

[Admissions and Financial Aid Committee](#) (AFAC)

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

- I. **Welcome and Introductions – Chair Ghassemi – 5 min**
- II. **Chair’s Report – Abbas Ghassemi – 5 min**
 - A. DivCo September 4 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.
- V. **AFAC Resources – Chair Ghassemi – 5 min**
 - A. [Senate website](#)
 - B. [AFAC website](#)
 - C. AFAC Box site
 - D. [Senate Policies and Procedures](#)
 - E. [Divisional Bylaws and Regulations](#)
 - F. [Principles to Guide the Practice of Executive Session](#)
 - G. [Consultation guidelines](#)
 - 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>. 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**
- 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)

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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

B. Admissions by Exception (A by E)

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.

Deadline for Comments: September 18, 2020.

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.

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