

Undergraduate Council (UGC)

Revised Agenda
Friday, January 14, 2022
1:00-2:25pm

Zoom:

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I. Chair's Report – Holley Moyes – 1:00pm – 1:10pm

A. Honor Program Working Group

B. Volunteer reviewers for the [Library Undergraduate Research Award](#)

- Reviewing Undergraduate Submissions

1. A committee of five reviewers (**2 faculty**, 2 librarians, 1 library staff) review student submissions (research paper/project, abstract, and research reflection) via a rubric.
2. Each submission is reviewed by two individuals. To date, each reviewer has reviewed six applications max.
3. Reviewing takes place within [UC Merced's scholarship platform](#). We coordinate access with Financial Aid/Scholarships.
4. Anticipated timeline for reviewing, January 24th – Feb. 7th, 2022 (approx. a 2 week+ window)

C. Update on the January 13 Meeting with the Provost, VPDUE, VPDGE, GC Chair and School Deans

II. Consent Calendar – 1:10pm – 1:15pm

A. The Agenda

B. [December 3 Meeting Minutes](#)

III. Approval of Courses – Jason Lee, Ryan Baxter, Siddaiah Yarra – 1:15pm -1:25pm

A. [NSED - 172 - Teaching for Learning: Instructional Learning Assistant Pedagogy Course](#)

B. [ENVE - 160 - Sustainable Energy](#)

C. [PHYS - 123 - Galactic Structure and Interstellar Medium](#)

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

IV. [Request from SSHA for One -Time Exception for Summer 2022 Modalities](#) – Chair Moyes – 1:25pm – 1:35pm

Many instructors of record (IORs) are listed as “TBD” because the application/appointment process does not begin until later in the Spring; therefore, only Senate faculty are listed.

Requested Action: UGC to review and vote on a one-time exception for the list of Summer 2022 modalities.

V. VPDUE Frey Report – 1:35pm – 1:45pm

- A. Update on the exploratory conversation about academic policy modifications to allow for first year student exploration and academic recovery. The proposal is available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members to vote during executive session to approve the potential policy changes.

VI. Principles for University of California Online Degree Programs - Chair Moyes and Member Yarra – 1:45pm – 2:00pm

Last year, the Academic Council formed an Online Undergraduate Degree Task Force to examine the implications of possibly creating full-time, online, undergraduate degree programs at UC. The task force report and background on principles can be found [here](#).

Lead Reviewers: Chair Holley Moyes, Siddaiah Yarra
Lead Reviewer's comments can be found [here](#).

Requested Action: Members to engage in discussion.

VII. Systemwide Review Items – 2:00pm – 2:10pm

A. [Recommendations for Departments Political Statements](#)

The University Committee on Academic Freedom (UCAAF) has prepared a letter and two recommendations addressing the freedom of campus academic departments to issue or endorse statements on political issues in the name of the department.

Requested Action: Members to discuss and provide comments.

Deadline: January 14, 2022.

B. [UCM Community and Labor Center ORU Proposal](#)

At their November 30 meeting, CoR endorsed the revised proposal submitted by the UC Merced Community and Labor Center to establish an ORU at UC Merced.

The policy for the establishment and review of ORU proposals is available [here](#).

Requested Action: Assign lead reviewer. The lead reviewer's comments will be sent to Chair Moyes, Melanie Snyder, and Fatima Paul. This item will be discussed at the next UGC meeting. **Deadline:** February 4, 2022.

VIII. Consultation with GC Chair Hestir – Erin Hestir and Naoko Kada – 2:10pm – 2:15pm

A. [Graduate Student Instructors](#) - Petition Forms

Per [systemwide regulation \(750 B\)](#), appointment of graduate students to teach upper division courses must be approved by the Committee on Courses or the Graduate Council. UGC has been reviewing the IoR petitions but no other UC campuses require this.

Requested Action: Members to vote to approve the proposed revision to remove UGC from the approval process.

IX. Other Business? – 2:15pm – 2:25pm

X. Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 2:25pm – 2:30pm