

Minutes of the General Education Committee

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Hawai'i Hall 208

ATTENDEES: Fred Birkett, Ron Cambra (AVCUE), Richard Chadwick (SEC), Joe Jarrett, Dore Minatodani, Scott Rowland, Mamoru Sato, Comfort Sumida, Wei Zhang

Support staff: Dawne Bost (GEO), Lisa Fujikawa (GEO), Jo-Anne Nakamoto (GEO Recorder)

Excused: Jim Caron, Sianha Gualano (ASUH), Garrett Inoue (Admissions), Todd Sammons (GEO), Ryan Yamaguchi (Admissions)

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Jarrett at 12:00 noon.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Minutes of November 9, 2011 were unanimously approved.
2. Proposals for GEC Vote:
 - IP 368B
 - Concern about three different syllabi vs. one integrated syllabus and grading issues.
 - Vote: 6-0-0 to approve proposal with caveat that E-Board approves revised syllabus.
 - IP 398 (Multiple Focus Designation – E, O, W)
 - Minatodani no longer had questions regarding this proposal.
 - Vote: 6-0-0 to approve proposal.
 - PACE 485
 - Instructor submitted revised syllabus.
 - W Board recommended approval without concerns.
 - Discussion about Hallmarks and how they must be addressed but not every single day.
 - It was noted that the revised syllabus appeared to some to include a strong global (versus HAP) emphasis;
 - Chadwick mentioned instructor was his former doctoral student, whose perspectives included correlations between Hawaiian and global independence movements.
 - Are intersections met in the new syllabus?
 - Vote: 7-0-0 to approve proposal.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Report: SEC Retreat (Minatodani)
 - Retreat included Chairs of MFS Standing Committees and some UH Administrators (Hinshaw, Ostrander, Dasenbrock, Cutshaw, Takayama).
 - Question posed: “How would you want the campus described?”
 - A lot of discussion regarding facilities, master plans, buildings, including mention of M3101 (Procedure for reorganization/approvals). SEC wanted to propose they be applied each time a building is repurposed/renovated/built. Administration was not in favor of this, thought it was cumbersome. SEC’s position was that when you change the use of a building, it causes unintentional and intentional reorganization of the occupants and the Faculty Senate should be involved.

- UHM Consultation with Faculty:
 - Generally agreed that Administration does more consultation. Consultation with MFS is a requirement in most UHM procedures.
 - The Role of UHM and System
 - Minatodani stated a review of the articulation agreement led to a brief discussion of UHM's current academic standards. Cambra shared information regarding performance of students who transferred in from community colleges and the expectations of instructors at community colleges. He also stated that many students who leave UHM state that the academic rigor is "too low".
2. Report: WASC Informational Meeting (Jarrett)
- WASC voted to approve a plan that would require hard data on 5 core competencies: written communication, oral communication, quantitative skills, critical thinking, and informational literacy. We need to address these competencies with assessment data on two competencies. They are expecting a 5- or 10-year intermediate report. Retention/graduation data needed yearly. WASC claims reaccreditation process is streamlined.
 - WASC is considering changing criteria completely, and adding "DQP" ("degree qualification profile"). For every degree, you create your own criteria. Gives a bit of flexibility. On the other hand, there is concern regarding company hired (Lumina). It was noted that UH volunteered to be tested although Faculty Senate was not aware of this.
3. Discussion: FS Compliance
- Discussion deferred to next meeting.

Next meeting: November 30, 2011, 12 noon, HH 208.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder