

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)**AGENDA****Friday, March 3, 2023****2:05pm – 3:30pm****ADMIN 245**

Documents available in [box](#)
[Graduate Council Duties](#)

- I. Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 2:00pm – 2:05pm**
- II. Consent Calendar – Chair Scheibner – 2:05pm – 2:10pm**
- A. Agenda
 - B. [February 17 Meeting Minutes](#)
 - C. Courses
[NEW]
[EECS - 266 - Advanced Distributed Systems](#)
[PH - 222 - Social Epidemiology: Social Determinants and Population Health Methods](#)
 - D. Proposed revision to Graduate Policies and Procedures Handbook (GPPH) to include that 1-11 units is considered part-time enrollment for graduate students.
 - a. Student enrolled in 7-11 units: Student needs to get exception for part-time status from Grad Dean; student pays **full tuition fee** for 7-11 units.
 - b. Student enrolled in 1-6 units: Student needs to get exception for part-time status from Grad Dean; student pays **reduced tuition fee** for 1-6 units. Only students who receive an approved part-time form from the Graduate Dean for 1-6 units get the reduced tuition.
 - E. [Draft Call – Mackenzie Scott Gift funds](#)
- III. Chair’s Report – Michael Scheibner - 2:10pm – 2:20pm**
- A. February 22 New School Process Work Group Meeting
 - B. March 1 CCGA Meeting
- IV. Vice Chair’s Report – John Abatzoglou – 2:20pm – 2:25pm**
- A. March 1 Grad Chairs Meeting
- V. Update on GC’s Proposed Policy for Undergraduate/Graduate Hybrid Degree Programs – Chair Scheibner – 2:25pm – 2:40pm**
- At the October 19 and November 16 GC meetings, members discussed the development of a policy for reviewing and proposing blended degree programs.

On November 30, 2022, members recommended edits to the [draft Policy for the Establishment of Undergraduate/Graduate Hybrid Degree Programs](#), prepared by the Policy Subcommittee, and modeled after [UC Riverside’s policy](#). Members also recommended edits to [GC’s Procedures for Submitting](#)

[Proposals for Proposals for Graduate Programs and Undergraduate/Graduate Hybrid Degree Programs.](#)

On December 16, 2022, GC members endorsed both documents.

On December 16, 2022, AFAC and UGC were invited to review the draft policy and GC’s Procedures for Submitting Proposals for Graduate Programs and Undergraduate/Graduate Hybrid Degree Programs.

Comments:[AFAC](#)[UGC](#)**VPDUE Frey and VPDGE Hratchian**

Requested Action: Members to discuss comments from AFAC and UGC.

VI. [Research Course Syllabi](#) – Chair Scheibner and VPDGE Hratchian – 2:40pm – 2:50pm

At the December 14, February 3, and February 17 GC meetings, members discussed the development of repositories with research course syllabi templates, GSR workplan templates, as well as other expectations templates for faculty to use to provide guidance for students engaged in graduate research.

Several research course syllabi and Chair Scheibner’s Expectations document have been uploaded into the [GC AY 22-23 shared box folder](#).

Requested Action: Members to continue the discussion, and Chair Scheibner will debrief the membership of the March 1 CCGA meeting discussion.

VII. Anonymous Graduate Student Survey – Member Arevalo – 2:50pm – 3:00pm

Graduate Division Research Analyst (GDRA) Michael Gonzalez joined the February 3 GC meeting and shared the [2021 systemwide graduate student survey](#), which includes questions directly related to graduate students’ experience during the pandemic.

On February 24, 2023, Chair Scheibner, Member Arevalo, and GDRA Gonzalez met to reduce the number of questions currently listed in GC’s draft survey. The revised list of questions is available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members to discuss the final list of questions. If there are no further recommended revisions, voting members vote to endorse the list of questions. Members also determine if a separate survey should be sent to postdocs.

VIII. Discussion: Development of a Graduate Education Work Group – Chair Scheibner – 3:00pm – 3:15pm

At the February 3 GC meeting, members agreed to a further a discussion on the development of a Work Group comprised of GC, CoR, CAPRA, and UGC members to collaborate and develop models for UC Merced’s plan of action during future strikes.

At the February 17 GC meeting, members discussed EVC/Provost Camfield’s and Chancellor Muñoz’s

draft memo, available [here](#).

Main areas of focus:

- What graduate education should look like
- Budget
- Grants
- Serving the institutional educational mission and impact on TAs and undergrads
- Building up faculty leadership (what does it mean at the dept level).

Requested Action: Members to engage in further discussion regarding the membership and charge of the Work Group.

IX. VPDGE Hratchian's Report – 3:15pm – 3:25pm

- A. Admissions update
- B. Fellowship update
- C. Summer Bridge
- D. Grad Visitation Weekend (March 17, 2023)
- E. Postdoc Academy

XI. Upcoming Business and Any Other Business – 3:25pm – 3:30pm

- A. Certificate Program Proposal