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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 8:30-9:30 AM
LOCATION: Bilger 106 and Zoom
ATTENDANCE: [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS	
Sonja Giardina (ASUH rep)	P (Zoom)	Nadine Ortega	P (Zoom)	Paully Yamada	P (Zoom)	Ashley Maynard (GEO Director)	P
Mahealani Kaneshiro	P (Zoom)	Sarah Post	P (Zoom)	Garett Inoue (Admissions rep)	E	Lisa Fujikawa (GEO liaison)	P
Keahiahi Long	P (Zoom)	Shauna Sibonga	E	Paul McKimmy (OVPAE rep)	P (Zoom)	Vicky Keough	P
Laura O'Rourke	P (Zoom)	Brad Taylor	P	Marguerite Butler (SEC liaison)	P	Rose Paradise	P

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER		Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:31 AM.
REVIEW OF 12/18 MINUTES		Minutes from 12/18 were approved by acclamation.
INFORMATION ITEMS	1. Reports and updates (as collected by a Google Form prior to the meeting) can be found at the bottom of this document.	1. No action.
ACTION ITEMS		1. None.
DISCUSSION ITEMS	1. Gen Ed redesign - Draft revisions with notes from the joint GEC/CAPP committee meeting	1. Discussed.
NEW BUSINESS		



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UPCOMING MEETINGS	SPRING 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE: Wednesdays 8:30-9:30 AM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 29 • February 12 • February 26 • March 5? (back-to-back, if extra meeting is needed) • March 12 • April 2 (3/19 is during spring break; 3/26 is Kuhio Day) • April 16 • April 30 • May 14 ? (finals week, if needed) 	
ADJOURNMENT		Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Mahealani Kaneshiro, Secretary.

Approved on 01/15/2025 by acclamation.

LIAISON REPORTS & UPDATES

- GEO: Meeting with Makena Coffman re a possible SUST requirement
 - After the joint GEC/CAPP meeting to discuss Gen Ed revision, Ashley met with Makena Coffman to discuss the feasibility of a new SUST requirement. One suggestion was to require that one of each student's Diversification courses (A&H, Social Sciences, Physical/Biological Sciences) have a SUST designation. This might be an issue for transfers who come in with a course that only has a SUST equivalency but doesn't match one of our Diversification courses. In talking with Makena, one solution for transfers would be to use the new SUST 290 or SUST 490 shell "topics" courses for transfer. Thus, students could transfer in a course that only met the SUST hallmarks. Another idea is to make SUST a Focus, thus allowing it to double dip with other Focus designations and with Diversification, but there is a concern that this may add credit hours to the top line for some students.