

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)**REVISED AGENDA****Friday, January 20, 2023****2:20pm – 3:30pm****ZOOM ONLY**<https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/88468341321>

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- I. Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 2:00pm – 2:20pm**

- II. Consent Calendar – Chair Scheibner – 2:20pm – 2:25pm**
 - A. Agenda
 - B. [December 14 Meeting Minutes](#)
 - C. Courses
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- III. Chair’s Report – Michael Scheibner - 2:25pm – 2:30pm**
 - A. January 4 CCGA Meeting

- IV. VPDGE Hratchian’s Report – 2:30pm – 2:40pm**
 - A. Grad Visitation Weekend Planning
 - B. Continuing and Recruitment fellowships

- V. [Proposal for a Concentration in Computational and Theoretical Biology](#) – Chair Scheibner – 2:40pm – 2:50pm**

On November 15, 2022, GC voting members voted in favor of the Quantitative and Systems Biology (QSB) Department’s proposal for a Concentration in Computational and Theoretical Biology (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, 2 ballots not returned).

On November 21, 2022, the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA) and Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) Laura Martin were invited to review the proposal, and their comments are provided below.

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[CAPRA's comments](#)

[ALO Martin's comments](#)

In light of the feedback received from CAPRA and ALO Martin, GC Analyst and Chair Scheibner drafted a memo to the proposers, available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members to review and vote to approve the draft memo re: Proposal for a Concentration in Computational and Theoretical Biology.

VI. Revised Proposal for a Master of Data Science and Analytics – Chair Scheibner and Member Nobile – 2:50pm – 3:05pm

Lead Reviewer: Clarissa Nobile

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

Review of New and Continuing Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs is available [here](#) starting on page 45.

The proposal was initially submitted to GC in October 2020. The original proposal along with GC's November 2020 response is available [here](#). GC transmitted an additional memo in April 2021, which includes comments from CAPRA, CoR, EDI (formerly DE), and LASC, available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members to discuss the revised proposal for a Master of Data Science and Analytics and ensure that all comments have been adequately addressed. Members to determine whether CAPRA, CoR, EDI (formerly DE), and LASC are to review the revised proposal. If no concerns, members vote to endorse the revised proposal.

VII. Cross-Campus Academic Graduate Courses – Chair Scheibner and VPDGE Hratchian - 3:05pm – 3:15pm

On January 12, 2023, Chair Scheibner was informed of an opportunity for UCM Engineering graduate students to enroll in two cross-campus graduate courses offered through the IoT4Ag Engineering Research Center. UCM tuition would be paid and the students would enroll in the UPenn or Florida courses. Last Spring, two IoT4Ag UCM graduate student researchers enrolled in and attended the UPenn Sensors class (ESE 515) via a UCM independent study (295/290 course); the courses were processed as XX299 independent study, and the advisor/ advisee determined whether to count the units towards degree requirements.

On January 13, 2023, Chair Scheibner consulted with the Registrar regarding approval processes. Registrar Webb stated that if these students enrolled through UC Merced independent study or special topics courses, there would have been no requirement for these courses from outside institutions to go through the CRF process.

Requested Action: Today, Chair Scheibner and VPDGE Hratchian would like to discuss with the membership, the development of a policy and determine whether such requests are to be submitted through the normal CRF process in Curriculog.

VIII. Anonymous Graduate Student Survey – Member Arevalo – 3:15pm – 3:25pm

During the November 9 GC meeting, two graduate students discussed the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic, BSP building shutdown, and the Oracle Ordering System have had on their research and progress to degree. Members agreed to develop an anonymous survey for other graduate students to indicate the impacts that these three things have had on their research and progress to degree.

During the November 30 and December 14 GC meetings, members discussed member Arevalo's proposed questions, and recommended revisions. The most recently updated version of the list of questions is available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members to discuss the updated list of questions. If there are no further recommended revisions, voting members vote to endorse the list of questions.

IX. Any Other Business? – 3:25pm – 3:30pm