

Minutes of the General Education Committee

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Hawai'i Hall 208

Attendees: Dore Minatodani, Julie Iezzi, Joy Logan, Sarita Rai, Carolyn Stephenson (SEC), Comfort Sumida, Ron Cambra (AVCUE), Ryan Yamaguchi (Admissions), Wei Zhang.

Support staff: Lisa Fujikawa (GEO), Jo-Anne Nakamoto (GEO), Todd Sammons (GEO)

Excused: Dawne Bost, Scott Rowland

Absent: Amy Schiffner

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dore Minatodani at 12:03 p.m. Introductions of committee members were made.

ACTION ITEMS

1. The minutes of May 2, 2012 were approved as submitted.
2. The WI Focus (non-course) Exemption application for "Mitchell" was unanimously approved (5-0-0).

The WI (course) Focus Exemption application for "Ryan" was not approved (0-5-1). The WI Hallmarks #1 and #2 were not met, and the Committee felt that feedback and active development of writing skills throughout the term were lacking. Sarita abstained from voting, as she knew the student, but stated that the U of IL faculty member was "very demanding" of his students.

Question: What does the Study Abroad program give to its students as reference?

Answer: Access to Focus Exemption requirements and are told that they have to meet the Hallmarks.

Suggestion: in an effort to be proactive and avoid situations such as Ryan's, perhaps Study Abroad students could have a 15-minute General Education presentation stressing the requirements needed for a Focus Exemption, and to be instructed to review the online details.

Lisa brought up a situation concerning a student and his advisor who asked whether or not Focus Exemptions would fulfill upper-level division requirements. Does the GEC want to make a determination when handling WI Focus Exemption applications? It was noted that some might be difficult to determine if it was lower- or upper-division level. This will be discussed at a later date.

3. Lisa distributed the Focus Board Calendar for Fall 2012 and called attention to pertinent deadlines.

4. Committee Assignments – Dore described the various assignments requiring volunteers from the GEC:
- Liaison assignments for Foundations Board and 4 Focus Boards – this year we would like to have more Board-related details for the Liaisons to share with the GEC. Dore to email GEC regarding availability and assignments.
 - Diversification sub-committee – (4 needed, currently Comfort and Scott are on it; bulk of work is usually at the end of the semester due to the form deadlines.)
 - High DFIW (CAPP, MAC, GEC) – Two years ago we looked at the FS requirement of General Education courses. We need a couple of people to be on a Working Group. (Note: Todd is chairing CAPP.).
 - Information Literacy (GEC) - The GEC was asked to consider establishing a working group to review how information literacy is being taught across the curriculum. This is an issue because it is part of the WASC proficiency (the 5 Pillars) and the least paid attention to. We are soliciting Working Group members across the curriculum.
 - FS Requirement (GEC) - VCAA Dasenbrock will be addressing the GEC at our next meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9/19/12 – Hawaii Pacific Regional Forum (WASC rolled out a new method of accreditation.)
- 9/20/12 – Implementation Workshop
- 9/21/12 – WASC Faculty Forum (to learn of new streamlined process for accreditation.) The next UH review is 2021.
- 9/21/12 – Alignment Summit – in an effort to get current high school senior year and the first year of college aligned. The second issue concerns the National Common Core Standards for high school students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please email Dore with any possible agenda items a week prior to our scheduled meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Next meeting: October 3, 2012, 12 noon, HH 208.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder