

[GRADUATE COUNCIL \(GC\)](#)

Monday, October 12, 2020

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Zoom URL: <https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/2092009728>

Zoom Phone: 1 669 900 6833, Meeting ID: 209 200 9728

Documents available in [Box](#)[Graduate Council Duties](#)

I. Executive Session (none planned)**II. Chair's Report (1:30-1:55) ---Chair Hratchian**

- A. CCGA meeting (10/7/20)
- B. Divisional Council (10/9/20)
- C. New Diversity Fellowship (first meeting on 9/28/20)
- D. HyFlex Planning
- E. [Support Services for Undocumented Students Work Group](#)

III. Vice Chair's Report (1:55-2:20) ---Vice Chair Hestir

- A. Anti-Racism Workgroup [Action Plan](#)

IV. Consent Calendar (2:20-2:25)

- A. The agenda (10/12)
- B. [Minutes from the 9/28 meeting](#)
- C. Course Proposals
 - NEW:
 - [ECON - 230B](#) - Econometrics II
 - [ES - 288](#) - Data Science (cross-listing from MIST 270)
 - [ES - 289](#) - Network Science (cross listing from MIST 271)
 - [MIST - 260](#) - Research Methods in Complex Systems
 - [MIST-270](#) - Data Science
 - [MIST - 271](#) - Network Science
 - [QSB - 274](#) - Stable Isotopes in Ecosystems (cross listing from ES 274)
 - MODIFY EXISTING:
 - [ES - 274](#) - Stable Isotopes in Ecosystems

V. Discussion: 4+1 Programs Policies and Procedures (2:25-2:45) –Guest Sarah Kurtz

4+1 programs, which are called by various names at other campuses, have become increasingly common. In a 4+1 program, undergraduate students who meet the program standards for admission will start taking graduate level courses while registered as undergraduate student, which allows them to complete Master's degree in one year enrolled as a graduate student.

4+1 programs that connect existing undergraduate and graduate programs and that do not require change in program requirements are reviewed at campus level only (see chart [here](#)). Most other campuses have developed campus policy for development and review of 4+1 programs (as summarized [here](#)). MBSE has drafted a campus policy and guidelines. These documents, and MBSE's cover letter, are available [here](#).

Requested Action: Determine next steps.

VI. Consultation with VPDGE (2:45-3:00)

- A. Graduate Division Phase II Academic Planning (draft [document](#) and [worksheet](#) FYI)

- B. Graduate Student Wellness, Fall 2020
- C. Proposed new federal rule regarding visa lengths of stay

VII. New Business?

VIII. Informational Items

[The Office of the Registrar 2019-20 Annual Report](#)