

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)

AGENDA

Monday, March 28, 2022

1:30 – 2:20 PM

Zoom Only

Zoom URL:<https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/8312699469>

Zoom Phone:1 669 900 6833, Meeting ID: 8312699469

Documents available in [box](#)[Graduate Council Duties](#)**I. Vice Chair's Report (1:30-1:40)—Vice Chair Ha**

- A. Graduate Group Chairs Meeting (3/17)

II. Consent Calendar (1:40-1:40)—Vice Chair Ha

- A. The agenda (3/28/22)
- B. [Minutes from the 2/28/22 meeting](#)
- C. [Catalog Entries](#)
- D. Course Proposals
(NEW)
[ES - 242 - Geospatial Analysis for Watershed Science and Management](#)
- (REVISED)
[QSB - 399 - University Teaching](#)
- E. [Revised Form for the Approval of Petition to Appoint a Graduate Student as Teaching Fellow for Upper Division Undergraduate Courses](#)
- F. Petitions for Graduate Students to Teach an Upper Division Courses
[Bolter, Abigail PSY 145 202220](#)
[Dayer, Alex COGS-PHIL 110 202220](#)
[Oh, Hyunsu SOC 180 202220](#)

III. Graduate Division Updates (1:40-2:00)—Interim VPDGE Chris Kello

- A. Update on Admissions, SIR yields
- B. Budget model continued

IV. Consultation with Director of Admissions & Academic Services Tsu Ya (2:00-2:15)

- A. [Graduate Student "Full Time" Status](#)
- B. "Credit by Examination"

Requested action: GC to consider reverting to the [systemwide policy](#) (i.e., no longer using the definitions listed in the Catalog, wherein "full time" is 8 units, "part time" is 6 units for graduate students).

V. New Business? (2:15-2:20)

- A. [SR 520 and 454](#)
SR 520 states that Entering foreign graduate students are required to pass the regular examination in English required of entering foreign undergraduate students. Some members of CoGD advocate for abolishing the English language testing requirement altogether, whereas others advocate for either rewording it.

Requested Action: GC members to discuss their ideas.

B. Awards Subcommittee - [Distinguished Graduate Teaching/Mentorship Award](#).

Selection Process: The Graduate Council (GC) will form an ad-hoc committee from its membership to serve as the GC Awards Committee.

Membership will include:

- A minimum of three Senate faculty (balanced representation from a range of academic areas and broad school representation)
- If additional expertise is needed, non-GC committee members will be appointed by Chair Hestir

Requested Action: Establish a subcommittee for the Graduate Teaching/Mentorship Award. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, March 31, 2022 and the deadline for the subcommittee to provide their recommendation is Monday, April 11, 2022.

VI. **Executive Session: Bioengineering P&Ps and Continuing Student Fellowship (2:20-3:00)**

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