

**Undergraduate Council (UGC)**

**Agenda**  
**Monday, May 10, 2021**  
**10:30-12:00pm**

**Zoom:**

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**I. Chair's Report – Matt Hibbing - 10:30-10:35am**

- A. UCEP (May 3)
- B. DivCo Updates (April 16 and 30)

**II. Consent Calendar – 10:35-10:40am**

- A. The Agenda
- B. SSHA Petitions for Graduate Students to Teach Upper Division Courses<sup>1</sup>
  - 1. [Chauhan, Harmanpreet PH 102 202120](#)
  - 2. [Gomez, Laura CRES 119 202110](#)
  - 3. [Mishra, Anupam ENGR 130 202120](#)
  - 4. [Ramirez, Vincent PH 112 202120](#)
  - 5. [Wright, Tashelle PH 181 202120](#)

**III. Approval of Courses – Jason Lee, Bin Liu, Sachin Goyal – 10:40-10:50am**

Courses are available at the link below.

<https://ucmerced.curriculog.com/agenda:145/form>

**Requested Action:** UGC members discuss the Courses' subcommittee recommendations and vote.

**IV. Campus Review Items – 10:50-11:10am**

- A. [Proposal for Materials Science and Engineering Minor](#) – Eileen Camfield and Bin Liu  
The proposal was distributed to the Chairs of Senate Committees, the SNS Executive Committee, and the SSHA Executive Committee.

Lead reviewer's comments may be found [here](#).

**UGC and CAPRA are lead reviewers**

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<sup>1</sup> The requesting departments have verified that each student is in good standing and has advanced to candidacy, and will not be supervising other graduate students. For the petition for Laura Gomez, please refer to the document in the hyperlink for number 2 regarding the faculty mentor for the course.

Comments:

[AFAC](#)

[CAPRA](#)

[CoR](#)

[LASC](#)

**Requested Action:** Discuss the proposal and associated comments. Vote on the proposal.

- B. [Proposal for a Writing Studies Major](#) – **Alejandro Gutierrez and Chi-Chun Chien**  
A [response](#) was sent to the Proposers inviting them to address the questions that were raised by Senate committees, EVC/Provost Camfield, and VPDUE Frey.

Writing Studies Faculty's [response](#).

**Requested Action:** Members discuss the proposal and proposer's response. UGC sends its recommendation to Divisional Council.

- C. [Faculty Initiated Drop](#) – **Chair Hibbing**  
Registrar's Office suggests University Catalog text to support the new Faculty Initiated Drop feature within CatCourses. The Systemwide Policy that supports the addition of this text is [Senate Regulation 542](#), which is further explained in the hyperlinked memo.

Comments:

[GC](#)

[SSHA Curriculum Committee](#)

**Requested Action:** Members discuss and endorse this proposal.  
Deadline: May 21, 2021.

V. **System Review Items – Chair Hibbing – 11:10-11:20am**

- A. [SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\) Vaccination Policy](#)  
This policy would require students, faculty, academic appointees, and staff who are accessing campus facilities at a UC location beginning this Fall to be immunized against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

**Requested Action:** Members discuss and endorse this proposal.  
Deadline: May 17, 2021.

VI. **UCOPE Meeting Update (April 30) – Eileen Camfield – 11:20-11:25am**

- VII. [Writing Placement and Pathways \(WPP\)](#) – VPDUE Frey and Eileen Camfield – 11:25-11:30am

**VIII. VPDUE Frey’s Report – 11:30-11:40am**

- A. Follow-up to discussion about Top Hat with information about UC policies on textbook selection
- B. Formal proposal to remove the requirement that after matriculation the ELWR requirements must be satisfied at UC Merced
- C. Honors Proposal

**IX. Update on General Education – Holley Moyes – 11:40 – 11:50am****A. [Approaches to Knowledge Waiver](#)**

The General Education Executive Committee (GEEC) voted on April 14, 2021, to waive for Junior transfer students the general education requirement that one Approaches to Knowledge A class be from the Engineering category.

**B. [General Education Reciprocity](#)**

The General Education Executive Committee (GEEC) voted to extend the interim reciprocity agreement currently in effect to the start of AY22-23.

**Requested Action:** Members to approve an extension to the reciprocity agreement.

**X. [Request from CRE - Grade Appeal Policy](#) – Chair Hibbing – 11:50am-12:00pm**

CRE endorsed this proposal put forth by the University Ombudsperson, and invites UGC to consider it.

**Requested Action:** Members discuss and endorse the revised Grade Appeals Policy.  
Deadline: June 1, 2021.

**XI. CatCourses Auto-populated Information – Chair Hibbing**

Background: At its February 22 meeting, UGC discussed the proposed revised policy on the review of CatCourses auto-populated information.

Please see relevant correspondence [here](#) (UGC’s memo is on p. 2 and GC’s response, on p. 1)

**Requested Action:** Members discuss and endorse the revised CatCourses Resources document, available [here](#).

Note: Review may take place via email if time does not allow.

**XII. Other Business?****XIII. Informational Items****A. [Academic Senate Guidelines and Recommendations for Fall Re-Opening](#)**