

Minutes of the General Education Committee
Wednesday, November 18, 2009
Hawai'i Hall 208

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Chair Scott Rowland.

Present: Ernestine Enomoto, Lynne Higa, Scott Rowland, Todd Sammons, Galen Sasaki, Mamoru Sato, Carolyn Stephenson

Ex officio: Ron Cambra (OVCAA), Susan Hippensteele (SEC), Garrett Inoue (A&R), Steve Rola (A&R)

Support staff: Tom Hilgers (GEO), Lisa Fujikawa (GEO), Jo-Anne Nakamoto (GEO Recorder)

Guests: VCAA Reed Dasenbrock and Program Officer Myrtle Yamada

Excused: Mike Nassir

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. WASC visit – Dasenbrock and Yamada gave a PowerPoint presentation concerning the upcoming visit, December 8-10, 2009.
 - Two-thirds of the reviewing team are from the California State system.
 - UHM chose thematic review vs. the 42 Criteria for Review outright.
 - Three themes:
 - Build UHM community, retain people.
 - Facilities
 - Reform campus governance to promote communities/student success.
 - Yamada directed GEC's attention to Essay #1 in Handout. Pertains to general education and the development of a UH identity.
2. Minutes of October 28, 2009 were approved with two clarifications:
 - Action/Information Item #1, second bullet should read, "The fact that there is a lot of overlap in the sample syllabi seems to indicate that the course will be taught in the same manner regardless of who teaches it."
 - Chair's Report, b), ACTION statement : replace "comprised" with "composed" ("Working group will be formed, *composed* of Foundations Board members . . .")
3. GEC vote on Diversification applications
 - ECON 332 DS, GEOG 411 DP, GEOG 470 none, HIST 469 DH
 - GEC voted unanimously to approve the above-mentioned recommendations of the Diversification subcommittee.
4. Focus Exemption Applications
 - Joseph's WI application was unanimously approved.
 - Meghan's OC application was unanimously not approved.
 - There did not appear to be experience in front of an audience, just individual instructor. Also, no feedback/revision/feedback pattern with supervisor noted.

5. Review of FS Working Group draft document
 - Can we send this version out?
 - To whom should this be directed?
 - Get a range of former Foundations Board members to sit on this working group.
 - Invite majors/departments identified as having problems scheduling FS courses in the first year.
 - At some point later in time, we could invite some CC's to attend; or, the working group could go out to CC's.
6. GEC report to SEC re MOA
Discussion:
 - MOA is still in draft form; why are Faculty Senates being asked to vote on it?
 - MOA shows a lack of understanding of how a student transfers from one campus to another.
 - Question about on reverse transfer credits is addressed on pg 4 of GEC report.
 - Hippensteele might circulate GEC draft response to the CAA and include their observations when presenting to SEC.
 - Although three campuses have already approved the MOA draft "in concept", modifications to the draft are going to be made.
7. CRCH Resolution
 - Hippensteele: Does the GEC have an inclination to support/no?
 - Question: does this involve policy and/or procedural issues?
If the resolution involves a procedural issue, then the GEC would probably support it.
8. Other Business
 - Hilgers presented a GEC Resolution commending Jan Heu's years of service as her retirement is imminent. The GEC approved it unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Next meeting: December 2, 2009, 1:30 p.m., HH 208.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Nakamoto, Recorder