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**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING DATE:** Thursday, 21 January 2021 3:00 – 4:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** Zoom  
**ATTENDANCE:** [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS	
Garrett Apuzen-Ito	P	Mike Nassir	P	Christine Beaulé	P	Lisa Fujikawa	P
Shana Brown	P	Jonathan Pettit	P	VCAA/AVCUE Rep	E	Vicky Keough	P
Matt Eng	P	Mandy Westfall-Senda	P	Ryan Yamaguchi	A	Cari Gochenouer	P
Betsy Gilliland	P	Kaylie Keim (ASUH rep)	P	Christine Sorensen Irvine (SEC liaison)	P		
Kalikoaloha Martin	P						

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order by Jon Pettit	Meeting was called to order at 3:00
REVIEW OF MINUTES	Minutes from 01/07 meeting approved with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.	
INFORMATION ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GEC Chair's report (MOU, Blue Sky) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meeting with the SEC went well, based on interest from President Lassner (and subsequently the Board of Regents) about the current state of the General Education curriculum.</li> <li>○ MOU has been submitted</li> </ul> </li> <li>● SEC Liaisons' report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SEC was supportive of taking a look at the General Education Curriculum and moving it towards a 21st Century</li> <li>○ The MOU was sent to the SEC and will be discussed during the SEC meeting at the January 25 SEC meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Based on initial email discussion, language on item 11 might need to be revised.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



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- From Garrett: “Alternative Committee” was included based on a situation in which CAB was asked to intervene due to actions by leadership of the SEC [Spring 2017].
- O Board update (Garrett)
  - The O-board and CTE Workshop, "Rubric Development for Promoting Oral Communication in the Classroom Workshop", will be Fri. Jan 29 11:30 a.m. Sign up to participate via <http://www.cte.hawaii.edu/events/2021/spring/oral-communication.html>
- Ron Cambra Retirement (OVCAA Representative)
  - We should put together a “Thank You” message using a screenshot taken during the meeting, possibly via GoogleSlides
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- Working Group updates
  - Assessment
    - Will be meeting next week, and will have additional updates after
  - Curriculum/HSL report
    - Awaiting final review of the report

**Reports from Chair, GEO Director, and liaisons** - Information items submitted electronically prior to meeting for review without requiring additional discussion.

E Board (Matt Eng)

The E board set their schedule for the semester, and discussed leadership changes effective for the Spring 2021 semester due to members rotating off of the committee. Megan Terawaki will continue as chair, Seungoh Paek will serve as Vice Chair.

O Board (Garrett Apuzen-Ito)

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- Lisa will forward “Aloha Hour” invitation for January 29.

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	<p>The O-board is finalizing their memo to the GEC recommending their change to Hallmark 1 regarding the % of course graded dedicated to O activities.</p> <p><u>W Board (Shana Brown)</u> W-board met Jan. 12, 2021. The board is finalizing details for its team-writing workshops, which will include a student discussion panel. Discussion of updated W-focus forms, which have clearer questions for faculty applicants to answer and should also be more efficient to complete. Coordinating with O board on possible changes to "required to pass" statement regarding minimum focus hallmark-related work in a given course.</p> <p><u>Blue Sky WG (Betsy Gilliland)</u> Blue Sky WG met Monday 1/11 to talk about impressions from the reports and brainstorm what we would like to see in GenEd.</p> <p><u>SEC Chair (Christine Sorensen Irvine)</u> Concerns with item #11 on the MOU and will likely ask for revision.</p> <p><u>GEO Director (Christine Beaule)</u> no updates to share at this time</p> <p><u>HAP Board (Kaliko Martin)</u> no updates at this time.</p> <p><u>Div Board (Mike Nassir)</u> The Div Board has not met since the last GEC meeting.</p> <p><u>Assessment WG (Kaliko Martin)</u> no updates at this time. First meeting of the semester next week.</p>	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		
<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Thematic Pathways in General Education</a> (please review <a href="#">here</a> if unfamiliar with TPGEs): first <a href="#">proposal</a> submitted (Sustainability &amp; Resilience), including <a href="#">spreadsheet of courses</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposal coordinator (Makena Coffman, Institute for Sustainability &amp;</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current proposal is Sustainability, we might want to wait for additional proposals in order to see if there are additional barriers in the process, since sustainability courses have already been cross-listed (SUST).</li> <li>○ Retired/Emeritus faculty on the steering committee - Is this appropriate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ What counts as a requisite number of departments or how much representation from the different colleges/schools is appropriate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Currently, a minimum of three.</li> <li>● Should this be updated to three active members of colleges/schools</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Diversification is the majority of the coursework within the SUST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ More courses without prerequisites should be included in the proposal.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ &gt; 40 Course listing for the proposal may seem a bit difficult for many possible thematic pathways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Covered an adequate number of Diversification numbers and across a variety of departments.</li> <li>■ Barrier can be the number of courses offered, and those without prerequisites</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Where should permission for the coursework to be included (department chair or instructor)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Maybe for the future updates, the coordinator could including a listing of possible courses prior to approval from GEC and then create the spreadsheet with permissions from</li> <li>■ Is it necessary for the explicit consent for the courses to be included. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Courtesy notice rather than asking permission</li> <li>● Also include an option to Opt Out.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Gen Ed reform update, new working group charges (GEO Director's presentation on Gen Ed curricula postponed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ President Lassner visited the SEC and University of Hawai'i All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs (ACCFSC) and pushed to "Fix Gen Ed" based on pressure he is getting from the Board of Regents.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Resilience) should be invited into a future GEC meeting to discuss the proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jon and Betsy will contact Makena</li> </ul> <p>Continue this discussion within the existing Working Groups next week and finalize Spring 2021 WG tasks at the Feb 4 meeting</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There is no interest in tinkering with the current curriculum. The charge is to re-invent Gen Ed for the entire UH system. GEC is not moving fast enough. Discussion was proposed for course release for GEC to work on it. Why can't we do this during the summer as an institute.</li> <li>■ Status of <a href="#">GEC Program Review Recommendations</a></li> <li>■ <a href="#">Draft Proposal for Summer Institute for Brand New Gen Ed model</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● System-wide initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Funded by Vice Provost of Academic Policy and Planning</li> <li>○ Content provided by GEO Director and GEO</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Members would be selected with background in a wide range of competency areas</li> <li>● Work intensively over 4 weeks (likely in July)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Future work plan for GEC might be to work in smaller groups to develop/define the different competencies, collect assessment/research, write a synopsis of the importance of this competency for the new General Education curriculum.</li> <li>■ How should GEC proceed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Talk about different models of Gen Ed at a future meeting, such as competency based-education and ways they might be implemented.</li> <li>● Develop a preliminary list of competencies to be included in the future general education.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ We will need to solicit feedback from the community colleges and a wide array of institutional representatives.</li> <li>○ <a href="#">"General Education Curriculum We Need"</a> article</li> </ul>	
NEW BUSINESS		
UPCOMING MEETINGS	<p><b>SPRING 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE: Thursdays from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. via Zoom</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● February 4</li> <li>● February 18</li> <li>● March 4</li> <li>● March 25</li> <li>● April 1 (if needed)</li> <li>● April 15</li> <li>● April 29</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May 6 (if needed)</li><li>• Finals Week (TBD)</li></ul>	
ADJOURNMENT		Meeting adjourned at 4:31 PM

Respectfully submitted by Matt Eng, Secretary.

Approved on 02/04/2021 with 8 votes in favor of approval and 0 against.