

Undergraduate Council (UGC)

**Revised Agenda
Tuesday, September 27, 2022
10:30am – 12:00pm**

Zoom Information:

<https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/84479214389>

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I. Consent Calendar – 10:30am – 10:35am

- A. The Agenda
- B. [September 13 meeting minutes](#)
- C. [ELWR Petition Review Timeline](#)

II. VPDUE Frey’s Report – 10:35am – 10:55am**A. Course barrier data**

At the September 13, 2022 UGC meeting, VPDUE Frey shared data about the impact of pre-requisite and other course management barriers on students and staff. Today, VPDUE Frey will continue the discussion and answer any questions.

B. Laptop Policy

VPDUE Frey would like to propose a campus-wide adoption of a laptop policy modeled after that of the School of Engineering’s policy.

SoE Laptop Policy

In order to support student success, the School of Engineering (SOE) is communicating minimum hardware specifications for student laptops effective August 2019.

Procurement of a computer that meets these specifications will improve a student’s success by facilitating connectivity to the University’s network, which enables the execution of tasks assigned in most engineering classes, thereby cultivating the skill development necessary for acclimation into today’s workplace.

VPDUE Frey’s proposal for policy and implementation:

- All UC Merced undergraduate students are required to have a personal laptop computer. This laptop must meet university designated minimum specifications [LINK to site which will be updated annually with appropriate specifications]. Students may be required by instructors to utilize a laptop in class.
- Beginning Fall 2023, all incoming freshmen and transfer students are required to have a laptop. This will continue to roll out to incoming students each year.

Requested Action: Members are to engage in discussion and determine whether a campus-wide laptop policy should be established and what constituencies should be consulted prior to policy development.

III. Campus and Systemwide Review Items – All – 10:55am – 11:05am

A. [Entry Level Writing Requirement Task Force Report and Recommendations](#) – 11:20am – 11:30am

Lead Reviewer: Eileen Camfield

Member Camfield solicited comments from the Writing Studies faculty. Associate Director of the Merritt Writing Program (MWP) Samantha Ocena provided comments, available [here](#). A deadline of October 7, 2022 was given for all Writing Studies faculty to provide their feedback, and UGC Analyst will share all comments with UGC.

UGC Member and UCOPE Representative Francois Blanchette also provided comments, available [here](#).

Requested Action: UGC to discuss lead reviewer’s comments and associated comments. UGC Analyst will share with members any additional comments received from the Writing Studies faculty.

Deadline: Thursday, October 13, 2022.

IV. Approval of Courses –Ryan Baxter, Felicia Lopez, Alexander Petersen – 11:05am – 11:20am

Courses are available at the links below.

1. [EE - 001 - Electrical Engineering Introductory Seminar](#)
2. [ME - 143 - Introduction to Drones](#)
3. [CSE - 190 - Topics in Computer Science and Engineering](#)

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

IV. Campus and Systemwide Review Items – All – 11:20am – 11:35am

A. [Revision to Senate Regulation 630 – Residency](#) – 11:20am – 11:30am

Lead Reviewer: Francois Blanchette

Lead Reviewer’s comments, in collaboration with Registrar Webb, are available [here](#).

Requested Action: UGC to discuss the lead reviewer’s comments.

Deadline: Thursday, October 13, 2022.

B. New Review Items – 11:30am – 11:35am1. Campus Review – [Creation of a Philosophy Department](#)

The policy governing the establishment of new departments is available [here](#).

CAP, CAPRA, CRE, GC, and UGC are lead reviewers.

Requested Action: Identify a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer will send their comments to UGC Analyst by Monday, Friday, October 7, 2022.

Deadline for comments to the Senate Chair: Friday, October 21, 2022.

2. Campus Review Item – [UCM Centers Policy](#)

This year's CoR, in conjunction with Assistant EVC/Provost Laura Martin and CoR ex-officio member Interim VCORED Marjorie Zatz, revised former Provost Peterson's policy for the establishment of Centers at UC Merced in response to the Senate's 2015 comments. All Senate Committees are invited to review the updated policy.

Requested Action: Determine if UGC would like to opine. If UGC decides to opine, identify a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer will send their comment to UGC Analyst by Monday, October 3, 2022.

Deadline for comments to the Senate Chair: Friday, October 21, 2022

3. Systemwide Review Item – [Presidential Policy on Vaccination Programs](#)

The policy consolidates existing systemwide vaccination requirements (other than the Student Immunization Policy) into a systemwide policy with Program Attachments for the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program and the Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Program.

Requested Action: Determine if UGC would like to opine. If UGC decides to opine, identify a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer will send their comment to UGC Analyst by Friday, October 14, 2022.

Deadline for comments to the Senate Chair: Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

The UGC Weekly Digest is available in our shared box folder [here](#).

V. Consultation with SNS Dean Dumont and Dr. Margo Vener – 11:35am – 11:55am

A. Progress in Medical Education

VI. New Business? – 11:55am – 12:00pm