**[Admissions and Financial Aid Committee](#)** (AFAC)

**Agenda**
**Thursday, May 4, 2023**
**10:30am – 11:45am**

**Zoom Information:**
[https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/85768234797](https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/85768234797)
**Meeting ID:** 857 6823 4797
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I.    **Consent Calendar – Chair Eaton – 10:30am – 10:35am**
    A.  The Agenda
    B.  [April 6 Meeting Minutes](#)

II.   **[Algebra 2 Admissions Requirement](#) – Chair Eaton – 10:35am – 10:40am**
There is strong momentum building across several other UC campuses, including Berkeley, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz, to keep Algebra 2 as a core requirement for UC admission, and the School of Engineering strongly advocates that it remains a core requirement for admission to UC-system universities. The SoE Executive Committee asks AFAC to advocate for this cause at BOARS.

**Requested Action:** Members to engage in discussion of the requested Algebra 2 admissions requirement. Members to determine next steps.

III.  **Admissions Update – Dustin Noji and Ruben Lubers - 10:40am – 10:50am**
    A.  [May 2023 A by E Report](#)
    B.  A by E Review policy and verification

**Requested Action:** Voting members vote to approve the May 2023 A by E Report. Director Noji will explain the A by E Review policy and verification, and members to determine next steps.

IV.   **Systemwide Review Items – All – 10:50am – 10:55am**
    A.  [AMP 210-Review and Appraisal Committees](#)
    The proposed changes include the addition of mentoring to criteria and assessment, revisions to evaluation and evidence of teaching and mentoring effectiveness, contributions to diversity, equity, inclusion, and equal opportunity for policy-covered librarians, minor additions of numbering for clarity, and technical revisions for grammatical consistency.

**Requested Action:** Decide if AFAC wants to opine. If AFAC decides to opine, identify a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer will send their comments to AFAC Analyst by Monday, May 22, 2023.

B. [APM 710, Leaves of Absence/Sick Leave/Medical Leave](#)
The proposed changes are largely technical revisions to add a designated person for family and medical leave due to changes to the California Family Rights Act (CFRA), effective January 1, 2023. The proposed substantive change to **710-20 Use of Proposed Sick Leave** allows academic appointees to use accrued sick leave for medical appointments or illness of a designated person.

**Requested Action:** Decide if AFAC wants to opine. If AFAC decides to opine, identify a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer will send their comments to AFAC Analyst by Monday, May 22, 2023.

V. **Follow-up on Student Academic Activity – Chair Eaton and Member Yarra – 10:55am – 11:10am**
Chair Eaton, member Yarra, Director Radney, Provost Camfield, Chancellor's Advisor Zatz, VCSA Nies, and the new Chief Information Officer Nick Dugan met on April 18 to discuss student academic activity.

**Requested Action:** Today, Chair Eaton and member Yarra will provide an update on their discussion and ask for a volunteer to work with CIO staff and Financial Aid staff on any CatCourse modifications to improve academic activity tracking. Discuss with financial aid staff when/how to set up twice-yearly reports on institutional debt occurrences to track progress.

VI. **Chair's Report – Chair Eaton – 11:10am – 11:25am**
 A. April 17 and May 1 DivCo Meetings – financial challenges and shared governance.
 B. Ethnic studies admissions requirement
 C. [Institutional Student Debt](#)
 D. PSLF
 E. Debt Free UC
 F. Review of new majors and enrollment growth

VII. **AFAC Business Wrap-up – Chair Eaton – 11:25am – 11:40am**
Conclude the semester and discuss ways for improving AFAC business next year.

VIII. **Any Other Business – 11:40am – 11:45am**

**IX.**      **Executive Session – Voting Members Only - 11:45am – 12:00pm**

**X.**      **Informational Items** will be regularly uploaded on the "Informational Items" AFAC Box Folder here.