

General Education Committee  
February 2, 2005  
Hawai'i Hall 208  
Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m.

- Present: Linda Cox, Jon Goss, Emily Hawkins, Jeannie Lum, Megumi Taniguchi; Kelly Aune (Asst. VCAA), Jan Heu (A&R).  
Absent: Richard Chadwick, Patricia Fryer, Thomas Ramsey (SEC).  
Guests: Tom Hilgers (GEO), Helene Sokugawa (OVCAA), Myrtle Yamada (OVCAA).

**MINUTES:** The minutes and liaison reports of January 26, 2005, were approved as submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Diversification recommendation: HON 291 (alpha)  
**MOTION:** It was moved, seconded, and passed with one abstention to approve HON 291 (alpha) for Diversification designations with the proviso that proposals submitted by Honors must be vetted by the GEO for compliance with the hallmarks.
2. Draft ACCFSC Resolution on Banner Enforcement of Pre-Requisites (attached)  
The draft resolution and Jan Heu's email on A&R's position (A&R not ready to implement prereq checking) were discussed.

**CONSENSUS:** This issue does not directly affect gened but as a faculty body the GEC supports the enforcement of prerequisites in principle. It is long overdue; it should occur across the system. The effective date should be as soon as practically possible with minimal obstructions. The administration will need to educate faculty, staff, and students on procedures when prerequisite enforcement is made effective. Procedurally, there will be issues that administration will have to resolve quickly with the help of A&R.

3. Issues discussed with GEO Advisory Board (Hilgers)  
Focus boards have been asked to get feedback from their boards by 3/1 on the following issues: 1) Focus designations for courses; 2) "staff" as instructor; 3) number of Focus designations attached to single instructor/course; 4) end-of-semester gened surveys; 5) individual student compliance with hallmarks in group activities.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Wild Card Application  
A Wild Card application for a W waiver was reviewed and approved by the GEC.
2. Request for text revisions from the H Board (Goss)  
The H Board is requesting changes to bring consistency across hallmarks as they appear on their Focus proposal form and at the gened web site. A handout of proposed changes was distributed (attached).

**MOTION:** It was moved and passed unanimously to accept the changes requested by the H Board.

3. NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement) (Aune)

Aune distributed the *NSSE 2004 Means Comparison Report* (attached) but cautioned that, without a knowledge of statistics, misleading statements can be made about the data.

WRAP UP

1. HON 291 (alpha) approved for Diversification; specific designation will be vetted by the GEO when a proposal is submitted.
2. Hilgers will report back on various issues after 3/1 GEO Advisory Board meeting.
3. GEO will make the changes to the H Focus web site (Goss to proof) by 2/14.

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Mueller-Ali, Recorder