

**GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)**

**AGENDA**

**Friday, February 3, 2023**

**2:15pm – 3:30pm**

**ADMIN 245**

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[Graduate Council Duties](#)

- I. Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 2:00pm – 2:15pm**
  
- II. Consent Calendar – Chair Scheibner – 2:15pm –2:20pm**
  - A. Agenda
  - B. [January 20 meeting minutes](#)
  - C. Courses  
[REVISED]  
[EECS - 257 - Signal Processing for Internet of Things](#)  
[QSB - 214 - Tissue Engineering Design](#)
  
- III. Chair’s Report – Michael Scheibner - 2:20pm – 2:30pm**
  - A. January 23 DivCo Meeting
  - B. February 1 CCGA Meeting
  
- IV. Vice Chair’s Report – John Abatzoglou – 2:30pm – 2:35pm**
  - A. February 1 Grad Chairs Meeting
  
- V. Awards Subcommittee - Distinguished Graduate Teaching/Mentorship Award – Chair Scheibner –2:35pm – 2:40pm**

**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 Scheibner.

**Requested Action:** Establish a subcommittee for the Graduate Teaching/Mentorship Award. The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 24, 2023 and the winners of all Senate awards will be announced at the Spring Meeting of the Division (date TBD). The deadline for the subcommittee to

provide their recommendation will be determined once the Spring Meeting of the Division date is finalized.

VI. **[Policy for the Establishment of UC Merced Extension Non-Degree Programs](#)** – Chair Scheibner – 2:40pm – 2:45pm

The policy was approved by GC on November 17, 2020 and is to be revisited every three years.

**Requested Action:** Members to engage in discussion and recommend revisions to the policy. If no recommended revisions, voting members vote to endorse the policy.

VII. **Discussion: [It's Time for a Professionalized Research University](#)** – Chair Scheibner and VPDGE Hratchian – 2:45pm – 2:55pm

On January 24, 2023, UC Irvine Graduate Dean Gillian Hayes published a letter in Inside Higher Ed framing the landscape that will largely dictate the challenges and opportunities all of higher education will be working through with respect to graduate education in the months and years ahead.

For additional information, please see the [LA Times Article - How Will Uc Pay for Historic Raises?](#) shared by CCGA Chair Erith Jaffe-Berg during the February 1 CCGA meeting regarding the future of graduate education and research course syllabi.

**Requested Action:** Members to engage in discussion on the future of graduate education in general and on research course syllabi.

VIII. **Anonymous Graduate Student Survey – Member Arevalo and Graduate Division Research Analyst Michael Gonzalez – 2:55pm – 3:10pm**

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, December 14, and January 20 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](#). Graduate Division Research Analyst (GDRA) Michael Gonzalez shared the [2021 systemwide graduate student survey](#), which includes questions directly related to graduate students' experience during the pandemic.

Today, GDRA Gonzalez is joining the meeting to further discuss the upcoming systemwide [UC Graduate Student Survey](#) (UCGSES) and GC's proposed survey.

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

**IX. VPDGE Hratchian's Report – 3:10pm – 3:25pm**

**X. Any Other Business? – 3:25pm – 3:30pm**