

Undergraduate Council (UGC)

Agenda
September 14, 2020
10:30am-12:00noon

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Chair Hibbing – 5 min**
- II. Consent Calendar – 5 min**
A. The Agenda
- III. Chair’s Report – Matt Hibbing – 5 min**
A. September 4 Divisional Council Meeting
- IV. UGC Resources – Chair Hibbing – 5 min**
A. [Senate website](#)
B. [UGC’s website](#)
C. [Senate Policies and Procedures](#)
D. UGC’s Box site
E. [Divisional Bylaws and Regulations](#)
F. [Principles to Guide the Practice of Executive Session](#)
G. [Consultation guidelines](#)
H. Distributing work on Undergraduate Council
All campus and systemwide review items will be posted on UGC’s Box folder and on the Senate website, here: <https://senate.ucmerced.edu/review-items>. Review items will be assigned to one-two UGC reviewers before each scheduled meeting.
- V. [Conflict of Interest Policy](#) – 5 min**
Each academic year, all Senate committees are invited to review their respective COI policy and propose edits, as relevant.

Requested Action: Members review the UGC’s conflict of interest policy and send comments to fpaul@ucmerced.edu. The policy will be revisited at the September 28 UGC meeting.
- VI. UGC Goals and Priorities for AY 20-21– All -10 min**
Members proposed and discuss the Council’s goals for this academic year.
- VII. UGC Representation on Subcommittees, Work Groups, and Systemwide Committees – 10 min**
A. Courses/Policies (need three UGC Senate Faculty Members, one from each school)

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This subcommittee reviews and makes recommendations to UGC members on new/revised courses and on policies related to undergraduate education.

Requested Action: Determine membership of this subcommittee.

B. University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP)

Representative: UGC chair Matt Hibbing

UCEP considers the establishment or disestablishment of curricula, colleges, schools, departments, institutes, bureaus, and the like, and on legislation or administrative policies involving questions of educational policy.

No Action Requested.

C. Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS)

Representative: UGC vice chair & AFAC Chair Abbas Ghassemi

Oversees all matters relating to the admissions of undergraduate students. BOARS regulates the policies and practices used in the admissions process that directly relates to the educational mission of the University and the welfare of students. The committee also recommends and directs efforts to improve the admissions process.

No Action Requested.

D. University Committee on International Education (UCIE)

Representative: Michelle Leslie (continuing member)

Oversees all academic aspects of the UC Education Abroad Program, which operates in conjunction with offices on the campuses and serves all UC students. The committee is responsible for approving new programs, changes in programs, and all program courses and credits. The committee also oversees the regular formal review of programs and advises the President on the appointment of study center directors.

No Action Requested.

E. University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE)

Representative: TBD

Monitors and conducts periodic reviews and evaluations of preparatory and remedial education. In addition, the committee supervises the Entry Level Writing Requirement with special emphasis on establishing appropriate and uniform Universitywide standards for the Analytical Writing Placement Examination. Each year the Committee selects the essay/prompt that is to be used in administration of the Analytical Writing Placement Examination and also sets the passing standard for the exam.

Requested Action: Identify UGC member to serve as the UCM representative on UCOPE.

F. Support Services for Undocumented Students Work Group¹

This work group is charged to annually review efforts and report outcomes of services offered to support graduate and undergraduate undocumented students at UC Merced.

Requested Action: Identify representative for AY 20-21.

G. Periodic Review Oversight Committee (PROC)

UGC representative: Chih-Chun Chien (continuing member)

No action requested

VIII. Consultation with GE Executive Committee Chair Valerie Leppert – 25 min

IX. Systemwide Review Item – 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 UGC lead reviewer. The lead reviewer comments will be discussed at the September 28 UGC meeting. UGC's comments are due to the Senate Chair by 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](#).

Action Requested: Identify a UGC lead reviewer. The lead reviewer comments will be discussed at the September 28 UGC meeting. UGC's comments are due to the Senate Chair by October 6, 2020.

X. Any Other Business – 10 min

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