

General Education Committee Report to the Faculty Senate December 7, 2016

On Friday Dec. 2, 2016 a system wide meeting was held at the UH Manoa campus to continue discussion of the transition of Foundations courses currently designated as FS (Symbolic Logic) to FQ (Quantitative Reasoning).

These are the points discussed:

- It was confirmed that all the CC's will begin to **implement the change from FS to FQ as of Fall 2018.**
- It was decided to **phase out FS by 2020** Steve Mandraccia (Chair of the whole committee) stressed that all the CC's should agree to the same phase out date to make for a smoother transition. The thinking is that students should be making their Foundations courses a priority and not waiting until the last minute to fulfill those requirements. Those who haven't yet taken their Foundations courses should, therefore, make haste to do so (and advisers should be pushing this). The 2021 date was ultimately rejected because, the reasoning goes, most of the students who enrolled in 2016 will have completed their degrees by 2021, and there won't be enough students to fill FS courses. If these courses still exist and are offered but don't fill, then they will be cancelled, causing problems for the remaining few who enrolled in them.
- It is imperative that advisers meet with students so they understand STAR requirements and the implications of the changes from FS to FQ.
- The 2018 catalog will need to be updated to reflect new designations.
- A new FQ proposal form has just been approved by UHM for courses starting Spring 2017 (pending minor changes to the language). They are currently working on another form for dual FS/FQ designations. LCC is free to use theirs or tweak it if need be; only the Hallmarks are inviolable.
- Efforts are being made to organize a meeting of the math professors during the next HSI Conference to be held at LCC next spring. This meeting (tentatively scheduled for March 4) would provide math faculty with an opportunity to share ideas and swap strategies for the conversion of their courses from FS to FQ. Math courses aren't the only ones affected by this change, but they are the bulk.
- Before the next system wide meeting in April, the Foundations Board must compile a list of courses that will (or will not) transfer over from FS to FQ.