

General Education

GECCo Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 30th, 2024 SCI III 100 Conference Room (FTF) Zoom Meeting 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Present: Eduardo Montoya, Elizabeth Adams, Atieh Poushneh, Dan Zhou, John Deal, Kelly O'Bannon, Billin Zeng, Jonathan Young, Candice Banducci, Kyle Shaw

Absent: Deisy Mascarinas (Admin Support)

Guest: Jimmy Xu

The meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

1. Welcome New Members

a. Committee responsibilities: <u>RES 1314049</u>b. GE Website: https://www.csub.edu/ge/

c. GECCO Box Folder: LINK

2. Approval of Agenda for Friday, August 30, 2024

- a. Kelly O'Bannon moves to approve the agenda for Friday, August 30, 2024
- b. John Deal seconds to approve the agenda for Friday, August 30, 2024
- c. Objections None
- d. Abstentions- None
- e. There is a unanimous approval.

3. Approval of Minutes for Friday, May 10, 2024

- a. Eduardo Montoya moves to approve the meeting minutes for Friday, May 10, 2024.
- b. John Deal seconds to approve the meeting minutes for Friday, May 10, 2024.
- c. Objections None
- d. Abstentions- None
- e. There is a unanimous approval.

4. Announcements

- a. GECCO's recommendations for aligning our current GE Program with the new CSU GE Policy, along with the supporting documents, have been submitted to the Academic Senate.
 - AB 928 required the CCC, UC, and CSU to adopt the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) as the singular lower division general education transfer pathway.
 The Board of Trustees aligned CSU GE Breadth with Cal-GETC in unit count and areas. CSU

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- GE Breadth is a 39 semester-unit pattern of lower-division GE courses. Cal-GETC pattern requires 34 semester-units.
- GECCO's recommendations are set to be discussed by the Senate at the start of the fall 2025 semester. The changes made by the Senate for alignment may differ from our recommendations.
- b. 2024-25 Learning Community Facilitators:
 - i. Information Literacy LCF: Rebecca Penrose
 - Fall Theme: Exploring ways to redesign instruction and assignments to align IL goals with student success, while addressing evolving research practices and the impact of generative AI.
 - ii. Oral Communication LCF: Kelly O'Bannon
 - o Fall Theme: Exploring pedagogy in oral communication to help students belong in a world of AI.
 - iii. Quantitative Reasoning LCF: Tim Burke
 - o Fall Theme: Sharing psychological principles to enhance community, equity, and student success in all courses, with a particular focus on QR.
 - iv. Written Communication LCF: Kim Flachmann
 - Fall Theme: Focusing on literacy across curriculum in the age of AI, discussing themes like belonging and academic integrity, and offering strategies for creating course assignments that manage students' use of AI.
- c. 2024-25 Assessment Coordinator: Zhenning "Jimmy" Xu
 - i. PLOs scheduled to be assessed: Quantitative Reasoning (1D) and information Literacy (1E).

5. <u>Highlights of last year's FYS initiative by Charles Lam, the 23-24 FYS Learning Community Facilitator. (Time certain: 2:45 PM)</u>

- During the pandemic syllabi was collected to compare with the approved objectives for the course. An information session was conducted this semester with new and veteran instructors, and it was helpful for both to understand what needs to be done.
- Charles Lam suggested that there is a need for an FYS coordinator to do an information session before the beginning of the semester and to distribute information on behalf of all campus entities. He will also try to go through (Emily Callahan's) box folder that has information on various campus services that has not been updated since the pandemic.

6. Course recertification

- a. Draft: 24-25 Recertification plan.
 - The plan is to recertify 2 areas each year and complete the recertification process for 24-25 by the end of Spring 24.
 - o Recertification Box Folder
- b. Review Requirements for A1 and UDB course recertification.
 - Requirements are outlined in the compendium.
 - A recommendation was made that the A1 courses come from the fall, due to less courses offered in the spring.

Adjourned at 3:15 p.m. Next meeting: Friday, September 13, 2024