

**General Education Committee
Year-end Report (2017/18) to the
Academic Senate**

Submitted by Meidor Hu and Michelle Phillips, co-Chairs, April 27, 2018

GEC membership for Fall 2017 and Spring 2018:

Co-Chairs: Meidor Hu and Michelle Phillips.

Committee Members: Lucy Jones (Public Services), Luzviminda Miguel (AS – NURSING), Carrie Mospens (ENG-LBRT), Helen Nishimoto (GSSS), James Schumaker (MATH & NS-LBRT), Orlo Steele (MATH & NS-LBRT), No`el Tagab-Cruz (Humanities-HLS)

1. The General Education Committee (GEC) became a standing committee of the Academic Senate on April 28, 2017.
2. In Fall 2017, the GEC met four times: September 13, September 22, October 06, and October 13, 2017.
3. In Spring 2018, the GEC met three times: February 09, March 09, and April 13, 2018.
4. Co-chairs reported to Academic Senate at the November, January, March, and April Academic Senate meetings.
5. The GEC reviewed and recommended three proposals for GE designation to the Academic Senate in Fall 2017, and one proposal in Spring 2017. See #11 for a list of courses. Proposal paperwork can be found at this link:
https://drive.google.com/open?id=0Bza__HNavUECQ18wTkVQa3FnX0U
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1sK08lLiG3G1wIPLyIUxANhpbkGey46Y8>
6. The GEC developed both the Foundations and Diversifications designation process and proposal paperwork.
7. The GEC also reviewed and recommended nine courses for the Foundations designation, to be effective Fall 2018. See #11 for a list of courses. Proposal paperwork can be found at this link:
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1TbQeDh-uSX8wYjklC9HHoVyv367Ebulz>
8. The GEC regularly updated the General Education website (<http://hawaii.hawaii.edu/gened>) via the website coordinator.
9. The GEC prepared and organized all the necessary requirements and documents for the

portfolio to join the UH System Foundations Board. Joining the multi-campus Foundations Board will allow students to seamlessly transfer Foundations and Diversification courses between all UH campuses.

10. GEC Goals for Academic Year 2017-2018:

- a. Recruit new members.
- b. Revise the GEC Charter to reflect the new duties and standing of the Committee.
- c. Update the website to reflect Foundations and Diversifications designations.
- d. Obtain authorization for GEC to also be able to update the website on their own.
- e. Review and designate more Diversification courses.

11. 2017-2018 GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES APPROVED BY THE SENATE

November 17, 2017 GEC recommended and Academic Senate approved courses:

- BIOL 101L: General Biology Laboratory with a Primary Designation under GELO 7 (Areas of Knowledge/Natural Sciences) and Required Second Designations for Critical Thinking (GELO 3, required) **(unanimous in favor)**
- MICR 130: *General Microbiology* with a Primary Designation under GELO 7 (Areas of Knowledge/Natural Sciences) and Required Second Designations for Critical Thinking (GELO 3, required) **(unanimous in favor)**
- MICR 130L: *General Microbiology Laboratory* with a Primary Designation under GELO 7 (Areas of Knowledge/Natural Sciences) and Required Second Designations for Critical Thinking (GELO 3, required)**(unanimous in favor)**

January 26, 2018 GEC-recommended and Academic Senate approved courses:

- GEOG 122 with a Primary Designation under GELO 7 (Areas of Knowledge/Social Sciences) and Required Second Designations for Critical Thinking (GELO 3, required) **(unanimous in favor)**

March 23, 2018 GEC-recommended Foundations Courses approved by Academic Senate:

COURSE	FOUNDATIONS DESIGNATION
ENG 100: Composition I	Written Communication (FW)
GEOG 102: World Regional Geography	Global & Multicultural Perspectives (FG)
HIST 151: World History to 1500	Global & Multicultural Perspectives (FG)
HIST 152: World History Since 1500	Global & Multicultural Perspectives (FG)
MATH 100: Survey of Mathematics	Quantitative Reasoning (FQ)
MATH 115: Statistics	Quantitative Reasoning (FQ)
MATH 135: Pre-Calculus: Elementary Functions	Quantitative Reasoning (FQ)
WS 175: History of Gender, Sex, and Sexuality in a Global Perspective up to 1500 CE	Global & Multicultural Perspectives (FG)
WS 176: History of Gender, Sex, and Sexuality in a Global Perspective 1500 CE to Present	Global & Multicultural Perspectives (FG)