

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (AFAC)

Agenda
Friday, September 17, 2021
10:00am - 11:30am

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- I. Welcome and Introductions – Chair Ghassemi – 10:00am – 10:05am**
- II. Chair’s Report – Abbas Ghassemi – 10:05am – 10:10am**
 - A. DivCo September 2 and 16 Meeting
- III. Consent Calendar – 10:10am – 10:15am**
 - A. The Agenda
 - B. [May 14 Meeting Minutes](#)
- IV. AFAC Resources – Chair Ghassemi – 10:15am – 10:20am**
 - A. [Senate website](#)
 - B. [AFAC website](#)
 - C. [AFAC Box site](#)
 - D. [Senate Policies and Procedures](#)
 - E. [Divisional Bylaws and Regulations](#)
 - F. [Principles to Guide the Practice of Executive Session](#)
 - G. [Consultation guidelines](#)
 - H. Distributing work on AFAC
All campus and systemwide review items will be posted on AFAC Box folder and on the Senate website, here: <https://senate.ucmerced.edu/review-items>. Review items will be assigned to one AFAC reviewer before each scheduled meeting.
- V. [AFAC Goals and Priorities for AY 21-22](#)– All - 10:20am – 10:25am**
Members discuss the committee’s goals for this academic year, established at the May 14 AFAC meeting, and propose additional goals.
- VI. Report from the Office of Admissions – Dustin Noji and Ruben Lubers – 10:25am – 10:35am**
 - A. Fall 2021 Admission by Exception (AbyE) Review

Video Tutorial for Extreme and Unusual Cases

<https://ucmerced.box.com/s/0wkavwsgzl8tqkf8age5ftb3z5n6gqll>

A few additional important notes:

- Per our conflict of interest policy and the UC admissions audit, if committee members finds that they are reviewing a file where there may be a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest, which includes, an applicant who is a family member, an acquaintance, or sibling or child of a faculty or staff member they know and interact with, they should refer that file to another member of the AFAC committee.
- Please note, that is it prohibited to consider a student's familial or other personal relationships with university staff or faculty in an admissions decision.
- Committee members should not disclose an individual applicant's decision without permission from the Director of Admissions and report any attempt to influence an admissions decision regardless of source to the Director of Admissions or the Locally Designated Official via the whistleblower hotline.

VII. [Academic Activity Policy](#) – Charlie Eaton - 10:35am – 10:45am

Requested Action: Members discuss and determine next steps.

VIII. Students' Institutional Debts– Charlie Eaton - 10:45am – 10:55am (Tabled to next meeting if item VII. requires additional time for discussion)

Over 20 HBCUs and some public universities have used Biden Rescue funds to cancel these debts: <https://www.businessinsider.com/howard-university-cancels-student-debt-latest-hbcu-use-stimulus-funds-2021-8>

Requested Action: AFAC to engage in informational discussion.

IX. Systemwide Review Items – 10:55am – 11:00am**A. [Revised Presidential Policy on SVSH](#)**

Requested Action: AFAC to determine if committee will opine. If AFAC decides to opine, identify a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer will provide comments by Monday, October 11, 2021.

Deadline for comments: October 15, 2021

B. [Revised Senate Regulation 478 -IGETC](#)

AFAC is a lead reviewer.

Requested Action: Assign lead reviewer. The lead reviewer's comments will be sent to Chair Ghassemi, Melanie Snyder, and Fatima Paul by Monday, October 11, 2021.

Deadline for comments: October 15, 2021

X. Any Other Business – 11:00am – 11:05am

XI. Informational items will be regularly uploaded on the “Informational Items” AFAC Box Folder: <https://ucmerced.app.box.com/folder/140193076190>