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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: February 14, 2020 11:00 AM–12:45 PM
LOCATION: Sakamaki A-201
ATTENDANCE: [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

| MEMBERS | | MEMBERS | | MEMBERS | | MEMBERS | |
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| Garrett Apuzen-Ito | P | Mike Nassir | E | Christine Beaule | P | Lisa Fujikawa | P |
| Shana Brown | E | Jonathan Pettit | P | Ronald Cambra | E | Vicky Keough | P |
| Garrett Clanin | P | Halina Zaleski | P | Ryan Yamaguchi | E | Cari Ryan | P |
| Betsy Gilliland | P | (ASUH rep) | A | Carolyn Stephenson (SEC liaison) | P | Sheela Sharma | E |
| Kalikoaloha Martin | E | | | | | | |

| SUBJECT | DISCUSSION / INFORMATION | ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON |
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| CALL TO ORDER | Meeting was called to order by Garrett A-I. | Meeting was called to order at 11:06 |
| REVIEW OF MINUTES | Minutes from 1/31 meeting approved with 5 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstention. | Minutes approved at 11:17 |
| INFORMATION ITEMS | <p><i>GEO Chair's Report</i></p> <p>Garrett A-I emailed Tom Conway about moving forward with governance document and MVV. This meeting will bring together members of the OVCAA, SEC, and GEC. He asked the SEC to circulate a poll to find a good time to meet. Christine notes that her immediate supervisor, Laura Lyons (the immediate supervisor of GEO), should be included in the conversation.</p> <p>Carolyn asks for clarification as to who oversees GEO. Christine clarifies that GEO used to be in the Office of Undergraduate Education, but ten years ago GEO was moved to OVCAA and is now under Laura Lyons. The change was not made in the recent governance doc because in Phase 2 reorganization, the VP EE will replace VCAA.</p> | |



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GEO Director's report

Christine reports that there was a resignation from the O Board (Joel Moffitt), as well as a resignation from the W Board (Kevin Nutes). CFS has asked John Kinder to circulate emails to help find replacements. Christine further notes that a recent issue of the Association of American Colleges & Universities journal focuses on thematic pathways.

Liaison reports (E, H, O, W, F, Div, SEC)

E Board (Garrett) -- Board is reviewing proposals.

O Board (Halina) - Board is reviewing proposals.

W Board (Betsy) - Board is reviewing proposals.

F (Jon) - Board is reviewing credit transfer inquiries. They discussed the creation of an O Foundations requirement. The Board agrees that the extra oral communications class is a good idea, but wonders who would be responsible to scaffold the O requirements, the O Board or Foundations Board.

SEC Liaison's report

The SEC is working on setting up a meeting on GenEd governance issues after February 25.

Working Groups

Assessment (Jon) -- AWG has been working with the Foundations Learning Community to revise SLOs to better resonate with the FG hallmarks. After the SLOs are revised, the AWG will work to develop an assessment for FG courses. This led to a discussion about the origin of the SLOs. Christine explains that these were hastily drafted and adopted in the spring of 2018.

Curriculum (Betsy) - CWG continued to talk about thematic pathways (TP). Develop 4 mock pathways in an effort to consider if there were enough DIV classes that could fit this pathway. The goal of these mock pathways is to test the procedures by which faculty members could propose new TP. CWG also discussed the

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| | <p>complications that including incentives like a digital badge could involve, for example for transfer students. They also considered the complications of allowing transfer students to incorporate TP into their curriculum. Carolyn asks where the idea of TP began; it was born from the internal and external reviews of Gen Ed at UHM.</p> <p><i>Governance</i> (Halina) - The GWG is still waiting for the meeting between GEC, VCAA, and SEC. Garrett A-I encourages members of the GWG to participate in the AWG (every other Friday at 2:30pm) or the CWG (every other Monday at 1:30).</p> | |
| ACTION ITEMS | <p>Garret A-I discusses how to keep consistency between course- and instructor-based proposal deadlines. Asks Betsy if the number of W Board members is adequate for the reviews that need to be done. There is a discussion whether a course-based proposal needs more reviewers, or whether it should be treated the same as an instructor-based proposal.</p> | |
| DISCUSSION ITEMS | | |
| NEW BUSINESS | <p>Garrett A-I introduces the “extraordinary experience” qualification that allows students to apply for exemption for up to 3 focus credits. It can’t be used to transfer courses from other US institutions. The current, temporary policy allows students to apply for up to three focus exemptions. The provisional time for the policy has come to an end and now the GEC must decide if it should be made permanent. Jon asks if there have been any problems or misuses under the policy. So far, a relatively small number of applications have been received and no problems have emerged. Halina makes a motion to make the policy permanent. The permanent status of this policy is passed, 5 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstain</p> | |
| UPCOMING MEETINGS | <p>SPRING 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE: Fridays from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in Sak A201</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 28 | |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 13 • March 27 • April 3 • April 17 • May 1 • May 8 | |
| ADJOURNMENT | | Meeting adjourned at 12:12 |

Respectfully submitted by Jonathan Pettit, Secretary.

Approved on 02/28/2020 with 4 votes in favor of approval and 0 against and 3 abstentions.