Present: Jean Okumura (Chair), Sara Akina (proxy for Patti Chong), Ryan Koo (proxy for Malia Lau Kong), Hongwei Li, Annette Priesman, Jody-Lynn Storm

1. The meeting was convened at 2:13 pm.

2. Minutes from the 2/27/2015 meeting were approved as circulated.

3. Terms that end this academic year: Jean (chair), Malia, Annette, and Patty. Terms are 3 years. The members of the Foundations board will select the chair. The chair cannot represent the department. The chair is not a voting member. Departments to determine how their representative will be selected.

4. **ICS 241 proposal:** The proposal is not ready. Laura Sue indicated that there is no rush as the prerequisite for ICS 241 has foundation designation. She only needs the designation for ICS 241 in the event the prerequisite is waived and a student enters directly into ICS 241. Jean will suggest to Laura the option of allowing any student placing directly into ICS 241 to be given foundations designation.

5. **QR discussion:** Jean went to the QRWG website and found that they have selected model #1. The QRWG will submit the FQ proposal at the April 2015 meeting.

Input from departments on QR:

Annette: There is a concern about how the change opposes the FS hallmarks and how the change will affect students. PHIL 110 may still be taught, but will not meet FQ at UH Manoa. The change will be complicating the degree requirements for our students. The accreditation team should be encouraged to see that our existing degree requirements enable students to reason quantitatively. Manoa will give the FQ designation, regardless of our designation for our courses. As the foundations process is a lot of work for our faculty perhaps we should do away with the foundations board and handle this like the diversification designation.

Jody: The main concern for math faculty is that students will get a degree without having taken any math courses. Will get response from ICS & BUS at the next department meeting.

Ryan: There is a concern that if we do not follow Manoa’s model that a student may not get the foundation designation for courses taken at WCC that have foundation designation at Manoa.

Hongwei: Natural sciences support QR. It seems better for students as more courses would qualify as QR.

Sara: Student services would like to wait and see what Manoa decides. However, there does not seem to be a need for the foundations board. Courses transferring from other colleges, such as Chaminade, still receive foundation designation even though they have no foundations board. Sara supplied a handout for West Oahu and UH Hilo graduation requirements. West Oahu has an FS requirement and students who receive an FS designation at WCC, will meet the FS designation at West Oahu. There is an additional concern of how QR will affect e5209.

Further discussion on QR:
If the QR proposal is approved, Manoa will officially switch to the QR model in fall 2018. Students entering UH Manoa before Fall 2018 will not be affected by the new requirements, as they will have the option to go with the old requirements. Jean reported that at the last multi-campus meeting LCC and KCC were ready to follow Manoa’s model. An advantage to the adoption of Manoa’s model is that courses we designate as FQ that are not taught at Manoa, will meet Manoa’s QR requirement.

At HSI an instructor from Hawaii CC shared an email from ACCJC defining QR as a course with a math alpha or a course that transfers as a math alpha (this still needs to be verified), which conflicts with Manoa’s definition. This is a potential problem, as our QR designations would need to meet ACCJC standards.

Foundations Board should help our Faculty Senate to decide whether to follow Manoa’s model. As Manoa will not officially switch to QR until Fall 2018 there is time for Foundations to decide on a recommendation. However, we should make a recommendation by the beginning of next semester.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm. Next meeting April 24, Manaopono 114