

General Education Committee
March 14, 2006
Hawai'i Hall 208
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by the chair.

Present: Helen Baroni, Richard Bigus, Patricia Fryer (chair), Emily Hawkins, Megumi Taniguchi, Kelly Aune (OVCAA), Ron Cambra (OVCAA), Jan Heu (A&R), Tom Hilgers (GEO), Bruce Liebert (W Board), Helene Sokugawa (OVCAA).

Absent: Jon Goss, Jesse Jones, Jeannie Lum, James Marsh, Noel Kent (SEC).

MINUTES: The minutes and liaison reports of March 7, 2006, were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Course-based designations policy (Hilgers)

GEC, W Board, GEO Advisory Group discussed the topic last week.

-“Inherently W”

-consensus on meaning: cannot be taught any way except as W (writing instruction is part of subject matter).

-typical marker: has writing in the title or in the catalog description.

-W Board would favor a change in definition such that “inherently” can also refer to “common practice” as well as subject matter.

Discussion:

-Requiring survey questionnaires from course-based Focus sections might be one way to see if all sections are taught to meet the hallmarks.

-Boards do not monitor for compliance; but it would be useful to have syllabi collected by departments each semester; syllabi are not uniformly available now.

-If a course does not include reference to writing instruction in its catalog description, but the course has evolved to meet W hallmarks, the department can submit a UHM-2 form.

(4/4/06 minutes approved with modification: add *reference to*; remove quotation marks around *writing instruction*.)

2/21/06: approved for O course-based designations

GG 410 Undergraduate Seminar

ITE 329 Performing Arts Expression

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to amend the approval of GG 410 with this condition: By mid-semester of Fall 06, the GEC must receive proof that an appropriate UHM-2 form, signed by the department chair, is being processed to modify the catalog description or title to reflect the inherent O component. When the UHM-2 form is received, the effective date of approval will be F06-SS09. Otherwise the course-based designation is for F06 only.

The motion passed unanimously

2. Diversification recommendations: tabled to the next meeting

NEW BUSINESS

1. Focus recommendations (Hilgers)

Focus Board Recommendations: Fall 2006 Proposals, Third List; Fall 2006 Focus Class Summary (attached)

Noted: W recommendations included EE 496, Capstone Design Project; a senior thesis course. W component not mentioned in course title and catalog description.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve EE 496 with this condition: By mid-semester of Fall 06, the GEC must receive proof that an appropriate UHM-2 form, signed by the department chair, is being processed to modify the catalog description or title to reflect the inherent W component. When an appropriate UHM-2 form is received, the effective date of approval will be F06-SS09. Otherwise the course-based designation is for F06 only.

The motion passed unanimously.

Requesting 4 Focus designations: ANTH 316, Anthropology for Tourism (3 cr)*

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve all remaining recommended focus designations on the Third List except for ANTH 316. GEC will review the ANTH 316 application at the next meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

WRAP UP

1. Until next meeting, GEC will vote as needed on Focus recommendations by email.
2. GEO will convey conditional approvals to departments.
3. GEC will review the ANTH 316 application at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 4/4/06, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Hawai'i 208.

Send New Business items to Fryer.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Mueller-Ali, Recorder

* from 4/6/05 GEC minutes: ANTH 316

When the instructor requested E as a fourth designation for F05, the GEC asked the E Board to reconsider their recommendation in light of the existing 3. The E Board reaffirmed its recommendation for the E designation. GEC approved, 3 yes, 1 abstention (quorum=4).

The ANTH 316 (001) instructor initially requested renewal of H, O, W for F06 (E approval still active) but subsequently withdrew the H request. (F05—taught with E, H, O, W.)

3/24/06 email vote: O and W approved; E (existing approval).

Class will be offered with O, W, and E designations.