

**Undergraduate Council** (UGC)

**Agenda**  
**Friday, April 22, 2022**  
**1:00-2:20pm**

**Zoom Information:**

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Meeting ID: 829 0186 8760  
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- I. Vice Chair’s Report – Ryan Baxter – 1:00pm – 1:05pm**  
A. April 4 UCEP Meeting
- II. Consent Calendar – 1:05pm – 1:10pm**  
A. The Agenda  
B. [March 11 Meeting Minutes](#)  
C. [SNS Request - One-time Exception for Summer 2022 Online Modality](#)  
D. [SSHA Request – One-time Exception for Summer 2022 Online Modality](#)
- III. Approval of Courses – Jason Lee, Ryan Baxter, Siddaiah Yarra – 1:10pm – 1:25pm**  
Courses are available at the links below.
1. [BIO - 040L - Course-based Undergraduate Research Experience: Genetic Discovery on the Fly](#)
  2. [BIO – 120 - General Microbiology](#)
  3. [ENGR - 080 - Statistical Modeling and Data Analysis for Engineers](#)
  4. [ENGR - 091 - Professional Development: People in an Engineered World](#)
  5. [ENG - 060 - Science Fiction & Climate Disaster](#)
  6. [ENVE - 116 - Applied Climatology](#)
  7. [ESPT - X002 - Introduction to Esports Organizations](#)
  8. [ESPT - X005 - Culture and Communications in Esports](#)
  9. [ESPT - X010 - Esports Marketing](#)
  10. [ESPT - X011 - Esports Project Management and Operations](#)
  11. [ESS - 132 - Applied Climatology](#)
  12. [MIST - 116 - Applied Climatology](#)

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

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**IV. Review of the SNS Catalog Updates – Ryan Baxter, Jason Lee, Siddaiah Yarra – 1:25pm – 1:30pm**

At the April 8, 2022 UGC meeting, voting members agreed to seek clarification on the comments/questions included in the SNS Catalog revisions. On April 11, 2022, SNS support staff provided updated Catalog sections, available at the link below.

SNS: <https://ucmerced.app.box.com/folder/160958762883?s=nddmu72i3ja9i3urwglfv00rasafbvem>

**Requested Action:** Catalog Subcommittee provides its recommendations on the updated AY 22-23 SNS Catalog Updates. UGC approves the SNS Catalog Updates and notifies the Registrar by May 2, 2022.

**V. Systemwide Review Item: [Presidential Policy on Affiliations with Certain Healthcare Organizations](#) – Eileen Camfield – 1:30pm – 1:40pm**

All Senate Committees and School Executive Committees were invited to review the policy on March 23, 2022.

**Lead Reviewer:** Eileen Camfield

Lead Reviewer's comments are available [here](#).

**Requested Action:** Members to discuss the proposal and lead reviewer's comments. Comments are due to Senate Chair **by April 29, 2022**.

**VI. Inter-departmental Consultations for UGC Course and Degree Requirements – Alejandro Gutierrez, Carolyn Jennings – 1:40pm – 1:50pm**

During the October 22, 2021 UGC meeting, VPDUE Frey discussed a proposal for a formal UGC consultation process for modifications to degree requirements or new course proposals that impact other departments. The Policy Subcommittee met on March 17, 2022 to discuss potential policy language, and proposed revisions to the [Procedures and Policies for Approval of New Undergraduate Courses and Undergraduate Course Changes](#). The proposed revisions are shown [here](#).

**Requested Action:** Members to vote during executive session on proposed revisions to the Procedures and Policies for Approval of New Undergraduate Courses and Undergraduate Course Changes.

**VII. VCSA Nies' Report – 1:50pm – 1:55pm**

A. Mental wellbeing during finals

**VIII. New Policy Modifications for First-year Students – Alejandro Gutierrez, Carolyn Jennings – 1:55pm – 2:05pm**

The proposal is available [here](#).

VPDUE Frey introduced this item at the January 14, 2022 UGC meeting. The Policy

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Subcommittee met on February 1, 2022 to further discuss the suggested policy modifications, and their recommendations are available [here](#). This item was further discussed at the March 4 and March 11 UGC meetings, and members agreed to continue the discussion at today's meeting.

**Requested Action:** Members further discuss Policy Subcommittee's recommendations. Members vote during executive session to approve the recommended policy modifications.

**IX. Chair's Report – Holley Moyes – 2:05pm – 2:15pm**

- A. April 21 DivCo Meeting
- B. [April 12 CRE Meeting](#)
- C. April 14 Meeting with Prof. Kurtz regarding 4+1 programs

**X. Other Business? – 2:15pm – 2:20pm**

**XI. Informational Items:**

- A. [The administration's approval of the Writing Studies major, effective Fall 2022.](#)

**XII. Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 2:20pm – 2:30pm**