

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

1:30 – 3:00 PM

**COB 1, Room 320 (Willow Conference Room)**Zoom URL: <https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/84757526508> Passcode: 050205

Zoom Phone: 1 669 900 6833, Meeting ID: 84757526508

Documents available in [box](#)[Graduate Council Duties](#)**I. Chair's Report (1:30-1:40)—Chair Hestir**

A. Divisional Council (9/2 and 9/16)

B. Conflict Resolution Infrastructure (CRI) [Workgroup Recommendations](#) and Implementation, per EVC/Provost's [memo](#)**II. Vice Chair's Report (1:40-1:45)—Vice Chair Ha**

A. Graduate Group Chairs Meeting (8/30)

**III. Consent Calendar (1:45-1:45)—Chair Hestir**

A. The agenda (9/21)

B. [Minutes](#) from the 9/7 meeting**Action Requested:** Approval of the Consent Calendar**IV. Systemwide Review Items—Chair Hestir (1:45-1:50)**A. [Proposed Revision to Senate Regulation 478](#) (IGETC)

The revision was proposed by the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) to create Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) Area 7 – Ethnic Studies, in response to the new state legislation (AB 1460 (Weber)) requiring the California State University (CSU) to include an Ethnic Studies course in the General Education curriculum for a baccalaureate degree.

**Action Requested:** Transmit GC endorsement to Senate Chair by 10/15/21.**V. Campus Review Item—Chair Hestir (1:50-1:55)**

A. Summer Session Calendaring

With three holidays that can all be on Mondays during the summer, the Director of Summer Session and the Registrar propose that, while the summer session schedule remains the same, Monday only courses (in sessions A and D) and MW courses (in session A) be discouraged.

**Action Requested:** Endorse the recommendation by the Registrar and the Summer Session Director.**VI. Discussion Item: Graduate Policies and Procedures Handbook—Chair Hestir (1:55-2:05)**Additional suggested revision regarding NRST has been incorporated into the [summary](#) of changes.Recommended additional revision regarding Student Committees is [here](#). An alternative suggestion is to delete the highlighted portion on page 17.**Action Requested:** Approval of the proposed revisions to be incorporated in the GPPH**VII. Discussion Item: Online/Hybrid Instruction—Chair Hestir (2:05-2:25)**A. Proposed moratorium on online/hybrid course modality approvals: per WASC guidelines (p.7 of [this document](#)), programs that offer 50% or more of the degree program online are considered online

programs. Campus needs to establish clearer guideline and standards for quality online education (based on [this](#) document), and a review process.

B. Confusion over definitions of instructional modalities:

- i. In UGC's [Course Approval Policy](#), face-to-face is defined as 0-29% online, hybrid as 30-79% online, fully online as 80-100% online. This document is what informs the section of the Curriculog form
- ii. UGC's [Supplemental Questionnaire](#) suggests hybrid is defined as 25-67% online
- iii. GC's [Supplemental Questionnaire](#) suggests hybrid is defined as a course that meets at least 1/3 in person and at least 1/3 by distance learning, which would mean that hybrid ranges approximately from 33-66% online

C. Extension request to submit course proposals for Spring 2022: Extension is requesting modification to four TPP courses, so that they can be taught online in Spring 2022. For spring 2022 implementation, the deadline for submission was February 8, 2021.

**Actions Requested:** Members decide on whether to issue moratorium. Determine whether the definitions should be uniform for graduate and undergraduate education, and, if so, which definition to use. Decide whether or not to grant the exception to the deadline for the Extension courses.

**VIII. Discussion Item: Course proposal: IH 202—Vice Chair Ha (2:25-2:35)**

The proposer for IH-202 (Study Plan Design) requests the addition of hybrid and online modalities to the existing in-person modality. The proposal was considered by AY 20-21 GC and was rejected for concerns about the consistency in student learning experience. The proposer has submitted additional information.

**Action Requested:** Determine next steps.

**IX. Discussion Item: Proposal for New Concentrations in ES (2:35-2:45)—Vice Chair Ha**

The Environmental Systems Graduate Group is [proposing five new concentrations](#). The proposal and review processes are described [here](#).

**Action Requested:** Identify reviewer(s).

**X. Consultation with Vice Provost/Dean of Graduate Education —Interim VPDGE Chris Kello (2:45-3:00)**

- A. Acknowledgments on change of advisor form
- B. Instructional budgets
- C. Paying masters incentive
- D. [Project AMIGA Holistic Review Toolkit](#)-- alternative to GRE?

**XI. New Business?**

**XII. Informational Items**