

[Admissions and Financial Aid Committee \(AFAC\)](#)

Revised Agenda
Friday, October 28, 2022
9:00am – 10:15am

Zoom Information:

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- I. Chair’s Report – Chair Eaton – 9:00am – 9:05am**
 - A. October 4 and 18 Divisional Council Meetings
 - B. October 7 BOARS meeting
 - C. Email voting

- II. Consent Calendar – Chair Eaton - 9:05am – 9:10am**
 - A. The Agenda
 - B. [September 23 meeting minutes](#)

- III. Report from the Office of Admissions – Dustin Noji and Ruben Lubers – 9:10am – 9:20am**
 - A. [Approval of admissions selection process and scoring for Fall 2023](#)

The Office of Admissions is requesting AFAC’s endorsement to continue using the same first-year selection scoring criteria from Fall 2022.

Requested Action: Voting members vote to endorse the admissions selection process and scoring for Fall 2023.

 - B. [Review of the UC Merced Guidelines for Admission by Exception](#)

This update includes minor modifications to clarify when requirements should be completed, as well as some revisions to the lower division A by E requirements institute last year. Proposed revisions are available [here](#).

Requested Action: Voting members vote to endorse the proposed revisions to UC Merced Guidelines for Admission by Exception.

- IV. AFAC AY 22-23 Priorities – Chair Eaton – 9:20am – 9:30am**

Chair Eaton would like to solicit volunteers to begin leading the work on one of AFAC’s prioritized issues, listed below.

 1. Help UCM employees and students use expanded public service loan forgiveness and executive action.

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2. Secure ongoing funds from UC system and the state to continue debt-free enrollment growth.
3. Assure UC Merced implementation and UC-wide Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) implementation of a new ethnic studies A-H admissions requirement for high school and transfer students.
4. Cancel institutional student debts owed to UCM by students and not covered by Biden executive action.
5. Partner with the Degree Completion Program on financial aid solutions for re-enrolling stop-out students, including those previously barred from enrollment by institutional debts.

Requested Action: Members engage in discussion and determine which prioritized issue to address. Solicit volunteer(s) to begin working on the issue.

V. Campus Review Items – Chair Eaton – 9:30am – 9:40am

A. [Proposal for a Minor in Aerospace](#)

Undergraduate Council's Policy for the establishment of Minors is available [here](#).

Lead Reviewer: Yang Lor

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

Requested Action: AFAC to discuss lead reviewer's comments. If members do not have any additional comments, voting members vote to endorse the memo.

Deadline for comments to the Senate Chair: Friday, November 4, 2022.

B. [Proposal for a B.S. in Biochemical and Biomolecular Engineering](#)

Undergraduate Council's Policy for the Review and Approval of Undergraduate Degree Programs is available [here](#).

Lead Reviewer: Mike Cleary

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

Requested Action: AFAC to discuss lead reviewer's comments. If members do not have any additional comments, voting members vote to endorse the memo.

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

C. [Proposal for a B.S. in Chemical Engineering](#)

Undergraduate Council's Policy for the Review and Approval of Undergraduate Degree Programs is available [here](#).

Lead Reviewer: Chair Eaton

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

Requested Action: AFAC to discuss lead reviewer's comments. If members do not have any additional comments, voting members vote to endorse the memo.

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

VI. Any Other Business – 9:40am – 9:45am

VII. Update on Institutional Student Debt – Chair Eaton, Member Spencer, and UC Irvine Professor Dalié Jiminez – 9:45am – 10:15am

Chair Eaton will provide an update on institutional student debts and discuss potential recommendations to transmit to DivCo. UC Irvine Professor Dalié Jiminez will join the meeting at 10:00am to provide additional information.

Requested Action: Members engage in discussion and suggest recommendations to DivCo.

VIII. Informational Items will be regularly uploaded on the “Informational Items” AFAC Box Folder [here](#).