

General Education Committee
April 18, 2006
Hawai'i Hall 208
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by the chair.

Present: Helen Baroni, Richard Bigus, Patricia Fryer (chair), Jon Goss, Emily Hawkins, Jesse Jones, Megumi Taniguchi.
Kelly Aune (OVCAA), Ron Cambra (OVCAA), Jan Heu (A&R), Tom Hilgers (GEO), Todd Sammons (W Board), Helene Sokugawa (OVCAA).

Absent: Jeannie Lum, James Marsh, Noel Kent (SEC),

MINUTES: The minutes and liaison reports of April 4, 2006, were approved as submitted.

1. REPORTS

Diversification (D) subcommittee (Baroni)

a) D renewal materials will be distributed by email to the GEC for feedback and then to selected UHM department chairs for feedback.

b) System feedback on the DA revision

An email pointed to ambiguities in the hallmark language. Baroni will acknowledge receipt of the email.

Cambra: There is a meeting tomorrow to discuss the role of UH community colleges in UHM D designations. Hilgers will report back on the meeting.

2. DIVERSIFICATION RECOMMENDATION (Taniguchi)

KLS 432, requesting DB; no previous D designation.

Course is a practicum and does not qualify for DB.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of no D designation for KLS 432. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FALL 06 FOCUS RECOMMENDATIONS (Hilgers)

a) All outstanding F06 Focus recommendations are due by noon, 4/21. Recommendations will be emailed to the GEC that same afternoon; responses are due by Monday. Registration starts Wednesday, 4/26.

b) *Focus Board Recommendations: Fall 2006 Proposals, Fifth List* (attached) was distributed. Hilgers pointed out that some of the recommendations are for course-based designations.

1. MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the *non-course-based* recommended classes. The motion passed unanimously.

[minutes approved at 4/25/06 meeting with the modification in italics.]

2. Course-based proposals, W Focus: ENG 200: Composition II
 ENG 306: Argumentative Writing
 ENG 308: Technical Writing
 ENG 405: Teaching Composition

MOTIONS: Separate motions were made to approve W Focus for each of these course-based designations. Each motion passed unanimously.

3. Course-based proposals, conditional W Focus recommended: (background material attached)

ENG 270 Intro to Literature: Literary History

ENG 271 Intro to Literature: Genre

ENG 272 Intro to Literature: Literature & Culture

Summary of W Board discussion:

-W Board favors inherent to include “in practice” and urges the GEC to consider a broader interpretation of inherent.

-Information on writing is not in the catalog course description; an explanatory description (“...classes...emphasize the improvement of writing skills,...”)will be added before the course descriptions, but there was concern that it might go unnoticed.

-Some favored including “writing” in the title or course description.

-W Board recommends course-based approval with conditions for ENG 270-272; e.g., UHM-2 form changing the titles and/or catalog descriptions.

Sammons: These are literature courses with W hallmarks; everyone who teaches these courses will have to teach it as W.

Fryer distributed draft language for catalog descriptions (attached). It was agreed that liaisons should ask their Focus boards to suggest catalog language relevant to their hallmark.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve ENG 270, ENG 271, and ENG 272 for W Focus with this condition: By mid-semester of Fall 06, the GEC must receive proof that an appropriate UHM-2 form, signed by the department chair, is being processed to modify the catalog description or title to reflect the inherent W component. When an appropriate UHM-2 form is received, the effective date of approval will be F06-SS09. Otherwise the course-based designation is for F06 only. The change should appear in the 2007-2008 Catalog. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Simplification subcommittee (Hilgers)

There is concern about the complexity of general education policies and procedures. During the summer a committee will identify problem areas.

Cambra reported that the Council of Advisors (COA) is also concerned about old, outdated policies on the books. He recommends that the GEC subcommittee meet with the COA and get their feedback on such policies.

5. WASC update (Aune)

Learning outcomes will be required for courses offered. Aune plans visits to departments.

WRAP UP

1. Email D renewal materials to the GEC for feedback and then to selected UHM department chairs for feedback.
2. Liaisons should ask their Focus boards to suggest text that departments should include in catalog descriptions of courses approved for course-based designation so as to avoid necessity for definition of “inherent.”

3. Simplification subcommittee will identify problem areas in GEC policies and procedures during the summer.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 4/25/06, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Hawai'i 208.
Send New Business items to Fryer.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Mueller-Ali, Recorder