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MEMORANDUM

TO: UH Mānoa Faculty and Staff

FROM: Michael Bruno 
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SUBJECT: Implementation Timeline for Revised General Education Requirements
(Quantitative Reasoning)

In April 2015, the UH Mānoa Faculty Senate approved the replacement of Foundations-Symbolic Reasoning (FS) with Foundations-Quantitative Reasoning (FQ), effective Fall 2018. In January 2016, the Senate approved the FQ Hallmarks (attached). In accordance with these decisions, we are moving forward to transition from FS to FQ. The FQ requirement will go into effect for students who enter the UH System from Fall 2018. Students who enter the UH System prior to Fall 2018 will continue to meet the FS requirement per UH policy.

In order to address the many logistical issues associated with this change, the General Education Office (GEO) developed the attached Transitional Timeline in consultation with the General Education Committee, the Foundations Board, the University Council on Articulation, the Council of Academic Advisors, the Council of Chief Academic Officers, the Academic Advising and Transfer Network, and UHM Deans and Directors. The Timeline provides an overview of the implementation process, beginning in Fall 2016. Over the Fall 2016 semester, the Foundations Board will finalize its submission procedures to begin receiving FQ proposals in Spring 2017. The Timeline also illustrates the process of phasing out FS courses prior to Fall 2023.

"Frequently Asked Questions" for faculty and staff members are attached for your reference. Additional questions may be forwarded to the General Education Office at gened@hawaii.edu. The GEO will contact all departments that currently offer FS courses to discuss the transition and departmental plans for existing FS courses. In addition, GEO staff and Foundations Board members are happy to provide consultation to any interested department regarding FQ course development.

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For more information, please refer to the UHM Quantitative Reasoning website at:

<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/quantitativereasoning/>

This site will also house information regarding the transition plan, and updates to the FAQ sheets.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Attachments

1. Frequently Asked Questions
2. Transitional Timeline for FQ Implementation and FS Phaseout: Mānoa Campus
3. Foundations QR (FQ) Gen Ed Core Requirement Hallmarks

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