

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)

AGENDA

Monday, October 2, 2023

1:15pm – 2:30pm

ZOOM ONLY

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Zoom Information:

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I. Consent Calendar – Chair Scheibner – 1:15pm – 1:20pm

- A. Agenda
- B. [September 20 meeting minutes](#)

Requested Action: Approval of the consent calendar.

II. Chair’s Report – Michael Scheibner – 1:20pm – 1:30pm

- A. September 28 DivCo Meeting
- B. September 29 Shared Governance Retreat

III. Vice Chair’s Report – John Abatzoglou – 1:30pm – 1:35pm

- A. September 25 PROC Meeting

IV. Systemwide Review Items – All – 1:35pm – 1:45pm

- A. [Proposed New APM 672-Negotiated Salary Program](#)

The purpose of the Negotiated Salary Program (NSP) is to provide a mechanism for participating campuses to augment faculty compensation on a temporary basis according to the competitive requirements of academic disciplines.

Requested Action: Members discuss the proposed new APM 672-Negotiated Salary Program and determine whether GC should opine.

V. Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Survey Results – Rebeca Arevalo and Min Hwan Lee – 1:45pm – 2:00pm

At the September 20, 2023 GC meeting, member Lee provided a summary of the results of the graduate student and postdoctoral scholar surveys, available [here](#), which revealed the impacts that the COVID-19

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pandemic, BSP building shutdown, Oracle Ordering System, etc. have had on their research and progress to degree.

On September 29, 2023, members Lee and Arevalo met with Associate Dean of Graduate Education Ghosh to further discuss the survey results and to identify the top 3-4 impacts for GC to address first.

Requested Action: Members Arevalo and Lee will provide the committee with an update. Members determine which 3-4 impacts should be elevated to the attention of the administration to be addressed.

VI. Future of Graduate Education – Chair Scheibner – 2:00pm – 2:30pm

At the September 20, 2023 GC meeting, Chair Scheibner shared with members his ideas and questions regarding how to improve graduate education and better support all faculty at UC Merced. Members were invited to share their ideas with Chair Scheibner prior to today's meeting to better inform the discussion.

Today, GC will continue to discuss and identify particular situations, needs, and opportunities at UC Merced that pertain to the impacts from the new contracts.

Requested Action: Members engage in discussion and determine next steps.

VII. Any Other Business – 2:30pm – 2:35pm

VIII. Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 2:35pm – 2:45pm