

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)**AGENDA****Wednesday, September 21, 2022****12:00pm-1:20pm****COB 1 - 320**

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- I. Chair's Report – Michael Scheibner - 12:00pm – 12:10pm**
 - A. September 9 Regular Check-in Meeting with UGC Chair Moyes, VPDUE Frey, and VPDGE Hratchian
 - B. September 20 Divisional Council meeting

- II. Vice Chair's Report – John Abatzoglou – 12:10pm – 12:15pm**
 - A. September 6 Graduate Group Chairs training
 - B. September 13 PROC meeting

- III. Consent Calendar – Chair Scheibner – 12:15pm – 12:20pm**
 - A. Agenda
 - B. [September 7 meeting minutes](#)

Action Requested: Approval of the Consent Calendar.

- IV. [Postdoctoral Scholar Support and Development](#) – Chair Scheibner – 12:20pm – 12:35pm**
 - A. Train UC Merced's diverse student population and ready them for competitive careers, while boosting scholarly output
 - B. Develop strategic task force workgroups to assist with planning strategic initiatives
 - C. Obtain more funding for hiring
 - D. Enhance UC Merced's capacity to perform R1-level research
 - E. Partner with Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED)

This item was discussed during the September 7, 2022 meeting. Chair Scheibner asked members to review the linked initiative and provide comments. The linked initiative has been updated to include comments from Vice Chair Abatzoglou.

Requested Action: Members are to engage in conversation and determine which guests to invite to a future GC meeting for further discussion.

- V. [Seminar Remote Speakers Policy](#) – Chair Scheibner and VPDGE Hratchian – 12:35pm – 12:50pm**

Chair Scheibner and VPDGE Hratchian propose a policy that allows for individual seminar sessions to

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be held remotely when the guest speaker presents remotely, in the case that the seminar room is not equipped with adequate Zoom technology.

Requested Action: GC vote to endorse the proposed policy.

VI. Review of Continuing Graduate Fellowships – Chair Scheibner and VPDGE Hratchian – 12:50pm – 1:00pm

This item was discussed at the September 7, 2022 GC meeting where VPDGE Hratchian agreed to provide the Council with an update at a future meeting. The goal is to shift review of continuing graduate fellowships to earlier in the AY (e.g. to end of Fall), so submission & review will not coincide with recruitment fellowships. This revision will help balance committee workload.

Requested Action: VPDGE Hratchian will provide an update to Council members, and members will determine if review of continuing graduate fellowships should be moved up to the end of the Fall semester. If so, GC is to determine a date.

VII. Consultation with VPDGE Hratchian – 1:00pm – 1:15pm

- A. Postdoc Appreciation Week
- B. Grad student recruitment initiatives
- C. Grad Group funding

VIII. New Business? – 1:15pm – 1:20pm

IX. Executive Session – 1:20pm – 1:30pm