

[GRADUATE COUNCIL \(GC\)](#)

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

1:50 – 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 (1:50-2:00)—Chair Hestir**

- A. Divisional Council (10/14)
- B. CCGA (10/6)

II. Consent Calendar (2:00-2:00)—Chair Hestir

- A. The agenda (10/19)
- B. [Minutes](#) from the 10/5 meeting

Action Requested: Approval of the Consent Calendar

III. Systemwide Review Items (2:00-2:00)—Chair Hestir

[Proposed revised Presidential Policy on Sustainable Practices](#) is being reviewed by email. Member Hratchian is the lead reviewer.

Action Requested: Transmit GC comments to Senate Chair by 10/22/21.

IV. Discussion Item: Distance Education-definition and exceptions (2:00-2:15)—Vice Chair Ha

Vice Chair Ha reports on the 10/18 meeting of the Course Proposal Subcommittee with UGC's subcommittee to discuss the definition of distance education courses. Currently, UGC has two definitions, both of which differ from GC's. Related to the question of definitions is the exception that GC [communicated](#) to Graduate Group and Department Chairs in August 2021 that seminar courses in Fall 2021 may be conducted remotely when guest speakers from outside UC Merced were in attendance.

Action Requested: Members discuss the definition of distance education, and decide whether to extend the temporary guidance on seminars into Spring 2022, with clarification that the exception only applies to courses with speakers or tied to colloquium.

V. Discussion Item: Conflict Resolution Infrastructure (CRI) Workgroup Recommendations and Implementation/Change of Advisor Form—Chair Hestir (2:15-2:30)

The CRI Workgroup's [final report](#) contains links to conflict resolution [flowchart](#) and [accompanying text](#) for graduate students and faculty. GC members are encouraged to review the entire report, which gives context to the proposed flowchart and text. These materials have been reviewed by last AY's GC, FWAF, and EDI, but no formal endorsement was solicited. Change of Advisor is sometimes the outcome of the conflict, and the Graduate Division has proposed revisions to the [form](#). The differences in the language between the current and proposed forms are noted [here](#).

Action Requested: Endorsement of the CRI Workgroup Final Report, and the linked flowchart and accompanying text. Members to discuss whether/how this information may be incorporated into the Graduate Policies & Procedures Handbook and/or Graduate Group P&Ps (the template currently directs graduate groups to provide their own mentoring guidelines or endorse the [GC-approved mentoring guidelines](#)). Upon endorsement, transmit the materials to the stakeholders identified at the 10/5 meeting, and any additional stakeholders identified at this meeting, for their comments.

VI. Consultation with Vice Provost/Dean of Graduate Education —Interim VPDGE Chris Kello (2:30-2:40)

- A. Enrollment Management/Funding Model
- B. Master's Degree Plan II Committee
- C. In absentia eligibility and geographical boundary for UC Merced
- D. TOEFL iBT Home Edition, [TOEFL Essentials](#), and IELTS Indicator
- E. Graduate Professional Development one-credit course (for each program, or one offered by Grad Div)
- F. Normative times for all programs
- G. Policies and procedures for graduate group members to maintain membership

VII. Consultation with the Gallo School Planning Team (2:40-3:00)

The Gallo School Planning Team seeks further consultation with GC. AY 20-21 GC's comments on the [pre-proposal](#) are [here](#). The anticipated guests are Professor Jessica Trounstone; Paul Maglio, Director, and Alvin Cha, Assistant Director, Division of Management and Information; and Ehsan Choudhry, Faculty Liaison.

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