



GECCo Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 7th, 2025

EDUC 123 Conference Room (FTF)

Zoom Meeting 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Present: Eduardo Montoya, Elizabeth Adams, Matthew Woodman, Kyle Shaw, Nathan Barron, Bilin Zeng, Zhenning (Jimmy) Xu, Jahyun Kim, Creed Tumlison, Deisy Mascarinas (Admin Support)

Absent: Kelly O'Bannon

The meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (Box>GECCo>Meeting Materials> 2025-26>2025-26 Agendas)

- a. Kyle Shaw moves to approve the agenda for Friday, November 7, 2025.
- b. Bilin Zeng seconds to approve the agenda for Friday, November 7, 2025.
- c. Objections – None
- d. Abstentions- None
- e. There is unanimous approval.

2. Approval of Minutes from 10-10-2025 (Box>GECCo>Approved Minutes>2024-25)

- a. Matthew Woodman moves to approve the meeting minutes for Friday, October 24, 2025.
- b. Kyle Shaw seconds to approve the meeting minutes for Friday, October 24, 2025.
- c. Objections – None
- d. Abstentions- None
- e. There is unanimous approval.

3. Announcements

- a. Introduction of new GECCo members
 - i. Creed Tumlison is the new representative of Business and Public Administration.
 - ii. Annie Boehning is the new representative of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering.
 - iii. Eduardo provided an overview of GECCo's processes.

4. Discussion on course-based and program level GEMs

- a. Elizabeth explained that the Chancellor's Office just issued guidelines stating that by 2027 campuses must convert program-level GEMs to course-based ones, allowing students to earn GE credit through specific courses rather than entire programs.
- b. There are two proposed degrees coming forward from NSME, both of which have GEMs.
- c. Elizabeth would like to identify all of the program-level GEMs by spring semester and send out a memo. The departments can then work on program modifications.

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5. GE Course Proposals (Box>GECCo>Course Submissions>2025-26)

- a. ETHS 3618
 - i. Jahyun Kim moves to approve the proposal as a GECCo revision.
 - ii. Matthew Woodman seconds to approve the proposal as a GECCo revision.
 - iii. Objections – None
 - iv. Abstentions- None
 - v. There is unanimous approval.
- b. HIST 3298 (revised proposal)
 - i. Kyle Shaw moves to approve the proposal as a director revision.
 - ii. Matthew Woodman seconds to approve the proposal as a director revision.
 - iii. Objections – None
 - iv. Abstentions- None
 - v. There is unanimous approval.

6. Discussion: JYDR

- a. Discuss whether students with limited prior GE coursework (e.g., due to AP or Dual Enrollment) present a recurring issue for meeting the reflection component of JYDR Goal 1.
 - i. It was mentioned that students may be lacking sufficient university coursework to meaningfully reflect on.
 - ii. The discussion highlighted the need to consider potential prerequisites or adjustments for students with limited university experience.
 - iii. Elizabeth suggested that advisors should recommend that first-year, matriculated students wait at least a year before taking JYDR courses.

Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting: November 21, 2025