

Minutes of the General Education Committee

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

Hawai'i Hall 208

ATTENDEES: Ron Cambra (AVCUE), Jim Caron, Richard Chadwick (SEC), Joe Jarrett, Dore Minatodani, Scott Rowland, Mamoru Sato, Comfort Sumida, Ryan Yamaguchi (Admissions), Wei Zhang

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

Excused: Fred Birkett, Sianha Gualano (ASUH), Garrett Inoue (Admissions)

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Jarrett at 12:00 noon.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Minutes of November 16, 2011 were approved with the following correction:
 - Information Item #2, 1st bullet: *“WASC voted to approve a plan that would require hard data on 5 core competencies . . .”*
2. Proposal for GEC Vote - LING 105 (FG-B)
Discussion:
 - Unit mastery course – student only needs to complete 14 out of 24 units to pass. As long as it adheres to the Hallmarks we don't need to worry about mode of instruction (vs. lectures).
 - FG-B versus FG-C? Course involves the historical sequence of language history from 1500 to present.
 - Vote: 7-0-0 to approve LING 105 as FG-B.
3. Update on FS Compliance – Data and Emails (Fujikawa)
 - Fujikawa sent out two types of emails to UHM students, based on their UHM credits.
 - First email was informational (“please complete your FS requirements in the first year”) sent to 2,116 F2011 students with less than 25 UHM credits
 - Second email -- a reminder to 629 students with more than 25 UHM credits (“reminder that you are supposed to complete your FS requirements in the first year . . .”).
 - Discussion: can you copy the email to an advisor? (not at this time)
Can GEO add links to the email? (yes)
4. Update on Revisions to FS Hallmarks/Explanatory Notes
 - The Foundations Multicampus Group created a Working Group consisting of 2 representatives from each campus, who will meet once

a month starting January 2012. At the March meeting, if the group remains undecided, we may start thinking about a new quantitative skills requirement.

- Jarrett will talk to Faculty Senate regarding feasibility of this concept.
 - Plan: Draft new Hallmarks that will be acceptable/workable for all departments.
 - Some colleges/majors/degrees/programs might have difficulty including a new requirement, while others do not require a math course.
 - Perhaps it could be considered a focus requirement instead.

5.. At the January, 2012 SEC meeting Jarrett is to present an update on what the GEC is doing: will report on the Critical Thinking Working Group, and volunteering to convene DFWI Group.

Next meeting: January 25, 2012, 12 noon.

Meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder