

**Undergraduate Council (UGC)****Revised Agenda****Monday, April 24, 2023****1:30pm – 2:45pm****Zoom Information:**<https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/84321307161>**Meeting ID:** 843 2130 7161**One tap mobile:** +16699006833,,84321307161# US (San Jose)

- I. Consent Calendar – All - 1:30pm – 1:35pm**
  - A. The Agenda
  - B. [April 10 Meeting Minutes](#)
  
- II. Chair’s Report – Heather Bortfeld – 1:35pm – 1:40pm**
  - A. April 17 DivCo Meeting
  
- III. Approval of Courses – Ryan Baxter, Felicia Lopez, Alexander Petersen – 1:40pm – 1:50pm**

Courses are available at the links below. The CRF Subcommittee’s recommendations are available [here](#).

Previously reviewed and sent back to School during the April 10, 2023 UGC meeting:

1. [ENGR - 091 - Professional Development: People in an Engineered World](#)

New/revised courses pending UGC’s review:

2. [CRES - 040 - Introduction to Black Studies](#)
3. [ENGR - 091 - Professional Development: People in an Engineered World](#)

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

- IV. Review of AY 23-24 Catalog Updates – Santosh Chandrasekhar, Francois Blanchette, and Felicia Lopez - 1:50pm – 2:00pm**

SSHA: <https://ucmerced.box.com/s/yq3ei3bjjuv59k1jhxl57ycdtmqqlqba3>

SoE: <https://ucmerced.box.com/s/k1p1ltrzrg6egcf687trul5laecjodyf>

SNS: <https://ucmerced.box.com/s/xs3tkyx10v2mcit2bajbmm71r7z26uc5>

GE: <https://ucmerced.box.com/s/amtfe916j1n5g2603xhj2d7mncrvu4t>

The Catalog Review Committee's comments are available [here](#).

**Requested Action:** Catalog Subcommittee provides its recommendations on the AY 23 – 24 Catalog Updates. UGC approves the Catalog Updates and notifies the Registrar by May 1, 2023.

**V. Campus Review Items – 2:00pm – 2:35pm**

The policy governing the review and approval of Undergraduate Degree Programs is available [here](#).

**A. [SNS B.S. and Minor in Data Science and Computing](#) – Ryan Baxter and Michelle Leslie**

**Lead Reviewers:** Ryan Baxter and Michelle Leslie  
Lead reviewers' assessment is available [here](#).

**Comments:**

[CAPRA](#)

[LASC](#)

[SSHA CC](#)

[ALO](#)

[EVC/Provost](#)

[VPDUE](#)

The following were invited to review the proposal but have not shared any comments:  
AFAC  
SoE EC

**Requested Action:** Members discuss the proposal and lead reviewers' assessment, along with the SoE B.A. in Data Science and Analytics proposal and associated comments. Voting Members to vote in executive session to endorse the proposal if there is consensus.

**B. [SoE B.A. in Data Science and Analytics](#)<sup>1</sup> – Ryan Baxter and Michelle Leslie**

The proposal and associated comments were discussed at the April 10 UGC meeting, and members agreed to discuss it again along with the review of the SNS B.S. in Data Science and Computing major proposal.

**Lead Reviewers:** Ryan Baxter and Michelle Leslie  
Lead reviewers' assessment is available [here](#).

**Comments:**

[AFAC](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Recusal: Alexander Petersen

[CAPRA](#)  
[NSEC](#)  
[ALO](#)  
[EVC/Provost](#)  
[VPDUE](#)

**Requested Action:** Members discuss the proposal and lead reviewer's assessment. Voting Members to vote in executive session to endorse the proposal if there is consensus.

C. **[SSHA B.A. Degree and Minor in Environmental Humanities](#)** – Alexander Petersen

**Lead Reviewer:** Alexander Petersen  
Lead reviewer's assessment is available [here](#).

**Comments:**

[CAPRA](#)  
[ALO](#)  
[EVC/Provost](#)

The following were invited to review the proposal but have not shared any comments:

AFAC  
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NSEC  
SoE EC

**Requested Action:** Members discuss the proposal and lead reviewer's assessment. Voting Members to vote in executive session to endorse the proposal if there is consensus.

D. **[SSHA B.S. Degree in Public Health](#)** – Heather Bortfeld

**Lead Reviewer:** Heather Bortfeld  
Lead reviewer's assessment is available [here](#).

**Comments:**

[CAPRA](#)  
[ALO](#)  
[EVC/Provost](#)  
[VPDUE](#)

The following were invited to review the proposal but have not shared any comments:

AFAC  
NSEC  
SoE EC

**Requested Action:** Members discuss the proposal and lead reviewer's assessment. Voting Members to vote in executive session to endorse the proposal if there is consensus.

E. **[SSHA Cognitive & Information Sciences Honors Program](#)** – Francois Blanchette

**Lead Reviewer:** Francois Blanchette  
Lead reviewer's assessment is available [here](#).

**Comments:**

[CAPRA](#)

[LASC](#)

[ALO](#)

[EVC/Provost](#)

[VPDUE](#)

The following were invited to review the proposal but have not shared any comments:

AFAC

NSEC

SoE EC

**Requested Action:** Members discuss the proposal and lead reviewer's assessment. Voting Members to vote in executive session to endorse the proposal if there is consensus.

VI. **Systemwide Review - [Best Practices for Using Chat in Virtual Academic Senate Meetings](#)** – Chair Bortfeld – 2:35pm – 2:40pm

Academic Council issued a letter from UC Rules and Jurisdiction offering guidance for the use of chat in virtual Senate meetings. Senate committees have been invited to review the recommendations outlined in the memo, linked above.

**Requested Actions:** Members to discuss the memo and provide comments. If members have no concerns, vote in executive session to endorse the memo.

VII. **New Business – All – 2:40pm – 2:45pm**

VIII. **Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 2:45pm – 3:00pm**

IX. **Informational Items**

A. **[April 3 UCEP Meeting Update – Professor Moyes](#)**