

Undergraduate Council (UGC)

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

10:15am-10:45am

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- I. **Vice Chair’s Report – Anne Zanzucchi** 5 min
- II. **Consent Calendar**
 A. Approval of the Agenda
 B. Approval of the October 13 Meeting Minutes (pending Chair’s approval)
- III. **Transfer Admission Pathways Project (Pg. 3-16)** 20 min
Consultation with Director of Admissions “Chon” Ruiz
 UCM Faculty Senate representing majors in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Engineering participated in meetings at the UC Office of the President. The goal of the meetings was to identify a common set of lower division pre-major preparation courses for each of UC’s most popular majors. Meeting participants were asked to provide a progress report to UCOP by no later than November 13, 2015.
- Discussion:** UGC members discuss plans for campus Senate consultation and next steps.
- IV. **Report from the CRFs Subcommittee – Subcommittee Chair Anne Zanzucchi** 10 min
 A. **Actions Requested:**
 - UGC discusses the CRFs subcommittee’s recommendations on the proposed SSHA and SNS courses. **(Pg. 17-66)**
 - UGC approves the CRFs or by consensus provides a brief policy-based explanation for recommended updates or corrections (see [UGC Handbook, CRF Guide](#))
 - Senate Analyst updates the online CRF system and transmits the Council’s recommendations to the Registrar.
- B. **Discussion Items:** 10 min
 - For continuity of focus and field-specific insight into CRF proposals, what are some ways to bridge UGC with School Curriculum Committees?
 - [Graduate Council’s memo](#) (Pg. 67-68) regarding conjoining [ES/QSB 256](#) with BIO/ESS 156¹ (Pg. 69-109)

Note to UGC: Conjoined courses are those courses that are taught concurrently as both an advanced upper division undergraduate and an introductory graduate course. As per SR 762, undergraduate and graduate versions of conjoined courses “must have clearly differentiated and unique performance criteria, requirements, and goals.” Each course that is conjoined with another course must have its own CRF that indicates the corresponding conjoined course. The graduate version of the course must be reviewed and approved by GC. (per undergraduate policy)

Note: SNS responded to GC’s memo on 10/22/15. The response is available [here](#).

¹ BIO/ESS 156 is included in the list of CRFs that will be reviewed by UGC at the meeting.

V. Campus Review Items

45 min

A. [University Task Force \(Pg. 110-126\)](#)

Action Requested: UGC discusses the University Honors proposal on October 27 and make a recommendation on its establishment at its following meeting, on November 10, 2015.

B. [MAPP Chapter L\(P\)SOEs \(Pg. 127-133\)](#)

This chapter has been revised by the Academic Personnel Office in response to reviews by the Deans and the L(P)SOE group. CAP is the lead reviewer.

Action requested: UGC discusses the proposed revisions and provides comments to the Senate Chair by November 2, 2015.

C. [Revised Proposal for a Bylaw Unit in Public Health \(Pg. 134-150\)](#)

The proposal was initially reviewed by the Senate last summer. In its [July 27, 2015 memo](#), the Academic Senate recommended to the SSHA lead that the proposal be revised and resubmitted.

A revised proposal was submitted to the Senate in October, 2015. Senate Standing Committees and School Executive Committees have been asked to review the proposal.

Link to Senate policy for review/approval of Bylaw units:

<https://ucmerced.box.com/s/jr30govbqzr0oni8grcst15ruvgmki08>

Action Requested: UGC reviews the proposal and provides comments to the Senate Chair by November 20, 2015.

D. [Academic Degree Programs Policy \(Pg. 151-166\)](#)

The revisions to the Academic Degree Programs Policy are proposed by the joint Senate-Administration Academic Degree Programs Working Group. This working group was established at the request of Provost/EVC Peterson in response to a memo from DivCo on March 2, 2015.

Action Requested: UGC reviews the proposed revisions and provides comments to the Senate Chair by December 1, 2015.

E. [Proposed Revisions to the Undergraduate Program Review Policy \(Pg. 167-228\)](#)

These revisions are proposed by the joint GC-UGC-PROC Policy Subcommittee, co-chaired by UGC Chair Viney and GC Chair Dawson.

Action Requested: UGC discuss the proposed revisions and sends comments to senatechair@ucmerced.edu by November 16, 2015

VI. Other Business