

Minute of the General Education Committee
Wednesday, September 17, 2008
Hawai'i Hall 208

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Mike Kirk-Kuwaye, Chair.

Present: Lynne Higa, Susan Johnson, Mike Kirk-Kuwaye, Mike Nassir, Scott Rowland,
Carolyn Stephenson, George Wong

Ex officio: Ron Cambra (OVCAA), David Ross (SEC)

Guests: Lisa Fujikawa (GEO), Tom Hilgers (GEO), Jo-Anne Nakamoto (GEO Recorder)

Absent: Alan Yang

MINUTES: Minutes of the September 10, 2008 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

- Action/Information Item #2, third bullet should read, "Cambra stressed that the Boards need to require inclusion of the SLOs in the course syllabus pursuant to a WASC requirement."
- Action/Information Item #3, first bullet should read, "Yang reported that UHM has instituted earlier priority application dates."

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Diversification subcommittee recommendations:
PACE 247 (DS), PACE 340 (DS), PACE 412 (DH) – GEC unanimously approved the subcommittee's recommendations for these three courses.
ANTH 380 (DH) – subcommittee recommended to deny DH. GEC voted unanimously to approve this recommendation.
2. Policy on transfer evaluations for focus courses taken CR/NC. Currently we do not credit CR/NC grades to student's satisfaction of Focus requirements; community college students should be alerted to this policy. Cambra will check with CC catalogs to see if they require their AA students to take GenEd courses for a grade, as does UHM.
3. Heads up - Within system articulation of diversification. Hilgers discussed issues associated with system articulation of diversification within the UH system.
 - It was noted that students come to UHM from UH community colleges and may find (very infrequently) that the same course has different diversification designations on different system campuses.
 - Although we have multi-campus agreements for Foundations courses, we don't have multi-campus Diversification committees. Given this reality, it seems fairest to students to transfer the Diversification designation from the "sending campus," since that reflects the campus's slant on the course content. However, this will require a manual change in each student's transfer-to-UHM record. Ideally this information should be visible in Banner.
 - Cambra noted that the ideal situation would involve getting faculty from the other campuses together to compare their courses with us.

Action: By consensus, GEC agrees that for within-UH System articulation of Diversification courses, UHM will transfer the Diversification designations of the *sending within-System campus*.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Next meeting: 1:30 p.m. on September 24, 2008, HH 208.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder