

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

1:30 – 3:00 PM

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- I. **Discussion Item: Graduate P&P Handbook Revision –Marjorie Zatz, Jesus Cisneros** 15 Min
GC and Graduate Division will complete [the discussion on items leftover from the spring 2019 review of the Handbook](#), including the statement on “lesser degree,” and identify areas for further revision/addition.

Action Requested: Approve the revised Handbook for AY 2020-21.

- II. **Consent Calendar** 5 Min
A. The agenda (3/17)
B. [Minutes from the 3/3 meeting](#)
C. [Economics P&P](#)
D. [IOR Petition](#): petition for the following graduate student to teach the listed course has been approved by GC Chair Westerling: Jones, Bristin_ENG 129_202020 Animal Studies and Literature

- III. **Chair’s Report** 30 Min
Discussion of the proposed [draft policy statement pertaining to P/NP and S/U grading](#), and [comments](#).

- IV. **Vice Chair’s Report** 15 Min

- V. [PROC Report](#) 5 Min

- V. **Consultation with VPDGE** 20 Min
A. Update on TA situations systemwide and at UC Merced campus
B. Academic strategic planning
C. Discussion of Graduate Funding Model

- VI. **Campus Review Item: Bylaws pertaining to Graduate Council** to be discussed by email
UC Merced’s [Bylaws](#) were last revised in 2010. Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE) is requesting that Senate Committees review Bylaws pertaining to each committee. The [memo](#) from CRE provides helpful context.

Action Requested: Transmit Graduate Council comments to Senate Chair by 3/20/20.

- VII. **Discussion Item: CRF Policy Work Group—Chair Westerling** to be discussed by email
Chair Westerling will provide an update on, and invite members to discuss, [proposed changes](#) to the CRF process and Curriculog.

Action Requested: Provide responses to the Workgroup proposal.

- VIII. **New Business?**