WCC Foundations Board Meeting
February 27, 2015
Minutes

Present: Patti Chong, Roy Fujimoto, Malia Lau Kong, Hongwei Li, Jean Okumura (Chair), Annette Priesman, Jody-Lynn Storm

1. The meeting was convened at 2:12 pm.

2. Minutes from the 12/12/14 were approved with the following corrections:
   a. Heading date was changed from 2015 to 2014.

3. Introduction of new natural science member: Hongwei Li, Microbiology instructor.

4. ANTH 152: Christian Palmer asked if the date effective could change from Fall 2015 to Summer 2015.
   a. Discussion
      i. When Christian spoke to Jean about the possible change from Fall 2015 to Summer 2015, there was no pressing reason to change the effective date. It seemed that he had a back-up plan if the date change was not approved.
      ii. The change would entail notification of the various committees, creating a new document reflecting the change in date, obtaining signatures for the new document, and resending of notification email to campus.
      iii. This would set precedence for similar requests.
   b. Committee voted to keep the current date effective: Fall 2015.

5. UH Manoa: Quantitative Reasoning Working Group (QRWG)
   a. Discussion
      i. Is a Foundation Board necessary for a smooth transfer to UHM?
         1. UH Hilo and Hawaii CC do not have a Foundation Board and their classes still transfer to fulfill UHM’s foundation and diversification.
         2. Reverse Transfer: in processing reverse transfer for students. The 4-year campus has applied WCC’s DS GEOG course to fulfill the FG requirement. The GEOG course did not go through any foundation board, but can be applied to fulfill the FG requirement.
         3. Non-UH System schools do not have a Foundation Board, but their classes can fulfill the foundations requirement. Eg: World Religions taken at Chaminade U will fulfill FGC requirement at UHM.
      ii. The FB committee had questions of how the students would be affected if there was not FB at WCC.
      iii. If there were not FB at WCC, how would Reverse Transfer and some of the other initiatives be affected?
   b. The QRWG is to present two models to the Manoa Faculty Senate in Spring 2015. Manoa hopes to have the model chosen to be approved by the Board of Regents in Fall 2015 for implementation to be completed in Fall 2018. The campus is required to give a one year notice to implement a change.
   c. The 2 models designed to address the WASC concern are:
      i. Model 1: Foundations requirement and targeted emphasis
         1. Add QR requirement.
         2. Remove FS.
3. Reinforce QR in courses across the curriculum that lend themselves to QR, starting with general education diversification Biological Science, Physical Science, Science Lab, and Social Sciences.

ii. Model 2: Foundations requirement plus Focus requirement
   1. Add QR requirement.
   2. Remove FS.
   3. Add a QR focus requirement (one course) that can be satisfied with a course numbered 200-499.
   4. Manoa would decrease the Writing Intensive (WI) courses from five to four (at least two of the four courses must be at the 300- or 400-level).

**ACTION ITEM:**
Jean requests that FB members discuss the Manoa Quantitative Reasoning requirement proposal. Forward the February 17th email from the UH Manoa Quantitative Reasoning email and the documents to your department and discuss. Department members are encouraged to give feedback to the website. Bring your department’s thoughts to the March 13th meeting.

Roy recommended that the FB committee draft a recommendation about the QRWG’s models for WCC’s Faculty Senate.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm.