

Undergraduate Council (UGC)

Agenda
Friday, March 4, 2022
1:00-2:25pm

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- I. Chair’s Report – Holley Moyes - 1:00pm – 1:05pm**
- A. February 24 Divisional Council Meeting
 - B. Confidentiality of UGC Business

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- II. Review of the AY 2022-2023 Catalog – 1:05pm – 1:10pm**
Catalog updates are effective Fall 2022

Requested Action: Establish a UGC Catalog Review Committee (one member from each school).

- III. Consent Calendar – 1:10pm – 1:15pm**
- A. The Agenda
 - B. [GE Request – One-time exception for Summer 2022 Online Modality](#)
 - C. [SSHA Request - One-time exception for Summer 2022 Online Modalities](#)

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IV. Approval of Courses – Jason Lee, Ryan Baxter, Siddaiah Yarra – 1:15pm – 1:25pm
Courses are available at the links below.

1. [BIO - 125 - Microbial Genetics](#)
2. [ENG - 058 - Literature of the Natural Environment](#)
3. [ESS - 011 - Climate Justice](#)
4. [GASP - 003 - Introduction to Visual Culture](#)
5. [GASP - 006 - Global Art History](#)
6. [GASP - 055A - Arts of Asia](#)
7. [GASP - 055B - Arts of the Islamic World](#)
8. [HIST - 055 - Arts of the Islamic World](#)
9. [HIST - 055A - Arts of Asia](#)
10. [MSE - 111 - Materials Kinetics and Processing](#)
11. [PHYS - 181 - Computational Physics](#)
12. [POLI - 109 - Legislative Simulation](#)
13. [SPAN - 190 - Spanish Capstone Seminar](#)

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

V. UCOPE Update (January 28) – Eileen Camfield – 1:25pm – 1:30pm

VI. VPDUE Frey Report – 1:30pm – 1:40pm

- A. Academic policy modifications to allow for first-year student exploration and academic recovery. The proposal is available [here](#).

VPDUE Frey introduced this item at the January 14 UGC meeting. The Policy Subcommittee met on February 1, 2022 to further discuss the suggested policy modifications, and their recommendations are available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members discuss Policy Subcommittee's recommendations and determine next steps.

- B. Proposal to move the Undergraduate Studies (USTU) course designation to be under the oversight of the Division of Undergraduate Education/College One. The proposal and accompanying email from SSHA Dean Gilger are available [here](#).

This item will be discussed during Executive Session.

VII. VCSA Nies' Report – 1:40pm – 1:45pm

- A. Student experience at UC Merced and its impact on retention

VIII. Update on Principles for University of California Online Degree Programs – Chair Moyes and Vice Chair Baxter – 1:45pm – 2:00pm

This item was discussed during the January 14 UGC meeting. A [memo](#) was drafted on behalf of

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UGC and transmitted to the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) on February 4, 2022. Vice Chair Baxter provided an update from the February 7 UCEP meeting at the February 18 UGC meeting. UGC was invited on February 22 to provide comments on a series of questions regarding online undergraduate degree programs. The Google Doc with members' comments can be found [here](#).

Requested Action: Members discuss comments and determine next steps.

IX. [Proposal for a B.S. in Electrical Engineering](#) – Professor Sarah Kurtz – 2:00pm – 2:10pm

The proposal was distributed to the Chairs of Senate Committees, the SNS Executive Committee, and the SSHA Executive Committee. Professor Kurtz is joining the meeting today to provide further information on the proposal.

Lead Reviewers: Alejandro Gutierrez and Michelle Leslie
Lead reviewers' comments may be found [here](#).

Comments:

[AFAC](#)

[CAPRA](#)

[CoR](#)

[GC](#)

[LASC](#)

[EVC/Provost & VPDUE](#)

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

X. [Proposed Revisions to English Major and Minor](#) – Professor Katie Brokaw – 2:10pm – 2:20pm

Member David Kaminsky is currently leading the review of this item. His comments, along with other Senate Committees' comments will be discussed at the April 8 UGC meeting. Professor Brokaw is joining us today to introduce the proposed revisions.

No Requested Action.

XI. Other Business? – 2:20pm – 2:25pm

XII. Informational Items

A. [Recommendations to Senate Divisions on the Mandated Recording of Classes](#)

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

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