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**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 10:30-11:30 AM  
**LOCATION:** QLC 208  
**ATTENDANCE:** [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS	
Matt Eng	P	Nadine Ortega	P	Jenny Brown (ASUH rep)	P	Christine Beaulé	P
Kahea Faria	P	Scott Rowland	P	Paul McKimmey (OVPAE rep)	P	Lisa Fujikawa	P
Dan Harris-McCoy	P	Mandy Westfall-Senda	P	Ryan Yamaguchi (Admissions rep)	A	Vicky Keough	P
Keahiahi Long	P	June Zhang	E	Shana Brown (SEC liaison)	P	Rose Paradise	E

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER		Meeting was called to order by Chair Rowland at 10:32
REVIEW OF MINUTES		Minutes from 1/31 meeting approved with 7 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.
INFORMATION ITEMS	Still need a W Board liaison. No volunteers forthcoming, so Scott will continue to serve for now.	
ACTION ITEMS	Motion: Add Study Abroad to the list of exceptions to the course-based Focus requirement. Study Abroad Instructors may apply for an Instructor-based Focus designation for 1-semester only. This policy will be applicable for a 2-year period (through end of Spring 2025), at which point the GEC will reassess. Will notify Study Abroad to advertise change.	Vote: 8 in favor, 0 opposed (no abstentions)
DISCUSSION ITEMS	1) Study abroad: sometimes study abroad instructors want a Focus designation specific to their study abroad course (no designation for UHM version of class). This is problematic due to move to course based Focus designations. Opposite problem (course-based at UHM but preferably not abroad) also applicable. Matt: UHM instructors teach 2 courses, usually at least one has a Focus requirement.	



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	<p>Dan: Seems like it won't be overly burdensome, there are good reasons to allow it.  Matt: Similar to 399's being offered in study abroad, which does allow instructor-based focus designations.  Solution: to add study abroad to the list of exceptions to the course-based mandate (1-time/semester approval).</p> <p>2) Changes to Gen Ed governing doc:  ** Scott prefers to keep change that allows Chair and Vice Chair to be non-Senators (cf. CEE). Paul: Senators can request to speak then cede their time to Chair of GEC.  ** Need to include more precise language regarding designation negotiation process; at what point does GEC step in on an impasse?  Dan: could theoretically send contested proposals to GEC for arbitration at meeting prior to registration. Scott: after two reviews by the board, proposer should have the option of appealing to the GEC. Lisa: FYI, once upon a time, recommendations by Boards were forwarded to GEC for official approval, but of course GEC never reviewed the proposals, just rubber stamp.</p>	
NEW BUSINESS		
UPCOMING MEETINGS	<p><b>REMAINING SPRING 2023 MEETINGS: Tuesdays from 10:30 p.m. - 11:30 a.m. in QLC 208</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● February 28</li> <li>● March 7</li> <li>● March 21</li> <li>● April 4</li> <li>● April 18</li> <li>● May 2</li> </ul>	
ADJOURNMENT		Meeting adjourned at 11:33

Respectfully submitted by Dan Harris-McCoy, Secretary.

Approved on 2/28/2023 with 6 votes in favor of approval and 0 against [and 0 abstentions].