

Undergraduate Council (UGC)**AGENDA****Thursday, October 26, 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. October 16 UCEP Meeting
 - B. October 19 UCOPE Meeting
 - C. October 26 DivCo Meeting
- II. Consent Calendar – 1:10pm – 1:15pm**
- A. The Agenda
 - B. [October 12 Meeting Minutes](#)
- III. October 20 UCIE Meeting Update – Greg Wright – 1:15pm – 1:20pm**
- IV. Catalog Review Subcommittee – All - 1:20pm – 1:25pm**
Substantive revisions are available at the links below. Catalog updates are effective Fall 2024.
- SNS:** <https://ucmerced.box.com/s/mccy62b51aalqblktmrudmtl158ipyc>
SSHA: <https://ucmerced.box.com/s/sguvcu1tvjp3bx2lmwghxo1mnq1b05ew>
SOE: forthcoming.
HONORS: forthcoming.
GE: No substantial revisions.
- Requested Action:** Establish a UGC Catalog Review Committee (representation from each school). Once all Catalog sections are received, the Catalog Subcommittee will provide its recommendations on the AY 24-25 Catalog Updates. UGC will review and approve the Catalog Updates at the November 9 UGC meeting.
- V. First-year Flex Proposal – All - 1:25pm – 1:35pm**
On January 10, 2022, VPDUE Frey proposed to UGC several academic policy modifications to allow for first-year student exploration and academic recovery. The proposal is available [here](#).

On April 22, 2022, UGC approved three options to implement, available [here](#). To address these options, UGC recommended revisions to the Catalog and Senate Regulations PI.S2.B (Dropping a Course) and PI.S1.E (Passed/Not Passed), shown in tracked changes [here](#).

On November 9, 2022, the School Executive Committees were invited to review the proposal and UGC's recommendations. Their comments are available [here](#).

On March 15, 2023, former EVC/Provost Camfield transmitted a memo to Registrar Webb conveying his authorization of a modification to the University of California, Merced *Change of Major policy*, which addresses number 4 in UGC's options to implement. His memo is available [here](#).

On April 24, 2023, Chair Bortfeld met with VPDUE Frey, Registrar Web, School Curriculum Managers, and School Advising Directors. Minor revisions were made to the Regulations, available in tracked changes at the links below.

[Senate Regulation: Part I, Section 2, B. – Dropping a Course](#)
[Senate Regulation: Part I, Section 1, E - Passed/Not Passed \(P/NP\)](#)

Requested Action: Voting members vote in executive session to approve the proposed revisions to Senate Regulations PI.S.2.B (Dropping a Course) and PI.S1.E (Passed/Not Passed). CRE, DivCo and other Senate committees will be invited to review and approve the revisions to the Senate Regulations prior to implementation.

VI. Summer Remote Instruction Policy – All – 1:35pm – 1:55pm

On April 17, 2023, UGC approved an interim Summer Remote Instruction Policy, available [here](#). Schools were notified on May 1, 2023 and provided an extended deadline to October 31, 2023 to request Summer 2024 remote instruction.

Today, members will discuss whether to extend the interim policy (and the October 31, 2023 deadline for faculty to request Summer 2024 remote instruction) or develop a permanent policy.

Requested Action: Members determine whether to extend the interim policy or develop a permanent policy.

VII. Campus Review Item – All – 1:55pm - 2:00pm

A. [SNS Proposal for Biology B.A. Degree Program](#)

The proposal was distributed to the Chairs of Senate Committees, the SSHA Executive Committee, and the SoE Executive Committee. The policy governing the review and approval of Undergraduate Degree Programs is available [here](#).

AFAC, CAPRA, UGC, and SSHA and SoE Executive Committees are lead reviewers.

Requested Action: Identify one or two lead reviewers. All Senate and School Executive Committee comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, November 17, 2023, and will be shared with the lead reviewer(s). Lead reviewer(s) will review all associated comments and send their assessment to UGC Analyst by **Thursday, November 30, 2023**. All comments and lead reviewer's assessment will be discussed at the December 7, 2023 UGC meeting.

VIII. Approval of Courses¹ – CRF Subcommittee Members Francois Blanchette, Felicia Lopez, and Alexander Petersen – 2:00pm – 2:10pm

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

Previously reviewed course:

1. [ENVE - 010 - Environment in Crisis](#) (modify existing; Spring 2024) – UGC reviewed this course at their October 12, 2023 meeting and asked the proposer to ensure the hours add up to 12 and provide a consistent class description that does not refer to the removed labs. The SoE Curriculum Manager has confirmed that the course has been updated accordingly.

New/revised courses pending UGC's review:

1. [CHE - 195 - Chemical Engineering Undergraduate Research](#) (new; Fall 2024)
2. [CSE - 130 - Introduction to Cryptography](#) (new; Fall 2024)
3. [MATH - 005A - Preparatory Calculus Workshop](#) (new; Fall 2024)
4. [POLI - 156 - International Security](#) (new; Fall 2024)
5. [POLI - 157 - Civil War, Insurgency, and Other Forms of Sub-State Conflict and Social Unrest](#) (new; Fall 2024)
6. [POLI - 174 - Data Science and Government Affairs](#) (new; Fall 2024)

UGC's prior approval for an extension to the February 6, 2023 deadline for the following course is available [here](#).

1. [CRES - 142 - Black Feminist Theories](#) (new; Spring 2024)

Requested Action: Voting members vote to approve the courses.

IX. Any Other Business – 2:10pm – 2:15pm

X. Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 2:15pm – 2:30pm

¹ Recusals:

CHE 195 – Ryan Baxter

MATH 005A – Francois Blanchette

POLI 156, 157, 174 – Elaine Denny