



GECCo Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 24th, 2026

SCI III Conference Room (FTF)

Zoom Meeting 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Present: Eduardo Montoya, Elizabeth Adams, Matthew Woodman, Bilin Zeng, Kyle Shaw, Kelly O'Bannon, Annie Boehning, Deisy Mascarinas (Admin Support)

Absent: Creed Tumlison, Zhenning (Jimmy) Xu, Jahyun Kim, Nathan Barron

The meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda (Box>GECCo>Meeting Materials> 2025-26>2025-26 Agendas)**
 - a. Annie Boehning moves to approve the agenda for Friday, April 24, 2026.
 - b. Bilin Zeng seconds to approve the agenda for Friday, April 24, 2026.
 - 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. Annie Boehning moves to approve the meeting minutes for Friday, March 27, 2026.
 - b. Matthew Woodman seconds to approve the meeting minutes for Friday, March 27, 2026.
 - c. Objections – None
 - d. Abstentions- None
 - e. There is unanimous approval.
3. **Announcements**
 - a. Call for interest: Faculty Director of the AIMS GE Program
 - i. The call went out and applications are due on May 1, 2026.
 - b. There are upcoming calls for GE assessment coordinator and facilitators for quantitative reasoning and oral communication.
4. **Tim Burke (QR-LCF) will provide an overview of the Spring Quantitative Learning Community. (Time certain: 2:20 p.m.)**
 - a. Tim presented an update on the Quantitative Reasoning (QR) learning community, highlighting its growth to 13 participants representing 11 departments, including non-traditional QR departments like English and Ethnic Studies.
 - b. Tim discussed the community's shift to asynchronous presentations and shared best practices including growth mindset, AI integration in education, and equity-minded pedagogy.

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- c. The group discussed the importance of cross-departmental collaboration and creating safe spaces for faculty to experiment with new teaching methods.
5. **GE Modifications (GEMs) request from CEECS (Box>GECCo>GEMs>GEM proposals)**
- a. GEM request for Area 1B: CMPS 2120
 - i. Kyle Shaw moves to approve the GEM course proposal.
 - ii. Bilin Zeng seconds to approve the GEM course proposal.
 - iii. Objections – None
 - iv. Abstentions- None
 - v. There is unanimous approval
6. **Discussion: GECCo feedback for AAC on the Library proposal for FYS (Box> GECCo> Meeting Materials>2025-26)**
- a. The first-year experience proposal is regarding the course coordination by the library.
 - b. The group discussed concerns about the library having too much control over curriculum decisions and staffing, preferring a model more similar to the GEAR subcommittee structure.
 - c. There are concerns about governance structure and autonomy, leading to a decision to share these feedback points with the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC).
 - d. It was noted that AAC was not in favor of the current library proposal and would discuss in further detail in the fall.
7. **Open Forum**
- a. This may be the final GECCo meeting of the year, unless we receive a new course proposal.

Adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Next meeting: May 8, 2026 (tentative)