

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

General Education Program & Assessment Committee

11 a.m. Tuesday, January 27, 2026, online via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

Present: Megan O’Byrne (Chair), Alexander Hernandez (Vice-Chair), Meg Norris (Vice-Chair), Tony Bleach, Bradley Congelio, Diana Ebersole, Deborah Hokien, Erin Kraal, Sandra Leonard, Derek Mace, Dannell MacIlwraith, Krista Prock, and Karen Rauch

Absent: Lauren Levine, John Stanley, and Tammy Wert

Guests: Kayline German

M. O’Byrne called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on **Thursday, November 20, 2025**, were presented for review. A. Hernandez motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by B. Congelio. **MOTION PASSED.**

Proposals

No proposals to consider at this time.

Old Business

No matters of old business to discuss at this time.

New Business

2026 Self-Study Planning

- a. Self-study work to begin to prepare for the upcoming program review.
- b. Brief planning discussion; additional working meetings might be necessary due to the shortage of Tuesdays this semester, Spring 2026.

Purpose – Compass Course Fair

- a. Members discussed hosting a Compass Course Fair in a fun, informal manner (similar to the orientation model) to help students learn about General Education courses.
- b. The event will be informal rather than a recruitment effort, aiming to increase student awareness of Compass courses, help students to understand what the program offers, receive guidance, and build excitement for courses and upcoming semesters.
- c. The hard launch of Compass branding is planned for Fall 2026.
- d. Soft launch and launch party of new branding will begin in Spring 2026 to ensure faculty are informed in advance, understand the goals of the new identity, and are included.
- e. A one-paragraph description of Compass is to be drafted by the next business meeting, Thursday, February 19.

Continued Website Updates

- a. Item not discussed.

Next Assessment Report – SLO 5

- a. Item not discussed.

Reminders

Important Dates

- * Spring Rating Day – May 20, 2026

Next Meetings

Business Meeting

- a. The next Business meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, February 19, 2026, to discuss proposals and other subjects as necessary.

Working Meeting

- a. The next Working meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 24, 2026, to discuss proposals and other subjects as necessary.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.