

Minutes of the General Education, Overlay, and Code Subcommittee

March 25, 2026

Via Zoom

2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Ana Almeida, Jennifer Aure, Kevin Kaatz, Rita Liberti, Judy Ma, Steve Peng, Amy June Rowley, Cocoa Wang, Mitchell Watnik, Nancy White.

Absent: Sharon Radcliff.

Guests: 2 ASL Interpreters.

Kaatz convened the meeting at 2:03 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 [Feb. 25, 2026 minutes](#) (M Wang/S Almeida/P with abstentions)

B. Reports

1. Report of the Director of General Education. Kaatz thanked members for their work with the external reviewer two weeks ago. The reviewer should have the review completed by next week. Kaatz will distribute it to members. He is also writing a response. Kaatz will serve on the system-wide GE 1B review. He noted that the last meeting on this topic was a “fight” between UC and CSU. We recertified about 150 proposals this year. Next year, the areas are UD4, UD5, and overlay-only courses, which amounts to about 200 courses. We had done well over 200 courses in his first year with UD3. He noted that interested applicants should contact Watnik.
2. Report of Academic Affairs. Aure said that we are ramping up for fall enrollment; the schedule goes live Monday. The Associate Deans will be discussing GE areas on the schedule tomorrow. She noted that GEOL 100 lost sustainability overlay at the beginning of this year, but the schedule did not reflect that. So, she is working to give the students credit. Some GE rules are not getting sent between Articulation and Admissions rule builder. They are running tests to figure out the issue, as the rules are important for transfer credit. Watnik thanked members for their service and thanked Kaatz for his leadership and offered best wishes on his return to History. He noted that there are too few “W” courses. This led to a discussion of the pros and cons of teaching “W” courses.

A. New Business

1. [Review CSULB Course Certification language](#) from Section VII and VIII Kaatz provided CSULB’s document. People generally praised the form. There were comments about section VII (and whether assignments that don’t cover GE should be included). A member noted that by not

including non-GE assignments allows GEOC to determine how much the GE content contributes to the grade. Another member noted that this also adds emphasis to section VIII, which had seemed to have been largely disregarded. Kaatz noted that Long Beach doesn't ask for a sample syllabus along with their form. Someone asked whether the form (or questions from the form) would be additional to the current Curriculumlog form or replace some parts of the form. There was consensus that the alterations should replace parts of the form so that the work was not increased for proposers or for GEOC. **(M Watnik/S White/P) to create a single Curriculumlog form (regardless of new, recertification, revision) that has sections I-IV in Curriculumlog and the rest as an attached form. Kaatz and Watnik will provide the draft form to members for comments prior to implementation.**

A. THANKS!!! Kaatz thanked members for their service.

A. Adjournment The meeting was declared adjourned due to completion of the agenda at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik