

Undergraduate Council (UGC)**REVISED AGENDA****Thursday, October 12, 2023****1:00pm – 2:30pm****Zoom Information:****<https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/86804719979>****Meeting ID: 868 0471 9979****One tap mobile: +16694449171,,86804719979# US****I. Chair's Report – Heather Bortfeld – 1:00pm – 1:10pm**

- A. September 29 Shared Governance Retreat
- B. October 2 UCEP Meeting
- C. October 12 DivCo Meeting

II. Consent Calendar – 1:10pm – 1:15pm

- A. The Agenda
- B. [September 28 Meeting Minutes](#)

III. VPDUE Frey's Report – 1:15pm – 1:30pm

- A. Summer Session Holidays and Scheduling

Depending on the calendar, Juneteenth, July 4th, and Memorial Day may fall on the same day of the week and substantively reduce instructional time in UC Merced's condensed Summer terms. In AY 21-22, an advisory note was transmitted to all Curriculum Managers to encourage instructors to refrain from scheduling their classes on only one day a week or a MW pattern in order to avoid losing excessive instructional time.

VPDUE Frey would like to propose that the Registrar's Office transmit an advisory note every year to Curriculum Managers on behalf of UGC about the impact of holidays on summer course schedules.

Requested Action: Members discuss the proposal. Voting members vote on the proposal in the executive session.

- B. [First Semester Dismissal](#)

UGC has approved not academically dismissing first semester undergraduate students, but rather putting them on academic probation and providing them with an advising and academic support intervention.

VPDUE suggests that UGC either permanently approve the practice of not academically

dismissing students after their first semester or extend the temporary approval to not academically dismiss students after their first semester through Spring 2024.

Requested Action: Members discuss the potential change in practice of academic dismissal of first semester students. Voting members vote in executive session on whether to permanently approve the practice or extend the temporary approval through Spring 2024.

- IV. **[Proposed policy on Assignment of Faculty-Authored Course Materials](#) – Policy Subcommittee Members Ryan Baxter and Alejandro Gutierrez - 1:30pm – 1:50pm**
VPDUE Frey would like to request that UGC develop a policy for COI with textbook selection when the instructor is the author and receives royalties/profits.

The Policy Subcommittee met to discuss the proposed policy (linked above). Members Baxter's and Gutierrez's comments are available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members discuss VPDUE Frey's request and determine next steps.

- V. **Approval of Courses – All – 1:50pm – 2:05pm**
Courses are available at the links below. The CRF Subcommittee's recommendations are available [here](#).

1. [BIOE - 135 - Biochemistry for Engineers](#) (modify existing; Fall 2024)
2. [PHIL - 123 - Technology Ethics](#) (new; Fall 2024)
3. [PHYS - 108 - Thermal and Statistical Physics Core](#) (modify existing; Fall 2024)
4. [CHEM - 152 - Biochemistry Laboratory](#) (new; Spring 2025)

Prior approvals for an extension to the February 6, 2023 deadline for the following two courses are available [here](#).

5. [ENVE - 010 - Environment in Crisis](#) (modify existing; Spring 2024)
6. [PH - 181 - Public Health Research](#) (modify existing; Spring 2024)

Requested Action: Voting members vote to approve the courses.

- VI. **Any Other Business – 2:05pm – 2:10pm**

- VII. **Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 2:10pm – 2:30pm**