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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 8:30-9:30 AM
LOCATION: Bilger 106 and Zoom
ATTENDANCE: [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS	
Sonja Giardina (ASUH rep)	P (Zoom)	Nadine Ortega	P (Zoom)	Paully Yamada	P (Zoom)	Ashley Maynard (GEO Director)	P
Mahealani Kaneshiro	P (Zoom)	Sarah Post	P (Zoom)	Garett Inoue (Admissions rep)	E	Lisa Fujikawa (GEO liaison)	P
Keahiahi Long	P (Zoom)	Shauna Sibonga	P (Zoom)	Paul McKimmy (OVPAE rep)	E (Zoom)	Vicky Keough	P
Laura O'Rourke	P (Zoom)	Brad Taylor	P	Marguerite Butler (SEC liaison)	P	Rose Paradise	P

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER		Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:32 AM.
REVIEW OF MINUTES	1. 2/12/25 draft minutes	Minutes from 2/12 were approved by acclamation.
INFORMATION ITEMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reports and updates (as collected by a Google Form prior to the meeting) can be found at the bottom of this document. Gen Ed/Info Q&A Sessions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday, February 25 from 3-4pm in Hawai'i Hall 208 (Senate Office, main floor) Thursday, February 27 from 8-9am in Hawai'i Hall 208 (Senate Office, main floor) Monday, March 3 from 4-5pm in Hawai'i Hall 309 (big conference room on 3rd floor) Wednesday, March 5 from 12-1pm in Hawai'i Hall 208 (Senate Office, main floor) New → Ashley and Mahealani will coordinate another session that will be completely on Zoom. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No action. Discussed Gen Ed/Info Q&A session schedule.

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ACTION ITEMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> E, O & W proposal for AMST 343 E, H & W proposal for AMST 434 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approved (acclamation). Approved (acclamation).
DISCUSSION ITEMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gen Ed redesign update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ashley share an update; 28 responses via survey; although, a lot of feedback during the meetings and sessions; Hawai'i inuiākea has drafted the hallmarks for new FH 	
NEW BUSINESS		
UPCOMING MEETINGS	REMAINING SPRING 2025 MEETINGS: Wednesdays 8:30-9:30 AM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 12 April 2 (3/19 is during spring break; 3/26 is Kuhio Day) April 16 April 30 May 14? (finals week, if needed) 	
ADJOURNMENT		Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 9:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Mahealani Kaneshiro, Secretary.

Approved on 03/12/2025 by acclamation.

LIAISON REPORTS & UPDATES

- GEO Director (Ashley Maynard): CAPP chair Patsy Fujimoto, GEC chair Brad Taylor, and GEO director Ashley Maynard have made 16 presentations to various campus groups regarding the proposals to revise the Gen Ed curriculum. Twenty-eight people have answered the feedback survey. Please encourage campus members to answer the feedback survey.
- E Board (Sarah Post): Finalized proposals for summer E designation. Working through a few more proposals. We might meet with this board when discussing streamlining the application process. Many applications required consultation.
- HAP Board (Mahealani Kaneshiro): The HAP board had a few questions about the GenEd Redesign presentation that Ashley and Brad shared with the Council of Chairs and Dean's Council. They wondered if the new FH will be available for CC campuses to help students complete the requirement versus having it available for Mānoa Campus only? There was also a question about dropping a FG and how that could be accounted for in the new breadth of 5 or 6 classes. They discussed proposal reviews for PSY 459, AMST 434, AMST 453, STE 360, WGSS 151/WGSS 151A, WGSS 141, HIST 366, and GEO 368. For PSY 459, HAP Chair, Donna, has followed up with the instructor and will submit a revision soon or wait until the next semester, because he is offering it in Spring 2026. AMST 453; proposal needs revision and HAP member, Sanjeev, will follow up with the instructor. STE 360; HAP member, Julie, mentioned that the emphasis is Hawai'i-based with less information to account for the Asia/Pacific. HAP member, Rosela, will contact the instructor to discuss a specification of voices when the

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proposal is revised. For WGSS 151/151A and WGSS 141 proposals were too similar and HAP member, Sanjeev, would like to see more specification of hallmarks for each proposal. There were also notable errors and mistakes for the WGSS 151/151A. Co Chair, Kahealani will follow up with the instructor of both WGSS courses. Similar to the STE 360, the GEO 368 proposal should be revised to specify voices and therefore, the board will request a revision of this proposal too. The AMST 434 and HIST 366 proposals were recommended for approval; the GEO will forward to GEC for final approval.

- SEC liaison (Marguerite Butler): Everyone is very happy and appreciates the progress being made on Gen Ed reform and the work of GEC and the Boards, and the excellent presentation and discussion. Lots of discussion and concern about the EOs coming from the Federal Government and how Manoa will adjust. A good place to see UH guidance is the FAQs: <https://www.hawaii.edu/federal-updates/#faq>. MFS elections are still seeking candidates in multiple colleges/constituencies. Please consider running or encouraging your colleagues. Deadline extended to this Friday Feb 28th. MFS meeting is earlier than normal (March 12) because of Spring Break. Resolutions due Monday March 3rd. There is a resolution for the agenda in opposition to the proposed increase (doubling for some families) of childcare fees at the UHMCC.

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