

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Oct. 23, 2019 1:30 PM

Location: SAK A-201

ATTENDANCE: [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS	
Garrett Apuzen-Ito	P	Shana Brown	P	Christine Beaule	P	Lisa Fujikawa	P
Halina Zaleski	Е	Jonathan Pettit	P	Ronald Cambra	P	Vicky Keough	P
Betsy Gilliland	P	Garrett Clanin	Е	Ryan Yamaguchi	Е	Sheela Sharma	Е
Kalikoaloha Martin	P			Michael Nassier	P	Cari Ryan	P
Landon Li (ASUH	A	Carolyn Stephenson (SEC	P				
representative)		liaison)					

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order by Garrett Apuzen-Ito at 1:31 pm	
REVIEW OF	Minutes from October 9, 2019 discussed. Minutes discussed,	
MINUTES	Carolyn requested that the SEC liaison's report be corrected.	
	Minutes approved at 3:04 with 5 votes in favor of approval, 0	
	against and 1 abstention.	
INFORMATION	Chair's report	
ITEMS	Chair reports that the motion to establish a Diversification	
	Board was accepted by the Manoa Faculty Senate. Michael	
	notes that this will result in both he and Kaliko having to step	
	off the board now that it is not a subcommittee. Both will	
	continue to serve temporarily until the board is finalized.	
	Michael will be the GEC liaison for the new Diversification	
	Board. The GEO and GEC must send out a call and tap	
	candidates for the position. We must fill positions for social	
	sciences, arts/humanities, natural sciences	
	(biological/physical), and advising. 1-, 2-, and 3-year terms	
	available.	



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

E (Garrett C.)
Not present

H (Shana)

The H board has reviewed nearly a dozen proposals. There will be a system-wide report on the horizon, but this has been delayed.

*O (Halina)*Not present

W (Betsy)

The W Board has finished half of the course-based proposals. Have many proposals for instructor-based courses that have been distributed to faculty members for review.

F (Garrett)

The F Board is planning a workshop to help instructors meet and assess hallmarks.

Div (Michael)

Met last Friday (10/18) and still pondering how to revise hallmarks

SEC (Carolyn) Nothing to report

GEO Director's report

The call for the FG Learning Community has gone out. There is an Ethical Reasoning and Improvement Action to be carried out in conjunction with accounting program. This team will give a second presentation at a national conference. There is also the third annual STEM Writing Institute funded by the NSF. The GEO director is putting together a team of instructors of large biology courses to apply (in February) to attend the June 24-26 meeting in Minnesota.



Working Group reports (Assessment, Curriculum, Governance)

Assessment

There is a call for a new faculty community to drive the assessment of Foundations in a cross-disciplinary fashion.

Curriculum

Prepared report today. Next agenda item is the Thematic Pathways

Governance

Has prepared the document to be discussed in today's meeting

ACTION ITEMS

Review, discuss, and finalize proposed GenEd governance document revisions

There was a lengthy discussion about the "Faculty Governance" document that will be uploaded to the Faculty Senate website and the GenEd handbook. The GEC went over summary of changes such as expanding the GEC to ten voting members. This document clarifies that the GEC is a permanent committee, not a standing committee.

Members discussed term limits for GEC members. The term for current GEC members is 3 years; the external reviews recommended 5-year terms to improve continuity. The GEC response (12/20/2018) split the difference to 4 years. Betsy asks if increasing to 4 years might decrease faculty interest to participate. Christine notes that it might be easier to pull from faculty at large rather than just senators. The GEC decides to increase to 4-year terms, which would bring this in line with the CEE's (Committee Educational Effectiveness) practices.

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	There is also discussion of what it would mean for a GEC committee member to "Fail to meet their responsibility." The Chair is made responsible for notifying the committee member of their termination. There are two changes to be made in the document before the next GEC meeting. The Governance subcommittee should reflect on the community and diversity statement for the GEC that ensures diverse representation in the members. Christine will draft a short section for this document that will highlight the function and responsibilities of the GEO office. Shana recommends that this section be brief and written with language that will be flexible to articulate the ways that the GEC looks to the GEO to provide expertise. Ronald furthers encourages this document to list out the organizational composition of the GEO.	
DISCUSSION ITEMS	None	
NEW BUSINESS	Upcoming Meetings – All Wednesdays from 1:30-2:45 p.m. in Sakamaki A201 November 6 November 20 December 4 December 18	
ADJOURNMENT		Meeting adjourned 3:05 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jonathan Pettit.

Approved on 11/06/2019 with 5 votes in favor of approval, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

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