

Undergraduate Council (UGC)

## Agenda

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

11:00am – 12:35pm

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**I. Chair’s Report – Jay Sharping – 10 min**

A. Welcome Dr. John Hundley, Non-Senate Faculty Representative

B. Senate Awards

The Academic Senate offers awards each academic year. Each award provides the opportunity to publicly recognize the outstanding achievements of a colleague by making her or his contributions known to the UC Merced community and society at large.

UGC members are encouraged to consider serving on one or both of the following UGC Awards Committees:

a) **Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award for Senate Faculty**

Per the call for nominations “The Undergraduate Council will form an ad-hoc committee from its membership to serve as the UGC Awards Committee with a **minimum of three Senate faculty**. The UGC Awards Committee will have balanced representation from a range of academic areas and broad school representation, with a Senate faculty Chair. Additional members will include **an administrative representative, a student representative, and a Unit 18 lecturer representative**. [...]”

b) **Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award for Non-Senate Faculty**

Per the call for nominations “The Undergraduate Council will form an ad-hoc committee from its membership to serve as the UGC Awards Committee with a **minimum of three members**. Membership will include:

- A Unit 18 lecturer representative
- At least one UGC Senate faculty who will also serve as Chair of the Awards Committee
- A UGC ex-officio member (VPDUE or VCSA)
- An undergraduate student representative
- A Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning representative

Members are asked to please notify Fatima Paul if interested in serving. A description of the review processes will be provided to the Award Committees.

C. UCEP Meeting ([1/7/19](#))D. DivCo Meeting ([1/23/19](#))**II. Consent Calendar – 5 min**

A. Approval of the January 30 agenda

B. Approval of the [December 13 Meeting Minutes](#)

**III. Members' Updates – 15 min**

- A. UCIE Meeting (12/14/18) – Michelle Leslie
- B. UCOPE Meeting ([1/25/19](#)) – Jesus Sandoval-Hernandez
- C. PROC Update – Susan Amussen
- D. APWG Update – Susan Amussen

**IV. Approval of Courses – Jay Sharping, James Palko, Jesus Sandoval-Hernandez – 10 min**

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The CRF subcommittee recommends approval of the following courses\*:

- 1) [CRES - 027](#) - Local Harvest, Global Industry: History of the Production and Consumption of Food
- 2) [ENGR - 097](#) - Engineering Service Learning
- 3) [ENGR - 197](#) - Engineering Service Learning
- 4) [HIST - 027](#) - Local Harvest, Global Industry: History of the Production and Consumption of Food decision
- 5) [MGMT - 097](#) - Service Learning: Engineering Projects in Community Service decision
- 6) [MGMT - 197](#) - Service Learning: Engineering Projects in Community Service decision
- 7) [MIST - 040](#) - Success Through Interpersonal Social Skills decision
- 8) [MIST - 130](#) - Statistical Data Analysis and Optimization in R for Decision Support decision
- 9) [MIST - 135](#) - Technical Communication and Visualization Skills decision
- 10) [MIST - 190](#) - Special Topics
- 11) [MIST - 195](#) - Upper Division Undergraduate Research
- 12) [MIST - 198](#) - Upper Division Directed Group Study
- 13) [MIST - 199](#) - Upper Division Individual Study
- 14) [PSY - 137](#) - Conceptual Development

**Actions Requested:** UGC considers the subcommittee's recommendations and votes\* on CRFs.

\*recusals will be noted in Curriculog.

**V. Vice Chair's Report – Catherine Keske – 15 min**

*Vice Chair Keske will join us around 11:30am due to a calendar conflict.*

- A. BOARS Meeting ([1/4/19](#))
- B. AFAS Meeting ([1/28/19](#))
  - i. Transfer Agreement Guarantee
  - ii. Strategic Admissions Planning

**VI. Campus Review Items – 10 min**

- A. Proposal to Establish the working title of Teaching Professor for faculty in the LSOE Series – Angelo Kyrilov

Background:

In May 2018, in the context of revisions to [APM 285](#), Academic Council [voted in favor of maintaining the existing titles in the Lecturer with Security of Employment series, while also allowing discretion for individual campuses to use the title of "Teaching Professor" as an alternative to "LSOE"](#). The revisions went into effect October 1, 2018, and each campus is expected to implement them by July 1, 2019.

[In their December 10, 2018, memo to VPF Matlock](#), the Consortium on the Advancement of Teaching Professors requested that the title of Teaching Professor be formalized (in place of L(P)SOE).

