

UH System Repeat Course Policy Committee Meeting Notes

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Larissa Leslie and Kenoa Dela Cruz attended the UH System Repeat Course Policy Committee meeting on 2-14-18.

ACCFSC Co-Chair, Nani Azman sought clarification of the charge of the committee and respectfully emphasized that educational policy is under the purview of the faculty. She inquired about why the committee was formed. Were there any student grievances in regards to current campus, repeat course policies?

Suzette Robinson was unsure where the issue came from. At the December 17, 2017, Chief Academic and Student Affairs Officers' meeting, Susan Nishida shared the table (it's attached to this email) highlighting all 10 UH campuses repeat course policies. Were there perhaps issues with awarding Reverse Transfer degrees? Or perhaps issues when a UHCC graduate transferred to one of the 4-year campuses? It was unclear why the committee was formed.

Each campus representative was asked to share what their current repeat course policy was. It seemed that the 4-year campuses had some similar elements. For example, the 4-year campuses use the most recent grade to calculate the GPA rather than the highest grade. Many of the CCs use the highest grade to calculate the GPA when a course has been repeated.

There was also discussion about why students repeat a course that they might have passed with a "C" or higher. Pre-Nursing, pre-Med type programs were brought up as a reason.

The discussion then moved to looking at some common elements and/or parts of each campus' current repeat course policies that we would like to see infused within a system policy. It was emphasized that this discussion was just to dialog, with an intention of going back to the various campus stakeholders (i.e., faculty, registrars, admin, etc.).

For Hawai'i CC, Kenoa emphatically stated that she and Larissa were not speaking on behalf of our campus in regards to which elements we thought should be in a system policy. That was acknowledged and understood. We were still asked to share. So, Kenoa shared how we liked our current policy which allows students to repeat a course once (regardless of the previous grade he/she earned) without needing approval and that if the student attempts to repeat a class for a second time (in other words, is taking the class for a 3rd or more time), he/she would need to receive instructor approval during the first week of instruction.

Some campuses (CC or 4-year) do not allow students to repeat a course unless they earned a D or F. Some campuses require students receive approval from the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to repeat a course.

There would need to be some language in the policy exempting those courses which ARE deemed repeatable, where a student can earn additional credit.

Larissa represents GSSS on the Hawai'i CC Educational Policy Committee. She can bring this issue up with the EPC as an FYI at their next committee meeting.

Larissa or Kenoa will also touch base with Sherise Tiogango to get her perspective.

We'll await Suzette Robinson's next email to see what we are to do next.