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**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 10:30-11:30 AM
LOCATION: Bilger 106 or Zoom
ATTENDANCE: [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS	
Kahea Faria	E	Scott Rowland	E	Sonja Giardina (ASUH rep)	E	Christine Beaulé	P (Zoom)
Mahealani Kaneshiro	P (Zoom)	Shauna Sibonga	P (Zoom)	Paul McKimmy (OVPAE rep)	P (Zoom)	Lisa Fujikawa	P
Keahiahi Long	P (Zoom)	Brad Taylor	P	Max Xiong (Enrollment Management rep)	E (Zoom)	Vicky Keough	P
Nadine Ortega	P	June Zhang	A	Gerry Busch (SEC liaison)	P (Zoom)	Rose Paradise	P

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER		Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:36 AM.
REVIEW OF MINUTES		Minutes from 03/13 meeting approved with edits by acclamation and no objections.
INFORMATION ITEMS	Liaison reports (as collected by a Google Form prior to the meeting) can be found at the bottom of this document.	
ACTION ITEMS	<p>SEC Liaison report by Gerald: one suggested discussion topic - because MFS did not proceed with the CAPP report at its last meeting, we should discuss whether the GEC chair should send an email to the CAPP chair with a clear objection and list of suggestions to share ideas openly or put on the table for further discussion.</p> <p>→ Will use Brad's notes as a start for this communication.</p> <p>No liaison reports to share verbally.</p> <p>→ Via Lisa and Google Form updates (see below)</p>	



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DISCUSSION
ITEMS

Draft BOR Policy on General Education (RP5.213)

- Christine provided a brief overview
- Only Hawai'i, Vermont, and one other state have Regent Policies that are not as prescriptive for General Education requirements.
- Nadine asked if GEC would write a testimony as a committee.
- Christine recommended that a testimony be composed from GEC, and also as individuals, and that members should encourage colleagues to submit a testimony as well.
- Paul mentioned [RP 1.210](#) and [EP 1.201](#)
 - ◆ "faculty has primary responsibility for such fundamental academic areas as **curriculum content, subject matter, and methods of instruction and research**. On these matters the power of review and concurrence or final decision lodged in the board or delegated to administration officers should be exercised adversely only in exceptional circumstances and for reasons communicated to the faculty." (from RP 1.210)
 - ◆ "cases of academic **policy proposals that may be initiated by the board or recommended by the president, the president shall decide the manner by which the advice and full input of duly constituted faculty organizations are obtained**. Prior to final board action, such advice, along with the presidents recommendations, will be considered." (from EP 1.201)
- Nadine asked about the timeline for testimonies.
- Lisa asked if the Gen Ed boards should be notified or informed of the testimony requests.
- Christine shared in chat: suggested core points: 1) poor assessment results require redesign; 2) far too many required credits are delaying time to degree (costing students time and money), and our Gen Ed is far bigger than our peers and benchmarks; 3) continued delay and inaction at UHM make system Gen Ed a necessary fix
 - ◆ These are points to help with board liaison communication.



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	<p>→ Keahiahi shared in chat: Is there an opportunity for GEC to also support and underscore this proposed revised policy language: At a minimum, the UH general education curriculum shall explicitly: ... Incorporate key institutional values such as sustainability and Native Hawaiian place of learning. To this Christine shared in chat: on a related note, without a smaller core (e.g., 24+12), there is no room for a campus-wide H/SL requirement.</p>	
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Tasks</p> <p>Testimony requests</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liaisons talk to their boards to encourage each member to submit a testimony. 2. Brad is going to provide Nadine with notes to help with GEC testimony. 3. Keahiahi will draft testimony. 4. Shauna will draft liaison talking points. <p>Invitation for collaboration</p> <p>Invitation to Hawai'i inuiākea to join next meeting, because they are in support of the GenEd redesign.</p>	
UPCOMING MEETINGS	<p>SPRING 2024 MEETINGS: Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 10 • April 24 • May 1 or 8 (final exam week) 	
ADJOURNMENT		Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:40 AM

Respectfully submitted by Mahealani Kaneshiro, GEC member, in lieu of Scott Rowland, Secretary.

Approved on 4/24/2024 by acclamation.

LIAISON REPORTS (as submitted via the [liaison updates form](#))

- HAP Board (Christine Beaulé for Kahea Faria): The HAP Board completed their proposal review via email, so the last meeting was canceled.
- W Board (Mahealani Kaneshiro): The W board decided to cancel their meeting on Wednesday, 13 March, because there were no questions about the proposals the board is currently reviewing. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 27 March.
- GEO Director (Christine Beaulé): Nothing to report.
- E Board (Vicky Keough for Scott Rowland): The E Board did not meet since the last GEC meeting. (Last E Board meeting was on 3/8/24.)
- O Board (Shauna Sibonga): O Board has not met since last GEC meeting.