



GECCo Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 12th, 2025

SCI III 100 Conference Room (FTF)

Zoom Meeting 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Present: Eduardo Montoya, Elizabeth Adams, Matthew Woodman, Billin Zeng, Dan Zhou, Kyle Shaw, Zhenning (Jimmy) Xu, Jahyun Kim

Absent: Kelly O'Bannon, Deisy Mascarinas (Admin Support)

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, September 12, 2025.
- b. Billin Zeng seconds to approve the agenda for Friday, September 12, 2025.
- c. Objections – None
- d. Abstentions- None
- e. There is unanimous approval.

2. Approval of Minutes from 8-29-2025 (Box>GECCo>Approved Minutes>2024-25)

- a. Kyle Shaw moves to approve the meeting minutes for Friday, August 29, 2025.
- b. Jimmy Xu seconds to approve the meeting minutes for Friday, August 29, 2025.
- c. Objections – None
- d. Abstentions- None
- e. There is unanimous approval.

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

- a. CRJU 3328
 - i. Kyle Shaw moves to approve a director's revision for this course proposal.
 - ii. Billin Zeng seconds to approve a director's revision for this course proposal.
 - iii. Objections – None
 - iv. Abstentions- None
 - v. There is unanimous approval.
- vi. Eduardo to provide feedback to department about listing writing reinforcement outcomes on the syllabus, linking outcomes to course components, fixing the prerequisite designation, and removing Area D Theme S.
- b. PH 3118
 - i. It needs to be clarified whether Public Health and Kinesiology departments properly consulted on the intent to include this course as a GE requirement.

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c. ETHS 1608

- i. Billin Zeng moves to approve a GECCo revision for this course proposal.
- ii. Jimmy Xu seconds to approve a GECCo revision for this course proposal.
- iii. Objections – None
- iv. Abstentions- None
- v. There is unanimous approval.

4. **Assessment discussion**

- a. Quantitative Reasoning: the assessment showed no significant differences in performance between online and in-person students, but there were notable variations across majors, with science students performing slightly below average.
- b. The team discussed the possibility of revising question 10 in the survey or offering tutorials for difficult topics.
- c. For oral communication, they agreed to assess it in communication courses rather than the capstone, as it would be timelier and more cost-effective to sample presentations from these courses where instructors are already familiar with the rubric.
- d. They also discussed the possibility of paying instructors a stipend for their efforts in scoring presentations.

5. **GE Compendium**

- a. UD GE prerequisite unit clarification
 - i. The compendium had an error whereas the prerequisite for upper division courses was incorrectly listed as 45 units instead of the correct 60 units.
- b. Review Area 4 Course Requirements: “Have completed area 1A or concurrently in 1A.”
 - i. Matthew Woodman moves to approve the removal of the prerequisite from the compendium.
 - ii. Billin Zeng seconds to approve the removal of the prerequisite from the compendium.
 - iii. Objections – None
 - iv. Abstentions- None
 - v. There is unanimous approval.
- c. Clarify course caps for thematic courses with co-requisite foundational skills (contextualizing vs. reinforcing)
 - i. There is a need to update the compendium to clarify recommended course caps for courses with co-requisites, particularly for large lecture format courses.
 - ii. Resume this topic for the next meeting.

Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting: September 26, 2025