VPF Matlock supported this request and [asked the Senate to discuss the adoption of the Teaching Professor working title](#), specifically:

- Assistant Teaching Professor for those holding a LPSOE payroll title
- Associate Teaching Professor for those holding a LSOE payroll title
- Full Teaching Professor for those holding a Sr. LSOE payroll title

**Actions Requested:**

- Discuss lead reviewer’s comments.
- Transmit UGC’s comments to the Senate Chair by February 13, 2019.

B. [Proposal to change the name of the Social Sciences and Management \(SSM\) Academic \(Bylaw 55\) Unit to Economics and Business Management \(EBM\)](#). – UGC Reviewer TBD

*Professor Innes will join UGC at 11am for discussion of this item.*

The SSM unit seeks to change the program’s name from “Social Sciences and Management” to “Economics and Business Management” to better reflect the content of the reorganized program’s research and teaching.

The policy governing the establishment or revision of academic units is [available here](#).

**UGC is a lead reviewer.**

**Actions Requested:**

- Assign a lead UGC reviewer.
- Transmit UGC’s comments/endorsement to the Senate Vice Chair by February 13, 2019.

C. [Proposed revisions to Part IV. Section II: Master’s Degree Requirements of the Merced Division Regulations](#)

UGC may opt not to opine as the Council has other pressing business and this proposal has little impact on undergraduate programs.

The proposal is to reduce the minimum number of units of approved courses required by a master’s degree by comprehensive exam (Plan II) from 30 to 24 and commensurately, to reduce from 24 to 20 the number of units which must be from graduate-level courses in the 200 series. These changes seek to make Masters degrees at UC Merced commensurate to those offered at other UC campuses.

***UGC is not a lead reviewer.***

**Action Requested:** UGC reviews the proposal and decides whether to opine. If opining, a lead reviewer will be identified. The lead reviewer’s comments will be discussed at the February 13 UGC meeting. UGC’s comments are due to the Senate Chair by February 25.

**VII. Systemwide Review Items – 15 min**

A. [Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 336](#) – Michelle Leslie

The proposed revision to Senate Bylaw 336 focus on the Committee of Privilege and Tenure’s handling of disciplinary cases. Specific changes include the process by which Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence are reviewed.

**Action Requested:** Discuss lead reviewer’s comments. UGC’s comments are due to the Senate Chair by February 25, 2019.

B. [Second Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations.](#)

This is the second systemwide review of this proposal. UGC may opt not to opine as the Council has other pressing business.

Last year’s Academic Council, Senate divisions, and systemwide committees’ responses to the first systemwide review of this policy are [available here](#) (UCM’s March 5, 2018 comments are on page 14).

In his November 28, 2018 memo, Provost Brown invited the Academic Senate and UC leadership to review the policy. Review materials are the following:

- [November 28, 2018 Second Systemwide Review Cover Letter from Provost Brown](#)
- Draft New Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations ([clean](#) and [redline](#) copies)
- [Model Communication](#)
- [FAQs for Open Access for Theses and Dissertations Policy](#)
- [Appendix A: Specific Campus Policies and Practices Related to Open Access for Theses and Dissertations](#)

*UGC is not a lead review committee.*

**Action Requested:** UGC reviews the proposed revisions and decides whether to opine. If opining, a lead reviewer will be identified. The lead reviewer’s comments will be discussed at the February 13 UGC meeting. UGC’s comments are due to the Senate Chair by February 25, 2019.

**VIII. General Education Updates – VPDUE Whitt and UGC Chair Sharping – 5 min**

**IX. Other Business – 5 min**

Business items raised by EVC Camfield at the January 23 DivCo meeting.

**X. Upcoming Business: [Review Week Proposal](#) – 5 min**

The UGC Chair proposes the following path of action:

- 1) The justification for the review period is well presented in the ASUCM proposal from spring 2018
- 2) Recommends using the proposal but reducing it to a 2-day review period (in addition to eliminating the first-Saturday exams)
- 3) Include the ask for a co-lead to work with me to adapt the current proposal towards that framework

**XI. Informational Items**

- A. [Fall 2018 Financial Aid Report](#)
  - a. [Highlights from the Report](#)
- B. [2019-2020 Governor's Budget Summary](#)
- C. [SAT Foundations Course](#)
- D. [UCOP Restructuring Efforts](#)
- E. [ASSIST Update](#)