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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 10:30-11:30 AM
LOCATION: QLC 208
ATTENDANCE: [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS	
Matt Eng	E	Nadine Ortega	P	Jenny Brown (ASUH rep)	E	Christine Beaule	P
Kahea Faria	P	Scott Rowland	P	Paul McKimmy (OVPAE rep)	P	Lisa Fujikawa	P
Dan Harris-McCoy	P	Mandy Westfall-Senda	P	Ryan Yamaguchi (Admissions rep)	A	Vicky Keough	P
Keahiahi Long	P	June Zhang	P	Shana Brown (SEC liaison)	P	Rose Paradise	P
April Quinn (Guest, OVPAE)	P						

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER		Meeting was called to order by Chair Rowland at 10:30
REVIEW OF MINUTES		Minutes from 2/14 meeting approved with 7 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstention.
INFORMATION ITEMS		
ACTION ITEMS	-- Review of AMST 490B--E, O, W Boards have voted to approve. Approved unanimously (7-0). -- Review of AMST 485: Scott: liked proposal. Approved unanimously (7-0).	
DISCUSSION ITEMS	-- UH System Committee was tasked with "tweaking" baseline to overcome minor objections. Moderator quit in last week's meeting due to not being listened to. CC's were meeting separately. Were directed by Deborah Halbert to disband. Debbie followed up with a statement indicating she looked forward to the final report. The group continued to meet, and have come up with Multi-Campus	



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Accord (MCA). There will be dissenting and assenting opinions drafted. Nadine and Shana were present. Lance Uyeda (WCC) was selected as the Chair by the committee. Deborah has expressed openness to continuing the process. Scott: MCA is a step backwards; not as good as document currently in the works; also egregious violation of process. Dan: is there any sense in which the MCA was created in a legitimate way? Shana: strong opposition to Summer 2022 baseline. Moderator felt that there was not way of finding common ground between 2- and 4-year campuses. MCA relies on the principle that we have a common Gen Ed for the UH System. What they came up with might at least be a 10 campus solution. Chris: diminution of diversification applies only to Liberal Arts AA students, which will be harmful for Manoa students. CC's unwillingness to consider simple solutions that will help all parties involved is problematic. April: the scope of the committee should have been more clearly defined. Shana: process of committee was different than what was originally outlined by Deborah Halbert. April: Should probably give her feedback on this. Dan: was committee working within the scope of its purview? Was the process hijacked? Shana: voices were divergent, wanted to recognize legitimate concerns. Nadine: some voices were more dominant than others. Nadine felt drowned out. Peter had a hard time managing conversation. April: could a different mechanism of facilitation have worked? Shana: some promises were not met under original facilitator, e.g. getting to choose own chair and select voting procedure. Keahiahi: next MFS meeting is Mar. 22. Timing for providing comments. Kahea: doesn't completely disagree with MCA; are all voices being represented? Scott: but how can anyone claim that they haven't had an opportunity to speak up? Chris: was Manoa GEC report sent out? Nadine: yes, it was sent to moderator, but he didn't send it out. Shana: is it better just to have divergent Gen Ed systems (between 2- and 4-year systems)? Chris: Yes. Shana: So, if we want to go back to 2- vs. 4-year systems, we should be explicit about this. Scott: perhaps this is a good route. Dan: a few different approaches: 1) content and process; 2) Process; 3) different systems for 4-years vs. 2-years. Scott/Shana: we have to be collegial, but also transparent. Scott: GEC's work doesn't seem to be recognized. CAPP was charged with creating report, but this hasn't been the case (perhaps for personal reasons). Will be super embarrassing if we come up with what we have now. Paul: perhaps continue working on a GEC motion while also proposing to meet with CAPP. Shana/Scott: can help facilitate meeting with CAPP.



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NEW BUSINESS		
UPCOMING MEETINGS	REMAINING SPRING 2023 MEETINGS: Tuesdays from 10:30 p.m. - 11:30 a.m. in QLC 208 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 7 • March 21 • April 4 • April 18 • May 2 	
ADJOURNMENT		Meeting adjourned at 11:45

Respectfully submitted by Dan Harris-McCoy, Secretary.

Approved on 03/07/2023 with 8 votes in favor of approval and 0 against and 1 abstentions.