

General Education Committee
October 2, 2006
Hawai'i Hall 208
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by the chair.

Present: Cristina Bacchilega, Helen Baroni (chair), Richard Bigus, John Engel, Jon Goss, Susan Johnson, Megumi Taniguchi, George Wong.
David Chin (SEC), Jan Heu (A&R), Tom Hilgers (GEO), Helene Sokugawa (OVCAA).
Absent: Ron Cambra (OVCAA), Ruth Kleinfeld (emeritus).

MINUTES: The minutes of September 11, 2006, were approved with a typo corrected. The liaison report was accepted as submitted.

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Wild Card (WC) Option (Baroni, Taniguchi)

- a. Taniguchi reviewed the materials distributed by email (attached).
Deletion of the Wild Card Option would require Faculty Senate action.

Under consideration:

–removing Diversification (D) as a waiver option: Four requests have been received; all denied. (The number of D courses available each semester gives students ample opportunity to meet the D requirement.)
–changing the name from “Wild Card” to something less misleading.

b. Discussion:

Favor eliminating the WC option: *rebuttals in italics*

- there are enough Focus courses or opportunities available.
- Focus requirements are pro-rated.
- WC doesn't carry credits.
- 499s offer opportunity to earn Focus credit with supervision.
499s can be abused by students who plan poorly.

Favor keeping the WC Option: *rebuttals in italics*

- WC is an opportunity for service learning to “count.”
-There are other avenues available for students to get credit for such experiences.
-Life experiences can be accepted on a case-by-case basis as is done in some departments for graduate students.
- Judgments of approval/denial were based on a poorly formulated WC request form.
- Keep WC but enforce submission of the request one semester before graduation.
- WC option needs regular assessment.
- Retain for experience, service learning, Study Abroad.

- c. A straw vote was taken: Abolish the WC option–4; keep it in some form–4.
–The WC subcommittee will consider today's discussion and rework its recommendations.

2. Diversification recommendations (Heu)

- a. LCC's HIST 260 was approved for DH by unanimous vote.

b. A&R matters

1. LCC's IS 250H: recommended as elective. UHM's IS department does not articulate the course. GEC will take IS 250H under advisement.

2. LCC's HUM 270 (DH) changed to HWST 270. UHM's HWST 270 is DL.
Hilgers reported that J. Osorio, chair, Center for Hawaiian Studies, will contact LCC.
 3. UHM's ANTH 152 is FG; ANTH 200 is DS. They have evolved into the same course.
Anthropology Dept. plans to delete ANTH 200 in F07. Anthropology Department would like system ANTH 152 or ANTH 200 to articulate as equivalent to UHM's ANTH 152, which is FG. DS and FG hallmarks are different so how can both courses be equivalent to ANTH 152?
Baroni will consult with M. Graves (chair, Anthropology) re ANTH 200. UHM Foundations Board could review ANTH 200 for FG, if needed.
 4. Some Mānoa English courses were DL and are now DA, effective F06.
System campuses must be notified.
Sokugawa will arrange a meeting so that Hilgers and Cambra can discuss how notification should be handled.
3. Spring 07 Focus recommendations (Hilgers)
A list of recommended Focus courses was distributed (attached).
- a. MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve all recommended courses except WS 495. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. WS 495, if approved, will have 3 Focus designations. Since courses with 3 or 4 Focus designations come under the purview of the GEC, the chair and vice chair will review the proposal and make a recommendation to the GEC.
4. Simplification (Hilgers)
Two items were presented for future discussion.
- a. GEC could delegate approval of Focus courses to the boards, except for course-based designations and courses with 3-4 designations.
 - b. Eliminate rule that a student's Diversification courses cannot have the same alpha as a his/her FG courses. (This change would require Faculty Senate approval.)
 - No strong pedagogical reason for keeping it.
 - Requirement applies to FG only.
 - Diversification classification is based on a course's methodology. This rule is based on a course's department.
 - Cumbersome for Star to check for this requirement.

WRAP UP:

1. The WC subcommittee will revisit its WC recommendations.
2. GEC will take IS 250H under advisement.
3. Baroni will consult with chair of Anthropology re ANTH 200 classification.
4. Sokugawa will arrange a meeting on DL/DA changes.
5. The chair and vice chair will review the WS 495 proposal and report.
6. Simplification discussion will continue at a future meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday, 10/16/06, 12:30-2:00 p.m., Hawai'i 208. If you have any agenda items, please email Baroni <hbaroni@hawaii.edu>.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Barbara Mueller-Ali, Recorder