

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)

## AGENDA

Monday, January 24, 2022

1:30 – 2:45 PM

(Executive Session 2:45-3:00PM)

**Zoom Only**Zoom URL: <https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/8312699469>Documents available in [box](#)  
[Graduate Council Duties](#)

- I. Chair's Report (1:30-1:40)—Chair Hestir**
- A. Welcome new member, Fred Wolf
  - B. CCGA (1/5)
  - C. PROC (1/20)
  - D. Campus and Systemwide Review Requests
  - E. GC Staff Support
- II. Vice Chair's Report (1:40-1:50)— Vice Chair Ha**
- A. Graduate Group Chairs Meeting (12/28/21, 1/20/22)
- III. Consent Calendar (1:50-1:50)—Chair Hestir**
- A. The agenda (1/24/22)
  - B. Minutes from the 12/14/21 meeting
  - C. Revised Graduate Group Bylaws Template
- Action Requested:** Approval of the Consent Calendar
- IV. Campus Review Items (1:50-2:00)—Chair Hestir**
- A. Community and Labor Center (CLC) Organized Research Unit (ORU) Proposal  
The ORU proposal was previously reviewed by CoR and DivCo (links to relevant correspondences are available from this document). During a recent Senate-Administrative leadership meeting, it was agreed that the review of this proposal be relaunched. The policy for the establishment and review of ORU proposals is available here.
- Action Requested:** Transmit review memo to the Senate Chair by February 4, 2022.
- V. Discussion Item: Emergency Educational Continuity Policy (2:00-2:10)—Chair Hestir**
- GC approved the EEC policy on April 14, 2020, which gives Graduate Groups the flexibility to lower their degree requirements to the minimum stated in GPPH during ECC, plus one full semester afterwards. ECC expired at the end of Spring 2021, making EEC expire at the end of Fall 2021. As DivCo voted in favor of declaring emergency for Spring 2022 without the ECC addenda, it is not clear if the EEC policy is in effect.
- Action Requested:** GC decides on whether the EEC policy is in effect during Spring 2022.
- VI. Discussion Item: Online Course Proposal Review Policy (2:10-2:30)—CPS Chair McCloskey**
- The Course Proposal Subcommittee reviewed the UGC proposal for revising the Course Request and Approval Policy and the Supplemental Questions documents. CPS met with UGC to finalize the proposed changes. These changes will need to be reflected in Curriculog, which is typically updated on a yearly basis during summer.

**Action Requested:** Approval of the proposed changes.

**VII. Consultation with Vice Provost/Dean of Graduate Education (2:30-2:45) —Interim VPDGE Chris Kello**

- A. Geographical Boundaries for *in absentia* Status
- B. Upcoming Mentor Training
- C. Admissions Update
- D. Graduate Student Visitation Weekend

**VIII. New Business?**

**IX. Informational Item**

**X. Executive Session (2:45-3:00)—Chair Hestir**

Executive Session Agenda and materials are provided to the prospective attendees.