Minutes  
General Education Board Meeting  
Honolulu Community College  
Bldg. 7-602  
Friday, November 20, 2015, 1:00 pm

Present: Charlene Gima (Foundations), Evelyn Greene (CTE)(GEB Co-Chair), Kara Kam-Kalani (Speech) (GEB Co-Chair), Doug Madden (Foundations), Steve Mandraccia (Foundations), Mieko Matsumoto (Diversification), Ron Pine (Ethics), Jennifer Higa-King (Diversification)

I. Meeting called to order 1:00 pm.

II. Not everyone has had time to review the minutes from October 9 and 23. All should review and send changes to Eric for the October 9th minutes and Kara for the October 23rd minutes. All GEB members should be cc’d.

III. Current status of the Foundations sub-board

Kara listed the concerns brought to the GEB by members of the Foundations Board as follows:

1. The relevant disciplines must be represented on the Foundations Board.
2. There was no consultation with members of the Foundations Board when the vacancy was filled.
3. The intranet page for the Foundations Board is not current.

Background:
The vacancy in question originated when Judy Sokei, a lecturer in Philosophy, left the Foundations Board. She requested her position be filled by Ron Pine.

As communication issues have arisen in the past between Steve Mandraccia (Foundations Chair) and Ron, Steve appointed Robert Bates to the position against the expressed wishes of six foundation board members. The vacancy was filled at the request of the GEB Co-Chairs. As Robert may not be able to fulfill his term, Mingjing Chi, Mathematics Instructor, was then appointed.

Several members of the Foundations Board felt that the appointment should have been filled by a member of the Philosophy department and that the Foundations Board members should have been consulted. David Panisnick and Pat Patterson resigned their positions on the Board due to the lack of consultation and the inability of the GEB to follow through on the principle that the relevant disciplines must be represented on the Foundations Board (Item III. 1.)

Discussion:
Steve and Ron were both given the opportunity to explain the origins of the contention between them. However, Ron noted that the main issue is Item 1 in these minutes and that past disagreements were irrelevant to Item III. 1. Ron also noted that if anyone suggested that math not be represented on FS, he would be the first to protest. He noted that Erica has said many times, in spite of personal issues between staff or faculty, “We all have to work together.”

Despite past communication issues, the Administration has determined that Steve and Ron may communicate via email. Without cooperation, however, the Foundations Board would not be functional with both Steve and Ron as members. Some members of the GEB discussed the possibility of administrative assistance on replacing an FS sub-board members, but no formal motion or vote was taken.
At this point, Steve and Ron agreed to respectfully cooperate and work together, and Ron was reinstated to the Foundations Board. Foundations Board emails will be sent to all members and not exclusively between individuals. Steve will discuss with David and Pat to determine if they wish to return to the Board. Mingjing Chi will remain as a non-voting member.

IV. Sub-Board Intranet Webpages

As the secretaries, as well as others, use the Intranet to determine status of class certification, we agreed that each sub-board will update their respective page within ten business days of class certification approval.

V. Charter Changes

The Foundations Sub-board membership and voting was clarified with the following, additions in italics:

1. Each sub-board...
   
   Foundations Sub-board
   
   b. Hallmark applications are reviewed by all UC members and the two CTE members assigned to that area; following...

Additional Charter changes will be discussed at the next meeting. Changes regarding:

- Appointment of sub-board chairs and term limits
- Consecutive terms of service
- Appointment of sub-board members and term limits
- Consecutive terms of service for sub-board members

should be emailed to the GEB and all sub-boards for compilation.

VI. Next meeting December 4, 2015, at 1 pm.