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**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 10:30-11:30 AM  
**LOCATION:** **POST 807** or Zoom  
**ATTENDANCE:** [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS	
Kahea Faria	P	Scott Rowland	P	Jenny Brown (ASUH rep)	P	Christine Beaulé	P
Mahealani Kaneshiro	P (Zoom)	Shauna Sibonga	P (Zoom)	Paul McKimmy (OVPAE rep)	E	Lisa Fujikawa	P
Keahiahi Long	P (Zoom)	Brad Taylor	P	Max Xiong (Enrollment Management rep)	E	Vicky Keough	P
Nadine Ortega	P	June Zhang	E	Gerry Busch (SEC liaison)	P (Zoom)	Rose Paradise	P

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER		Meeting was called to order by the vice Chair at 10:33
REVIEW OF MINUTES		Minutes from 10/25 meeting approved by acclamation
INFORMATION ITEMS	Liaison reports (as collected by a Google Form prior to the meeting) can be found at the bottom of this document.	
ACTION ITEMS		
DISCUSSION ITEMS	<p>V. Chair Brad Taylor sent CAPP an e-mail asking about their (CAPP's) review of the GenEd Baseline. CAPP replied that they are "...reviewing input and discussing possible next steps..." and will get back to the GEC by the end of the semester.</p> <p>Christine reminded us that the CAPP resolution said that they (CAPP) will engage with faculty and other stakeholders regarding the Baseline proposal and will report at the start of next semester.</p>	



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Brad noted that as far as he knows there hasn't been any engagement so far.

Gerald Busch (SEC liaison) was asked if there was any input from the SEC. He stated that there was discussion about who is responsible for GenEd redesign. Our minutes from 10/25 say it is the GEC. The 2021 says it seems more like the GEC assesses re-design rather than initiates it. The main answer is no, there hasn't been clear discussion among the SEC about this issue. Gerald wants to make sure that if the GEC puts work into designing a new GenEd, is it possible that it can be accepted. The SEC hopes that the process can be collaborative rather than acrimonious.

Kahea asked Scott how we should proceed. Scott said that our efforts to produce a new GenEd for Manoa would be the way to move forward and that even if CAPP recommends that the Baseline be accepted, that work won't be wasted effort.

Keahiahi asked Gerry if the SEC has its own GenEd redesign agenda, and he said no, they don't.

Brad asked Mahealani to share her efforts so far, which she did.

Brad asked where assessment results are held. Christine noted that the GEO handles assessment for GenEd courses at Manoa. The campuses other than Manoa have been criticized by WASC for not collecting assessment data. Manoa does, but the data show that we are not meeting our own goals. Christine was asked by WASC what we are doing to improve our results. She told them we are going to redesign our GenEd (this was in 2021). Unfortunately, we as a campus (including in the Faculty Senate nor Congress) have not discussed GenEd problems or solutions. All we ever talk about is the programmatic process, but not about any actual content. Plus, the GEC has had its authority taken away or questioned.

Mahaalani said there will also be a "white paper" that goes with the presentation, with links to other information. Christine suggested a pamphlet. One side describes the problem, the other describes solutions.



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	<p>Jenny reported that there has been some trouble getting ASUH to re-submit a resolution calling for GenEd re-design. Jenny asked how a new resolution will have a better result than last year's. Brad thinks that having it be earlier in the school year will make it more difficult to ignore. Christine would like the language to be stronger as well.</p> <p>Mahealani and Christine will work on the presentation some more with the goal to make presentations to faculty and students.</p> <p>Our UHM assessment folks are nationally recognized, but we should still expect to hear false claims that the results are inaccurate.</p> <p>Gearld said that we need to consider policies to implement and monitor GenEd. Are we doing redesign or are we implementing policies or procedures to implement educationally effective GenEd. Maybe this gets around the fact that GEC is supposedly not in charge of re-designing GenEd.</p> <p>Christine said that GEC should also talk with CEE about this because at heart this is about responding to evidence that our Gen Ed is not educationally effective.</p> <p>Remaining agenda items will be deferred to the next meeting.</p>	
NEW BUSINESS		
UPCOMING MEETINGS	<p><b>REMAINING FALL 2023 MEETINGS: Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 AM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 22</li> <li>• December 6</li> </ul>	
ADJOURNMENT		Meeting adjourned at 11:36.

Respectfully submitted by Scott Rowland, Secretary.

Approved on 11/22/2023 by acclamation.



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#### LIAISON REPORTS

- W Board (Mahealani Kaneshiro): The Writing Board did not meet.
- HAP Board (Kahea Faria): Committee hasn't met since last GEC report.
- GEO Director (Christine Beaule): Christine is part of a working group to draft a template Gen Ed transfer agreement to replace the Passport for institutions to use. It will be part of WICHE's "evergreen" transfer resources, and useful for future Gen Ed articulation agreements with our biggest transfer partners. That group has met twice and has one more scheduled. The draft will be shared with you for feedback.