

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (AFAC)**Agenda****Tuesday, May 3, 2022****2:00pm – 3:30pm**

Zoom Information:

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Meeting ID: 881 8782 3300

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- I. Chair’s Report – Abbas Ghassemi – 2:00pm – 2:10pm**
 - A. April 7 and 21 DivCo Meetings
- II. Consent Calendar – 2:10pm – 2:15pm**
 - A. The Agenda
 - B. [April 5 Meeting Minutes](#)
- III. Consultation with Chief Financial Officer, Kurt Schnier; Director of Student Business Services, Chris Robinson; and Director of Degree Completion Program, Michael Pierick – 2:15pm – 2:45pm**
 - A. Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF)

AFAC’s recommendations regarding academic activity and institutional student debt are available [here](#). CFO Schnier and Director Robinson are joining today’s meeting to discuss the amount of remaining institutional HEERF funds that might still be available, and the extent to which these funds can be used to pay off outstanding balances in a revenue neutral way. Director Pierick is joining today’s meeting to further discuss [UC Merced’s Degree Completion Program](#).

Requested Action: Members discuss and determine next steps.

- IV. Consultation with Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, Jill Orcutt; Director of Degree Completion Program, Michael Pierick; Director of Summer Session and Extension, Tammy Johnson; and Director of Education Programs, Mari Harris – 2:45pm – 3:00pm**
 - A. [Teacher Preparation Program \(TPP\) Addition to Admissions Viewbook & Transfer Guide](#)

Requested Action: AFAC to approve the addition of the Teacher Preparation Program (TPP) to the Undergraduate Admissions Viewbook and other related recruitment materials, effective AY 2022-2023.

- V. Consultation with Critical Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) Chair, Sapana Doshi - 3:00pm – 3:15pm**
 - A. [Senate Regulation 424 – A-G Ethnic Studies](#)

Please do not share any of the linked correspondence with others outside of AFAC.

All Senate Committees were invited to comment on the proposed revision to [Senate Regulation 424](#) on December 2, 2021. AFAC's comments are available [here](#).

Academic Senate Chair Horwitz provided a systemwide review summary and Academic Senate Committees' comments, available [here](#). UCM comments appear on page 33. Several Divisions commented negatively that the course criteria are more narrowly defined than the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum guidelines approved by the State Board of Education. Chair Horwitz's [transmittal](#) is asking for each division to compare the current 424 language and Ethnic Studies course criteria with what the State adopted in the ESMC after much debate, and to provide additional comments. HCRES Chair Doshi is joining today's meeting to discuss the item and answer any questions that members may have.

Requested Action: Members to engage in discussion and provide additional comments on the proposed revision to Senate Regulation 424 – A-G Ethnic Studies. Chair Ghassemi will report back to BOARS.

VI. Systemwide Review Items – Chair Ghassemi – 3:15pm – 3:25pm

A. [Negotiated Salary Trial Program Phase 2](#)

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, May 16, 2022. Deadline for comments to the Senate Chair is May 27, 2022.

B. [APM - 715 and APM – 760](#)

Materials are available in our shared AFAC AY 21-22 Box folder [here](#).

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, May 23, 2022. Deadline for comments to the Senate Chair is June 3, 2022.

VII. Any Other Business – 3:25pm – 3:30pm

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