

General Education Committee
September 6, 2005
Hawai'i Hall 208
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by chair Patricia Fryer.

Present: Helen Baroni, Richard Bigus, Patricia Fryer, Jon Goss, Emily Hawkins, Jeannie Lum, James Marsh, Megumi Taniguchi; Kelly Aune (OVCAA), Jan Heu (A&R), Noel Kent (SEC).

Guests: Tom Hilgers (GEO), Spencer Leineweber (H Board chair), Helene Sokugawa (OVCAA).

MINUTES: The minutes of August 23, 2005 were approved as submitted.

1. GEO distributed the Fall 2005 GEC calendar (attached).
2. Outstanding HAP decisions (Leineweber, H Board chair)
Leineweber reported that "pending" H proposals are past the deadline for approval and cannot be considered for Fall 2005 H designations. If these instructors would like the proposals to be considered for Spring 2006 approval, they should let the H Board know. Sokugawa will convey this information to the affected community college instructors. Deadlines for submission are the same for UHM and CC instructors: 9/9/05; 11/4, late proposals.
3. Diversification (D) renewal (Hilgers)
Hilgers presented the GEO's "Proposal for Review/Renewal of Diversification-Course Designations" (emailed to GEC members 9/1/05) as an option for GEC to consider (attached). If GEC considers it a viable plan, a subcommittee will work out the details of implementation.

Implications of renewal for system and non-system transfer courses:

- All UHM D-course changes will trigger review of courses which currently transfer as D-course equivalents.
- UH system articulated D courses will also require review when their approval periods end.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the "Proposal for Review/Renewal of Diversification-Course Designations." The motion passed unanimously.

A committee was formed: Baroni, Bigus, Goss, Taniguchi. Monica Stitt-Bergh (GEO) will staff the committee. [First meeting: 9/13/05.]

The first task of the group will be to establish review-process guidelines. The committee will report to and get feedback from the GEC (and other relevant groups, e.g., Mānoa Council of Chairs) during the Fall 05 semester; renewal materials should be ready for dissemination at the beginning of the Spring 06 semester.

4. Mentoring (Fryer)

Fryer distributed and reviewed an "Interim Report on Mentoring" prepared in Spring 05 (attached). Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Discussion:

- Introduce the idea of mentoring at new faculty orientation.
- Have faculty meet with students and parents when they come for orientation.
- Mentors can also be senior students; incentive would be recognition at graduation for their efforts.
- A mix of faculty and students would ensure broader viewpoints.
- Faculty could be invited to mentor; mandating the task has inherent problems.
- Concept is favored but what should be the function/role of the mentor.
- Freshmen and sophomores who have not declared a major are most in need of mentoring.
- A&S has a program for undecided freshmen and is developing one for sophomores.
- Mentoring may not be the best way to communicate Gen Ed goals to students, in which case GEC should provide an alternative solution.
- Need to change the perception of Mānoa as a "commuter campus."
- GEC options: either it develops a mentoring plan or it tells the Faculty Senate that mentoring is beyond what is feasible.

5. Multi-campus discussion of HAP (Sokugawa)

Sokugawa asked the GEC to set a date for a system meeting on developing a HAP multi-campus articulation agreement. It would follow the WI and Common Foundations Program models.

Hawkins will ask the H Board about scheduling a system meeting.

OVCAA will draft a memo informing the community colleges that they will be notified when our HAP Board is ready to meet.

WRAP UP

1. Mueller-Ali will email Leineweber 3/15/2005 draft of a possible multi-campus HAP Plan.
2. Hilgers will contact David Chin, Foundations Board chair, to convey the request of VCAA Smatresk that all Oahu system campuses be invited to discuss the Common Foundations Program.
3. Hawkins will ask the H Board about scheduling a system H meeting.
4. OVCAA will draft a memo informing the community colleges that they will be notified when our HAP Board is ready to meet
5. Agenda items for next meeting:
 - a. Diversification Renewal Committee: present review-process guidelines for feedback.
 - b. Mentoring: discuss possible actions and how to proceed.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 9/20/05, 12:30-2:00, Hawai'i 208. Send agenda items to Fryer.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Mueller-Ali, Recorder