

**Undergraduate Council (UGC)****Agenda****Friday, January 27, 2023****1:00pm – 2:25pm****Zoom Information:**<https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/83505891532>**Meeting ID:** 835 0589 1532**One tap mobile:** +16694449171,,83505891532# US

- I. Chair’s Report – 1:00pm – 1:10pm**
  - A. January 9 and 23 UCEP Meetings
  - B. January 23 DivCo Meeting
  
- II. Consent Calendar – 1:10pm – 1:15pm**
  - A. The Agenda
  - B. [November 29 meeting minutes](#)
  - C. [December 6 meeting minutes](#)
  
- III. [Campus Review Item – Proposal for Electrical Engineering Department](#) – Member Leslie – 1:15pm – 1:25pm**

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

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

**Lead Reviewer:** Michelle Leslie  
Lead reviewer’s comments are available [here](#).

**Requested Action:** Members to discuss the proposal and lead reviewer's comments.  
**Deadline for comments to the Senate Chair:** Friday, February 3, 2023.
  
- IV. Honors Program Proposal<sup>1</sup> – Chair Moyes – 1:25pm – 1:40pm**

During the February 18, 2022 UGC meeting, members discussed the initial draft of the Honors Program Proposal, and the proposal was submitted for campus review in April 2022. Throughout Summer 2022 and Fall 2022, members of the Honors Program Working Group met to discuss the comments received and to revise the proposal accordingly. On January 12, 2023, members of the Honors Program Working Group endorsed [draft 9 of the Honors Program Proposal](#).

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<sup>1</sup> Recusals: Holley Moyes, Ryan Baxter, Heather Bortfeld, Eileen Camfield, Valerie Leppert

**Comments:**[CAPRA](#)[COR](#)[GC](#)[Library](#)[ALO](#)[GE](#)[SNS Dean](#)[SoE Dean](#)[SSHA Dean](#)[SSHA EC](#)[SSHA CC](#)[VPDUE](#)[EVC/Provost](#)

**Requested Action:** Members to vote in executive session to endorse draft 9 of the Honors Program Proposal.

**V. Update on Summer Online – Ryan Baxter, Heather Bortfeld, Alejandro Gutierrez, and Holley Moyes – 1:40pm – 1:50pm**

On January 19, 2023, Chair Moyes, CRF Subcommittee members, Policy Subcommittee members, and School Curriculum Managers met to discuss the approval processes and an extended deadline for faculty to submit Summer 2024 online course proposals.

**Requested Action:** Today, participants will debrief the membership on the January 19 discussion and determine next steps.

**VI. VCSA Nies' Report – 1:50pm – 1:55pm**

A. Campus enrollment and admissions outreach efforts for next year's class.

**VII. Consultation with Chair of the Data Science Working Group and the Applied Mathematics Department, Suzanne Sindi – New Data Science Major Proposal – 1:55pm – 2:05pm**

**VIII. Approval of Courses – Ryan Baxter, Felicia Lopez, Alexander Petersen – 2:05pm – 2:20pm**

Courses are available at the links below.

1. [AE - 174 - Aeroelasticity](#)
2. [BIO - 012 - Introduction to Organismal Biology](#)
3. [BIO - 119 - Fantastic Microbiomes and How to Study Them](#)

4. [USTU - 030 - Research Experience Skill Development](#)

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

**IX. New Business – All – 2:20pm – 2:25pm**

**X. Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 2:25pm – 2:30pm**