courses.

5. Wild Card (WC) procedures and policies (Stitt-Bergh)

Clarification of procedures and policies is needed to better guide students (and faculty advisors) interested in the WC option. 10 applications have been received: 5 approved, 5 denied. (Applications are on file at the Gen Ed Office.)

A subcommittee will meet and submit possible revisions by mid-January: Baroni, Lum, Taniguchi, Stitt-Bergh.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Diversification designation for LCC HWST 107 (Heu)

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the GEC approve the Diversification-Humanities recommendation for LCC's HWST 107. The motion passed 5-0.

A&R is asking the Center for Hawaiian Studies to determine equivalency.

2. HSL-requirement waiver policy (Hilgers)

In 2002, the GEC removed itself from being consulted as part of the HSL waiver-granting process and notified the SEC. In practice, a college faculty senate votes on the HSL waiver and sends its decision to the VCAA. Neither GEC nor UHM Faculty Senate is consulted.

SEC chair Robert Bley-Vroman suggested that the GEC draft a resolution removing the Faculty Senate and the GEC from the process. He will review possible resolution language. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

WRAP UP

1. Diversification Renewal subcommittee will later consider policy on CC Diversification designations.
2. Baroni, et al, will draft a letter to Banner Central requesting a screen that will show Gen Ed attributes when students view/print courses they've registered for.
3. Wild Card subcommittee (Baroni, Lum, Taniguchi, Stitt-Bergh) will meet and submit possible procedure/policy revisions by mid-January.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 11/8/05, 12:30-2:00, Hawai'i 208.

Send New Business items to Fryer <pfryer@hawaii.edu>

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Mueller-Ali, Recorder