



UNIVERSITY of HAWAII®
LEEWARD
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Faculty Senate Minutes

Special Meeting

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Online via Video Conference

Senators Present: Kelsie Aguilera (Vice Chair), Summer Barrett (Secretary), Kathleen Cashman, William Castillo, Cara Chang, Jiajia Garcia, Fa'amaile Ickes, Michelle Igarashi, Ann Inoshita, Christina Keaulana, Michele Mahi, Erika Molyneux, Allan Nebrija, Don Oberheu, Michael Oishi (Chair), Luca Preziati, Michael Scully, I-Chia Shih, Irwin Yamamoto

Senators Absent: Matthew Egami, Leon Florendo, Nolan Miyahara, Alyssa MacDonald, Michael Scully

Student Government Representatives: David Alex Williamson, Student Government President and Chester Leoso

Guests: Brandi Reyes, Sandro Jube, Eunice Brekke, Jayne Bopp, Leilani Puchalski, Erin Thompson

Zoom Meeting: <https://hawaii.zoom.us/j/94809800602>

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Agenda

- I. Call to order- 3:03 pm

- II. Provision for special Faculty Senate meetings justified by Article III, Section 4, of [Faculty Senate Bylaws](#), “special meetings shall be scheduled by the Chair upon the request of any three senators or upon receipt of a petition signed by not less than 10% of all faculty members” (2).

A. Senators requesting special meeting: Michelle Igarashi, Kelsie Aguilera, Summer Barrett.

III. General Education

A. [UH Community College Redesign Proposal](#) to the UH General Education Conference Committee.

B. Goal to maintain the credibility of our GE curriculum, reduce credits, and to serve our students.

C. FG designation: reduction of one 3-credit course

D. FH: The redline in the sand. Needed to include it to support our goal of indigenizing the university.

E. Don’t want to lose any faculty or programs due to the GE redesign.

F. Want to ensure credits can transfer to other colleges and universities—both in the UH System and outside it.

G. Limitations:

1. Cannot continue with status quo.
2. Close to Leeward CC’s GE curriculum.
3. Proposal is a baseline. Each campus can add.
4. Needs to be consonant with federal financial aid and VA benefits.
5. Need to be able to block transfer credits via the WICHE Passport.

H. What if we don’t like the proposal?

1. Need to align the baseline to help our students to transfer without losing credits.
2. Campus can add their own degree requirements.
3. May need to testify to the UH Board of Regents.
4. All Faculty Senates will vote and tally reported to the BOR. Unclear what would happen if that happens.

I. Proposed Curriculum changes

1. Retain FQ
 2. Retain FW (no FW2)
 3. Keep one WI course; lose one.
 4. Keep OC as a focus designation.
 5. Keep one FG; lose one.
 6. Create FH. HAP may remain, but would scaffold on top of FH requirement.
 7. No change to Diversification.
 - a) One DB, DP; two DS; two DH, DA, DL.
 8. ETH remains as focus.
- J. Question: Possible to remove the FW2 and restore 2 FGs and add the FH? Attack on knowledge content. Including FH at the cost of FG.
1. Answer: Possibly Leeward can create an additional history degree requirement. Other opportunities in building-out the hallmarks for FH and flesh-out HAP.
 2. Reduction in FG is palatable if diversifications are maintained at 2 each.
- K. HAP? Keep for scaffolding with FG and FH.
- L. Question: HAP is required to graduate from Leeward and 4-years.
1. Answer: If it stays at a degree requirement, they will need it to get their associates.
- M. If Leeward does decide to add its own additional degree requirements, the CCs have agreed to continue to talk to each other because alignment is the goal. Additional degree requirements will be more thoughtful and collaborative.
- N. Full 100% implementation, target is year 2030.
- IV. **Motion:** Senator Igarashi moves to approve the UHCC Gen Ed Compromise proposal that will be presented to the Gen Ed Revision Conference Committee.
- A. Seconded by Senator Yamamoto.
 - B. Motion approved.
- V. Notice of next meeting: 3:00-5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2023, via Zoom

VI. Adjournment- 3:48 pm