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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, May 14, 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)	A	Nadine Ortega	A	Paully Yamada	P (Zoom)	Ashley Maynard (GEO Director)	P
Mahealani Kaneshiro	P (Zoom)	Sarah Post	P (Zoom)	Garett Inoue (Admissions rep)	P (Zoom)	Lisa Fujikawa (GEO liaison)	P
Keahiahi Long	A	Shauna Sibonga	P (Zoom)	Paul McKimmy (OVPAE rep)	P (Zoom)	Vicky Keough	P
Laura O'Rourke	P (Zoom)	Brad Taylor	P	Marguerite Butler (SEC liaison)	P (Zoom)	Rose Paradise	P

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER		Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:31 AM.
REVIEW OF MINUTES	1. 4/30/25 draft minutes	Minutes from 4/30 were approved by acclamation.
INFORMATION ITEMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reports and updates</b> (Note: Those collected via Google Form prior to the meeting can be found at the bottom of this document.)</li> <li><b>GEC annual report</b> (draft)</li> <li><b>Gen Ed Self-Study Report</b> - Please provide comments/edits/feedback by June 8</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion about chancellor at Mānoa campus; only campus without a chancellor.</li> <li>Discussed and the Annual Report will be approved via email.</li> <li>Discussed and the Gen Ed Self-Study Report will be approved via email.</li> </ol>
ACTION ITEMS		



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DISCUSSION ITEMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">BOR resolution “Affirming a Systemwide General Education Curriculum and Establishment of Guiding Principles for Implementation”</a> (see p. 124 of the linked document)</li> <li>2. <b>Focus Exemption and National Student Exchange (NSE).</b> A student submitted several Focus Exemption requests based on courses she took on NSE. This raised the question of whether students can use NSE courses to apply for Focus Exemptions the way Study Abroad students can use courses offered by their host institution. Are NSE courses eligible, or are they not considered to be “extraordinary educational experiences” because so many students take courses at multiple U.S. institutions? (See FAQ #2 on the <a href="#">Focus Exemption</a> webpage for reference.)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discussed.</li> <li>2. Discussed.</li> </ol>
NEW BUSINESS		
UPCOMING MEETINGS	FALL 2025	
ADJOURNMENT		Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 9:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Mahealani Kaneshiro, Secretary.  
Approved on 09/08/2025.

LIAISON REPORTS & UPDATES

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