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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Thursday, November 3, 2022, 10:30-11:30 AM
LOCATION: Zoom
ATTENDANCE: [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

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

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER		Meeting was called to order by Chair Rowland at 10:32
REVIEW OF MINUTES		Minutes from 10/20 meeting approved with 6 votes in favor, 8 against and 2 abstentions.
INFORMATION ITEMS		
ACTION ITEMS	Non-binding, anonymous straw poll relating to current Gen Ed proposal: "Would we [the GEC] accept the proposal for a baseline Gen Ed as currently written"?	5-2 opposed (two members were unable to vote)



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DISCUSSION ITEMS	<p>Review of multiple-Focus IP 362 application. Scott notes that E Focus is the most challenging part of the review.</p> <p>New Gen Ed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ** Dan: little faith that more will be added to the baseline Gen Ed given drive towards efficiency at Manoa ** Scott: we need to explain clearly why we need to have various requirements ** Some discussion of HSL <p>SEC Report (Shana):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ** SEC has invited CAPP, CEE, CAB, GEC Chairs to discuss proposal for all-campus revision team, with representatives from each campus Senate ** SEC has been attending town halls; some comments relate to timeline; have also noted significant differences between summer 2021 and summer 2022 proposals <p>** Scott: revised version of Gen Ed is more palatable than the big changes proposed in the original proposal; this could go on forever; notes that baseline is an intelligent way of customizing on a campus-by-campus basis</p> <p>** Keahiahi: but is the current proposal enough? Also, her colleagues at Hawaiʻi inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge are split on HSL requirement.</p> <p>** Chris B.: says that will not be additional (or at least as robust) rounds of feedback for future proposals</p> <p>** Shana: agreed, but if it takes a little bit longer, that might be time and effort well spent</p> <p>** Scott: we should keep momentum; encouraging acceptance of baseline</p> <p>** Shana: reminder that any GEC resolution brought to MFS needs to have co-sponsor with Standing Committee</p> <p>** Scott: need to make strong argument for various aspects of a new Gen Ed (as opposed to simply voting)</p> <p>** Dan: understands “if not now, when?” point of view; may be ready to vote in favor</p> <p>** Keahiahi: her School sees this version as Round 1 rather than Round 2, recommends another round of revisions; specifically concerned about alignment between Foundations and</p>	Approved unanimously (8 in favor)
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	<p>Reinforcement; would like to reconsider some of the basic principles, where and how included</p> <p>** June: what is at stake in passing or not passing? Scott: we have long lacked a way of making Gen Ed meaningful to students; Gen Ed seen as boxes to check off</p> <p>** Matt: if we slash Gen Ed, Exploratory students (ca. 10% of student population) will have a hard time keeping financial aid</p> <p>** Scott: impact of a “good” gen ed is real and tangible: e.g. in improved writing, knowledge of Hawaii</p>	
NEW BUSINESS		
UPCOMING MEETINGS	<p>FALL 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE: Thursdays from 10:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. via Zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 17 • December 1 • December 15 	
ADJOURNMENT		Meeting adjourned at 11:31

Respectfully submitted by Dan Harris-McCoy, Secretary.

Approved on 12/01/2022 with 8 votes in favor of approval and 0 against.