



GECCo Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 11th, 2025

SCI III 100 Conference Room (FTF)

Zoom Meeting 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Present: Eduardo Montoya, Elizabeth Adams, Kelly O'Bannon, Giselle Degante, John Deal, Billin Zeng, Deisy Mascarinas (Admin Support)

Absent: Candice Banducci, Jonathan Young, Kyle Shaw, Dan Zhou, Atieh Poushneh

The meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

We did not make quorum for this meeting, therefore no official decisions can be made. However, we went over some agenda items.

1. Announcements

- a. Dr. Shaylyn Marks will present on her FYS research at our next GECCo meeting (April 25)
 - i. She is looking at student and faculty perceptions of first year experience and will provide information that may be useful for our next learning community facilitator for fys.
- b. We had a good applicant for a Learning Community Facilitator (LCF). We will make an announcement if that person takes the offer.
- c. Due to budget constraints for next year, we will have 2 LCF's in the fall and 2 LCF's in the spring.

2. GE Recertification

- a. Continue with UDB recertification (GECCo>Recertification>UDB courses)
- b. We will discuss it at the next meeting.

3. GECCo review of GE program outlines – 2nd batch (pending)

- a. Second-reader assignments will be shared at the next meeting if the second batch is received
- b. As we did last time, we will adjourn early to allow time for review.

4. GE Compendium (Time permitting)

- a. Revising the Area 5C/B3 laboratory course requirements to incorporate Area 5/B lab specific outcomes. (Box>GECCo>Meeting Materials>2024-25)
 - i. The committee discussed the requirements for standalone courses, particularly in the areas of lab courses, and the need for these courses to meet specific goals and outcomes.
 - ii. Language can be updated for embedded and standalone courses. For example, a bullet point can be added that states "*if the course does not embed Area 5C, the course does not have to meet area outcomes 2B and 2C.*"

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- iii. Eduardo will update the Compendium, and the committee can vote on it at the next meeting if it meets quorum.

5. **Discussion: Number of courses per GE Area and the scope of GECCo review (Time permitting)**

- a. The committee agreed that the GE committee should have more say in how many courses are approved.
- b. It was suggested to implement a cap on the number of courses offered, with the Deans making the final decisions.
- c. There is a need for a more strategic approach to course scheduling, particularly for mass offering courses.
- d. Eduardo shared a tool that can help stakeholders make informed decisions about offering more or fewer sections. It can be updated at any time and provides insights into course fill rates and enrollment numbers.
- e. Eduardo to follow up with Tommy Holiwell from Academic Operations regarding data on when students typically fulfill specific GE requirements.
- f. Eduardo to incorporate feedback from members into the GE enrollment analysis tool and research paper.
- g. Eduardo to review courses that have not been offered in 5 years for potential decertification.

Adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Next meeting: Friday, April 25, 2025