

General Education Committee  
October 26, 2007  
Hawai'i Hall 208  
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Jane Schoonmaker, Chair.

Present: John Engel, Susan Johnson, Jane Schoonmaker, Mike Nassir,  
Carolyn Stephenson, George Wong.  
Ron Cambra, Bob Campbell (FRAUM), Linda Cox (SEC), June Nii for Jan Heu,  
Tom Hilgers (GEO), Monica Stitt-Bergh (GEO)

Absent: Lynne Higa, Mike Kirk-Kuwaye

MINUTES AND LIAISON REPORTS: Minutes were approved with two changes (spelling of Mike Nassir's surname; and rewording of Action Item #3, line 5 "potential training" replacing "great resource.")

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chair's announcements
  - Schoonmaker and Hilgers will meet with one of the WASC special visit team members next week.
  - Schedule of Courses (SOC) to go to press this weekend. From this point on, any additional courses will be reflected only online
2. Deadline subcommittee status report – no report today.
3. Student learning outcomes drafts

Discussion -- Foundations Board's draft SLOs include a Preamble. The draft Preamble reflects concerns from faculty on reliability of assessments, GE Program accountability, and possible uses of results. Some question the use of "outcomes" versus "objectives"; one suggestion is to use "desired outcomes." (Historically, SLOs were used in K-12 and community colleges but not necessarily at 4-year institutions.) It was noted that WASC guidelines for syllabi include the usage of the word *competencies*.

Consensus -- Preamble with additional language on the goals of assessment could be sent forward for review as a draft GEC policy statement.

Draft SLOs for E, O, and FW may be ready for GEC approval.

Some issues relating to draft FG and FS SLOs need to be resolved.

4. Diversification -- Board voted to accept recommendations to remove diversification designations from: CEE 361 (DP), CEE 464 (DP), CEE 465 (DP), CHN 491 (DH), EE 101 (DP), ENG 494 (DL), GER 301 (DH), IP 470 (DS), ITE 313 (DL), ITE 314 (DL), ITE 319

(DL), JPN 486 (DH); EDCS 432 (DL). Board also approved a rush request involving HIST 401; designation approved (DH).

5. Focus course approvals – Board approved course-based BUS 301 (E), HWST 496 (E, O, W). GEC Board upheld recommendations not to approve course-based O designation for BUS 345, and an H designation for Wendell Perry's section of HWST 496. .
6. Language waiver issues – Schoonmaker received inquiry from Social Work. Checked with Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' office; OVCAA policy requires that waivers be approved by two-thirds of the Social Work department faculty. Schoonmaker will advise the Social Work faculty to submit request to the Faculty Senate for review. ("GEC respectfully declines review.").
7. Multi-campus articulation agreement update (Monica)  
System HAP courses are currently reviewed and approved for articulation to UHM by UHM's HAP Board. A draft articulation agreement that mirrors the WI and Foundations model of articulation is ready for adoption. Willing campuses will be asked to sign in November.

#### WRAP UP

- Stitt-Bergh will revise preamble and send new draft to GEC.
- Schoonmaker will respond to Social Work language waiver request.

Next meeting: Friday, November 2, 2007, 9:00 a.m. in Hawai'i 208

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder.