

General Education Committee
September 11, 2006
Hawai'i Hall 208
Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by the chair.

Present: Cristina Bacchilega, Helen Baroni (chair), Richard Bigus, John Engel, Jon Goss, Susan Johnson, Megumi Taniguchi, George Wong.
Ron Cambra (OVCAA), David Chin (SEC), Jan Heu (A&R), Tom Hilgers (GEO), Ruth Kleinfeld (emeritus), Helene Sokugawa (OVCAA).

2. MINUTES: The minutes of August 28, 2006, were approved as submitted.

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Diversification (D) review (Baroni, Hilgers)

- a. The 9/6/06 email to UHM department chairs explaining the D renewal process and schedule was reviewed (attached).
- b. Departments might give special attention to cross-listed courses for methodological consistency across departments. GEO will flag cross-listed and bring them to the attention of the GEC.
- c. GEC's suggested approach to review of articulated system D courses is being discussed with OVCAA. Baroni and Hilgers will report after a 9/12 meeting with VC Smatresk. Memos will likely go out soon.

2. Simplification Committee (Hilgers)

GEO Advisory Group (Focus and Foundations board chairs, GEC chair and vice chair, OVCAA rep) will meet to discuss what might be simplified. Suggestions will be brought to the GEC for consideration.

Discussion: Both students and faculty lack understanding of what gen ed is; there is a need to develop clear explanations.

3. Wild Card (WC) (Baroni) resume

- a. GEC continued its review of the request for O waiver: supervision and feedback, both important to meeting O hallmarks are lacking.
MOTION: Goss made and Bacchilega seconded a motion to turn down the Wild Card request for O waiver. The motion passed unanimously. Baroni will inform the student.
- b. Modifying the WC option: questions were raised about the need for the WC option.
The WC subcommittee will have the GEC consider and vote on its recommendations at the next meeting.

4. Diversification recommendation (Heu)

MOTION: Taniguchi made and Johnson seconded a motion to approve a recommendation: Leeward Community College's ENG 257N for DL, effective F06-Sum 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Foundations (F) review and articulation (Hilgers)

- a. UHM, HCC, and KCC are parties to the Common Foundations Program (Foundations multicampus agreement) and are currently doing the 5th-year review of their F courses. Courses

articulating from other system campuses (not party to the agreement) will also have to be reviewed. F Board needs to decide on the procedure.

Discussion touched on 1) the way courses articulating from system and non-system campuses are credited; 2) gen ed vs program and college requirements; 3) soon-to-be released data comparing transfer students from system/non-system campuses and students who start at UHM.

6. HAP Multicampus Proposal (Hilgers)

The UHM H Board encourages wide-ranging adoption of a HAP multicampus agreement. A draft was prepared last year by the H Board and GEC. OVCAA will issue a memo inviting campuses that already have the H requirement to meet and develop a proposal.

WRAP UP

1. Hilgers will discuss "Simplification" with the GEO Advisory Group at its next meeting.
2. Baroni will notify the student of the Wild Card request decision.
3. The Wild Card subcommittee will have the GEO email its recommendation on the option to GEC members for consideration at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Monday, 9/25/06, 12:30-2:00 p.m., Hawai'i 208.

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Mueller-Ali, Recorder