**Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (AFAC)**

**Agenda**
Monday, September 14, 2020
1:00-2:30pm

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I. Welcome and Introductions – Chair Ghassemi – 5 min

II. Chair’s Report – Abbas Ghassemi – 5 min
   A. DivCo September 14 Meeting

III. Consent Calendar – 5 min
   A. The Agenda

IV. Consultation with Professor Sarah Kurtz – 15 min
   Draft Proposal for a Five-Year (4+1) BS/MS Degree Program.
   Materials are available here: [https://ucmerced.box.com/s/2n1abj1vchuxvk6bm9kgzh56gtgejy4h](https://ucmerced.box.com/s/2n1abj1vchuxvk6bm9kgzh56gtgejy4h)

V. AFAC Resources – Chair Ghassemi – 5 min
   A. [Senate website](https://senate.ucmerced.edu)
   B. [AFAC website](https://afac.ucmerced.edu)
   C. [AFAC Box site](https://box.ucmerced.edu)
   D. [Senate Policies and Procedures](https://senate.ucmerced.edu/policies)
   E. [Divisional Bylaws and Regulations](https://ucmerced.edu/divisional-bylaws)
   F. [Principles to Guide the Practice of Executive Session](https://afac.ucmerced.edu/consultation)
   G. [Consultation guidelines](https://afac.ucmerced.edu/consultation)
   H. Distributing work on AFAC
      All campus and systemwide review items will be posted on AFAC Box folder and on the Senate website, here: [https://senate.ucmerced.edu/review-items](https://senate.ucmerced.edu/review-items). Review items will be assigned to one AFAC reviewer before each scheduled meeting.

VI. AFAC Goals and Priorities for AY 20-21– All -10 min
   Members propose and discuss goals for this academic year.
Priorities that were proposed by Senate committee chairs this summer are available here: https://ucmerced.box.com/s/g4gojzfb0xck7ciw6cj1efp3fr92lv4e

Governance Retreat Priorities: https://ucmerced.box.com/s/yagos92olswubqie9r5fuqq7ewy5jn1u

VII. Request from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships – Ron Radney – 5 min
Director Radney will introduce a draft proposal to revise the rubric used for ranking potential Regents’ Scholars recipients by eliminating the SAT/ACT. This revision was prompted by the UC Regents’ vote in May 2020 to approve the suspension of the standardized test requirement (SAT/ACT).

Requested action: Members endorse the proposed revisions.

VIII. Requests from the Office of Admissions – Dustin Noji – 15 min
The items listed below are associated with the current systemwide admissions changes and audits.

Requested Action: Members discuss the Office of Undergraduate Admissions’ proposals and endorse the recommended revisions.

A. First Year Selection Updates

Requested Action: Members endorse the proposed revisions.

B. Admissions by Exception (A by E)

Requested Action: Members endorse the proposed revisions.

C. Discussion item: Athletics MOU

IX. Request for Review of Admissions Materials – 10 min
The office of marketing and communications for enrollment management is inviting the Senate to review draft publications for admissions. The School Executive Committees have also been invited to review these materials. Their comments will be shared with AFAC.

Requested Action: Review content of materials and propose edits, as relevant.


X. Systemwide Review Items – 10 min
A. UCEP’s Proposed Revisions to systemwide Senate Regulation 630 (Requirements for the Bachelor’s Degree).
The revisions aim to address confusion surrounding interpretation of 630.A and 630.D, particularly as it pertains to systemwide courses. Please refer to the memos available here for background and context.

**AFAC is a lead reviewer.**

**Action Requested:** Identify a lead reviewer. The lead reviewer comments will be sent to Chair Ghassemi and to Fatima Paul. All AFAC members will be invited to review a draft memo to the Senate Chair

**Deadline for comments: October 6, 2020.**

B. Proposed revisions to systemwide Senate Regulation 544 (Registration).

The revisions are intended to facilitate UC students’ access to courses offered on other UC campuses by clarifying certain aspects of the cross-campus course enrollment process. A summary of the proposed revisions and the rationale are available here.

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**XI. Any Other Business – 5 min**

**XII. Upcoming Review Item:**

[Report of the Undergraduate Online Degree Task Force](#) (systemwide review item)

This will be included in the October 2 AFAC agenda. Members are encouraged to review and come prepared with comments.

Deadline: November 2, 2020

**XIII. Informational items** will be regularly uploaded on the “Informational Items” AFAC Box Folder: https://ucmerced.box.com/s/pomke03j5g4nmv3ek06fcbhlmwbc2kg1