

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)

Monday, September 14, 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

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**I. Executive Session (none planned)****II. Chair's Report (1:30-1:50)—Chair Hratchian**

- A. [Divisional Council](#) (9/4/20)
- B. Updates on reopening, enrollment, and student fees
- C. Workgroup on Faculty Graduate Student Disputes (the charge and helpful information are [here](#))

**III. Consent Calendar (1:50-1:55)**

- A. The agenda (9/14)
- B. [Minutes from the 8/31 meeting](#)
- C. Course Proposals
  - NEW: [COGS 210: Statistics for Cognitive Scientists](#)  
[IH 242: Research Seminar: Space, Identity & Power](#) (repeatable, may take up to 4 times)  
[ME 292: Directed Study of Technical Writing](#)
  - MODIFY: [MBSE 295: Graduate Research](#) (changing from letter to S/U grade)
- D. Appointment of [a new Curriculum Advisory Board member](#) for the Teacher Preparation Program

**IV. Systemwide Review Items—Chair Hratchian (1:55-2:00)**

The Chair invites members to voice their opinions on whether or not they would like to see all review items, or would like to continue the practice, from last year, of the chair determining which items GC would review.

- A. [Proposed revisions](#) to Senate Regulation 544: Registration (by 10/6/20)
- B. [Proposed revisions](#) to Senate Regulation 630: Undergraduate Degree Requirements (by 10/6/20)
- C. [Report](#) of the Academic Council Online Undergraduate Degree Task Force (by 11/2/20)

**V. Discussion Item: Teacher Preparation Program (TPP) Workgroup (2:00-2:20)—Chair Hratchian**

The TPP Workgroup was formed last AY in response to a [memo](#) from its Curriculum Advisory Board (CAB), with the aim of improving academic oversight of the Program. Policy governing the formation of CABs is [here](#) (last page). Chair Hratchian provides updates from his consultations and the Workgroup discussions.

**Recommended Action:** determine the next steps.

**VI. Presentation on Graduate Student Fellowships—Eric Cannon (2:20-2:35)**

At a GC-GD leadership meeting in August 2020, it was agreed that the Graduate Division would provide GC with a list of graduate student fellowships and their recipients. Eric Cannon presents the list to GC today.

**VII. Consultation with Vice Provost/Dean of Graduate Education —Interim VPDGE Chris Kello (2:35-3:00)**

- A. New Diversity Fellowships
- B. Postdoctoral Professional Development
- C. Graduate Student Survey (a sample of undergraduate version is [here](#))

**VIII. New Business?****IX. Informational Items**

Provost Michael T. Brown's [letter](#) regarding the President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (8/18/20)  
[Charge](#) for Enrollment Strategy Committee, issued by EVC/Provost (9/9/20)