

General Education Committee
February 9, 2007
Hawai'i Hall 208
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by the chair.

Present: Helen Baroni (chair), Richard Bigus, John Engel, Jon Goss, Susan Johnson, Megumi Taniguchi, George Wong.
Bob Campbell (FRAUHM), David Chin (SEC), Jan Heu (A&R), Todd Sammons (GEO), Helene Sokugawa (A&S), Monica Stitt-Bergh (GEO).

Absent: Cristina Bacchilega, Ron Cambra (OVCAA).

MINUTES: The minutes of January 26, 2007, were approved as submitted; liaison reports were approved as corrected.

Bob Campbell, FRAUHM representative (replacing Ruth Kleinfeld), was introduced.

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Diversification recommendations (Stitt-Bergh)
The list of recommendations was discussed (attached).
Some of the recommendations resulted from the five-year renewal review. Department was contacted when the recommendation was "remove designation."
MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve all recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Resolution to remove FG exclusionary rule (Stitt-Bergh/Baroni)
GEC needs to send the Faculty Senate a proposal stating the change requested with a brief justification. After FS approval, system consultation is required.
Johnson, Stitt-Bergh, and Taniguchi will draft the proposal.
[10/2, 11/13/06: GEC discussed FG exclusionary rule. 12/4/06: GEC agreed to delete the FG exclusionary rule; Faculty Senate action is required.]
3. Focus Exemption [was Wild Card] (Taniguchi)
A revised form will be emailed to the GEC for review next week.
Stitt-Bergh is preparing examples for the Gen Ed web site.
4. School of TIM in Singapore plan (Baroni, Chin)
–Baroni, Sammons, and Stitt-Bergh will draft a statement of GEC concerns/suggestions. The draft will be emailed to the GEC for review next week.
–Other Faculty Senate committees are reviewing the TIM in Singapore plan. When ready, the GEC statement of concerns/suggestions will be sent to them via the SEC.
5. GEO report (Sammons)
–Focus update: Summer 07 Focus - 144 sections.
Fall 07 Focus (total: 651 sections): E: 86; H: 78; O: 100; W: 462.

–Proposed Focus policy changes (discussed at 12/4/06 and 1/26/07 meetings):

A handout with proposed policy language was discussed (attached).

–Duration of Focus Approvals

Proposed policy:

The duration of a new Focus approval is three years. After the three-year period, if the instructor successfully renews the Focus designation, the duration of the renewed Focus designation will be five years. Subsequent renewals will also be approved for a five-year period.

A Focus Board may require that instructors submit a syllabus after they have received a Focus approval. The Focus Board is responsible for collecting those syllabi. Upon request, the General Education Office will provide a list of instructors and their contact information to the Focus Board.

Discussion:

–Paragraph 2 is redundant: boards currently have the power to require a syllabus.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept paragraph 1 and to delete paragraph 2 from the policy; policy effective February 10, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

–Common End Date of Approvals

Proposed policy:

An instructor's Focus approval ends on July 31 of the third year after the approval begins in the case of a new designation or in the fifth year in the case of a renewed designation.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the policy as stated; policy effective February 10, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Chair's report (Baroni)

–Faculty Senate (FS) Task Force on Assessment

A revised assessment proposal was presented at the Faculty Congress meeting. The proposal will be presented to the FS for a vote.

–Modifying the procedure for filling GEC and board vacancies

Current procedure requires Faculty Senate (FS) approval of recommendations from the Committee on Faculty Service (CFS). GEC supports shifting approval of CFS recommendations from FS to the SEC; SEC would report appointments to the FS. Johnson, Stitt-Bergh, and Taniguchi will draft a proposal for GEC to review.

Discussion:

–FS has never rejected a GEC or board nomination.

–SEC meets weekly so decisions can be made more quickly.

WRAP UP

1. Proposals for 2 FS resolutions will be drafted: to remove the FG exclusionary rule; to modify approval procedures for GEC and board appointments.
2. Agenda items for next meeting: act on Focus Exemption (Wild Card) materials and Temasek statement.

Next meeting: Friday, 2/23/07, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Hawai'i 208.

If you have any agenda items, please email Baroni <hbaroni@hawaii.edu>.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Submitted by Barbara Mueller-Ali, Recorder