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**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 10:30-11:30 AM  
**LOCATION:** QLC 208  
**ATTENDANCE:** [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS	
Matt Eng	P	Nadine Ortega	P	Jenny Brown (ASUH rep)	P (Zoom)	Christine Beaule	P
Kahea Faria	P (Zoom)	Scott Rowland	P	Paul McKimmey (OVPAE rep)	P	Lisa Fujikawa	P
Dan Harris-McCoy	P	Mandy Westfall-Senda	P (Zoom)	Ryan Yamaguchi (Admissions rep)	E	Vicky Keough	P
Keahiahi Long	P (Zoom)	June Zhang	P (Zoom)	Shana Brown (SEC liaison)	P	Rose Paradise	P

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER		Called to order at 10:33 AM
REVIEW OF MINUTES		March 21 minutes approved 8-0-0
INFORMATION ITEMS		
ACTION ITEMS	ICS 390 vote (E, O, W)	9-0-0
DISCUSSION ITEMS	<p>** Focus groups being put together for DIV review (happening in 2 weeks) to discuss breadth requirements. Manoa Peer Advisors will serve as facilitators. DIV seems to be the most controversial portion of the revised Gen Ed, so will help provide data to support changes to curriculum and guide discussion. GEC members are urged to encourage students to participate. Shana: identifying class level can be complicated. Chris: ask for UH ID number to confirm rank. Scott: asking about possibility of anonymity; understands that is useful in focus group. Shana: student desires for DIV may not align with faculty goals; do we have an assessment cycle for DIV?;</p>	



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Chris: students perceive DIV as often irrelevant to goals; value needs to be better articulated. Shana: If there is an assessment cycle for DIV that its hallmarks can be developed and updated.

\*\* Resolution at MFS not received well by CAPP; Scott spent an hour with CAPP/SEC hearing their concerns. Found the situation demoralizing. But also learned MCA is now dead, i.e., won't be considered either at Manoa or community colleges. SEC would like Manoa curriculum jointly agreed upon by CAPP and GEC. Chris: CAPP should not be in charge of creating curricula. Scott: would like a group to be formed on creating a curriculum, potential from scratch. Dan: is this any better than other attempts to circumvent the process? Shana: Since summer 2021 Gen Ed reforms were attempted to be System-wide. But if this isn't possible, then one option is to create a Manoa-only curriculum that reflects Manoa faculty and student interests. Paul: GEC should consider soliciting faculty from across campus to help with design process. Shana: CAPP is involved because they consider academic policy more broadly, which includes Gen Ed as a specific issue. Emphasizes the GEC has an important role to play, but should be collaborative with CAPP to make sure it works as part of academics overall. Scott: But GEC collaboration has been largely ignored by CAPP. Shana: If both GEC and CAPP support the idea, then there is potential for a Manoa-only curriculum, perhaps to be developed in Fall. Chris: shares Scott's frustration, feels GEC being stymied by individual. Encourages Senate-wide conversation of curriculum. Shana: reflecting on history of process, this started with previous 2017 internal and external review. Argues for more frequent review and change. Scott: wishes there weren't two gen-ed related committee. Dan: how do we find a group that has the "moral authority" to do this work well and have respect of campus community? Scott: wants the group to be voluntary, folks who are committed to Gen Ed's success. Shana: Issues with current Gen Ed (e.g. HSL) should be dealt with more transparently and directly in order to alleviate paranoia, waiting for new Gen Ed to address issues of concern is not productive. Chris: SEC needs to state process for creating Manoa-specific curriculum and stick to it (e.g., relating to role of GEC vs. CAPP). Shana: we need support from OVPAE, can help with facilitation. Paul: would be happy to be involved in that conversation. Invitation from SEC would be helpful. Chris: wants the process in writing for sake of clarity, commitment to process. Dan: So what's next? Scott/Shana: there is an opening for a next



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	conversation. Meeting between Ashley, CAPP vice chair, Scott and Nadine.	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<b>UPCOMING MEETINGS</b>	<b>REMAINING SPRING 2023 MEETINGS: Tuesdays from 10:30 p.m. - 11:30 a.m. in QLC 208</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 18</li> <li>• May 2</li> </ul>	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM

Respectfully submitted by Dan Harris-McCoy, Secretary.

Approved on 4/18/2023 with 6 votes in favor of approval and 0 against.