Minutes of the General Education, Overlay, and Code Subcommittee
February 11, 2026
Via Zoom
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Rita Liberti, Judy Ma, Steve Peng, Sharon Radcliff, Amy June Rowley, Mitchell Watnik.

Absent: Ana Almeida, Jennifer Aure, Cocoa Wang, Nancy White.
Guests: Levent Ertaul, Thomas Padron, 2 ASL Interpreters.

Kaatz convened the meeting at 2:05 PM. (Approvals below are unanimous amongst members who vote unless noted otherwise.)

A. Approval of the Agenda (M Rowley/S Liberti/P)

A. Approval of the Jan. 28, 2026 minutes (M Watnik/S Rowley/P abstentions)

B. Reports

1. Report of the Director of General Education Kaatz noted that 11 courses are not being recertified (on agenda below). He mentioned the updates to the agenda since it was first sent out. There are still 5 proposals outstanding (all THEA or DANC). Those will be handled at the next meeting.
2. Report of Academic Affairs Watnik spoke about increased enrollment in GE 1B and the prospects for dual enrollment in the fall.

A. Guests: Levent Ertaul, Chair, time certain: 2:15; Computer Science; Thomas Padron (HRT)

A. **Recertifications Only** Please see **Decision Sheet**

1. CS - 230 - Computing and Social Responsibility; Recertification only; Area 4 Ertaul showed an updated syllabus with working links. However, the outcomes for the GE area were not provided. **(M Rowley/S Liberti/P) to conditionally approve upon adding the necessary components of the syllabus.**
2. HOS - 297 - Food & Culture; Recertification only, Area 4/Social Justice. See note from Catalog here about some Curriculog issues with this course. Kaatz and Padron discussed the Curriculog issue. Watnik apologized for it. Kaatz endorsed the proposal. **(M Kaatz/S Liberti/P) to recertify.**
3. WOST - 101 - Perspectives on Women, Recertification only, Area 4 **(M Liberti/S Rowley/P) to recertify.**

A. Old Business

1. Curriculog Language revision? (make one question instead of two?) Kaatz outlined the idea from Almeida (linked). Rowley endorsed the idea, and added that eventually syllabi will have the alignment map included. Kaatz suggested providing an example at the next meeting. Liberti encouraged that approach, noting that he could provide that example in materials for faculty, as well.
2. Do we want an alignment map included in Curriculog proposals?

A. **Syllabus Policy Discussion (if approved for revised agenda).** Rowley suggested that GEOC requirements be explicitly noted in the syllabus policy. She added that GE outcomes should be separate from course learning outcomes on the syllabus. She suggested language such as "alignment maps are strongly encouraged." Kaatz noted that the policy should state that learning outcomes must match the ones in the policy. Rowley said that due dates, etc. should be required, especially for GEOC courses during certification. Watnik asked about whether chairs need to check every syllabus every term or the check would be during proposal processes. Rowley suggested that for GEOC courses, it might be necessary to look every term. Watnik advocated for having chairs check the syllabus the first time an instructor teaches the course to lighten the load on the chairs.

A. **Information Items to GEOC (proposals that were conditionally approved)** GEOC was informed. About the MLL courses, the Department Chair (Dennis Chester) acknowledged the removal of repeatability.
1. MLL - 152 - Elementary Japanese II: Language and Arts, Revision/Recertification 3A
2. MLL - 153 - Intensive Elementary Japanese; Revision/Recertification 3A
3. MLL - 162 - Elementary Mandarin Chinese II: Language and Arts; GE Revision/Recertification 3A
4. MLL - 231 - American Sign Language 3: American Sign Language and Deaf Cultures approved by email vote and sent to CIC (Feb. 3)
5. MLL - 261 - Intermediate Mandarin Chinese I: Hanzi Logographic Cultures; Revision/Recertification 3B
6. MLL - 262 - Intermediate Mandarin Chinese II: Chinese American Sociocultural Issues; GE Revision/Recertification GE-4

A. **Information Item (2).** GEOC was informed.
a. Courses that will have their current GE and/or Overlay certifications removed:

COMM 255, 260

DANC 102, 233

MLL 171

PHIL 110, 130

THEA 100, 242, 244, 264

J. **Information Item (3)** GEOC was informed that these will be on the next agenda and will hopefully be "perfect."
a. **Courses that are still coming:** DANC 234, THEA 110, THEA 254, THEA 260, THEA 265 **(as of 1:24 pm Feb. 11, 2026)**

A. **From the Floor**
    a. Next meeting is Feb. 25, 2026
A. **Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM due to completion of the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik