Undergraduate Council (UGC)
AGENDA
Thursday, November 9, 2023
1:00pm – 2:30pm

Zoom Information:
https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/86804719979
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I.   **Consent Calendar – 1:00pm – 1:05pm**
   A. The Agenda
   B. October 26 Meeting Minutes
   C. Update on Honors "H" Course designation delegation
   D. Registrar's Message re: Summer Sessions and Holiday Scheduling

II.   **Chair's Report – Heather Bortfeld – 1:05pm – 1:15pm**
   A. November 6 UCEP Meeting
   B. November 9 DivCo Meeting

III. **Vice Chair's Report – Valerie Leppert – 1:15pm – 1:20pm**
   A. November 1 PROC Meeting

IV.   **Proposed Policy on Assignment of Faculty-Authored Course Materials – Policy Subcommittee Members Ryan Baxter and Alejandro Gutierrez - 1:20pm – 1:35pm**
At the October 12, 2023 UGC meeting, members discussed former VPDUE Frey's request for UGC to develop a policy for COI with course material selection when the instructor is the author and receives royalties/profits.

The Policy Subcommittee offered comments on the proposed policy, available here. Members of UGC agreed to include in the policy Open Access Resources, omit language related to sabbatical, and replace "textbook" with "course materials". The latest version of the proposed policy is available here.

On October 18, 2023, the Library and Scholarly Communications Committee (LASC) was invited to review and comment on the proposed policy. LASC's comments are available here.

Requested Action: Members discuss the proposed policy and LASC's comments. Members determine if additional revisions should be made to the draft policy.

V.   First Semester Dismissal – All – 1:35pm – 1:55pm
At the October 12, 2023 UGC meeting, voting members voted in executive session to approve former VPDUE Frey's proposal to not academically dismiss students after their first semester.

On October 18, 2023, CRE was invited to review the proposal to ensure that the change is in compliance with the UC Merced Senate RegulationII.3.B (Academic Dismissal): https://senate.ucmerced.edu/node/991#p2s3b2

On November 2, 2023, CRE offered comments, available here.

In sum, as recommended by Executive Director Paul and confirmed by CRE, the Senate Regulation needs to be amended. Details are provided in CRE's memo.

Requested Action: Members vote in executive session to amend SR II.3.B. Any amendments will need to be approved by the Academic Senate prior to implementation.

VI.   Approval of Courses – CRF Subcommittee Members Francois Blanchette, Felicia Lopez, and Alexander Petersen – 1:55pm – 2:15pm
Courses are available at the links below. The CRF Subcommittee's recommendations are available here.

[Cross-listed Courses]
1. MSE 128 Electronic Materials and Semiconductor Device Fabrication (modify existing; Fall 2024)
2. CHE 128 Electronic Materials and Semiconductor Device Fabrication (new; Fall 2024)

3. MSE 001 Introduction to Chemical and Materials Engineering (new; Fall 2024)
4. CHE 001 Introduction to Chemical and Materials Engineering (new; Fall 2024)

5. ENG 001 Introduction to Environmental Communications (modify existing; Fall 2024)
6. EH 001 Introduction to Environmental Communications modify existing; Fall 2024)

7. ENG - 019 - Animals and Literature (modify existing; Fall 2024)
8. EH - 019 - Animals and Literature- (new; Fall 2024)

9. ENG - 058 - Literature of the Natural Environment (modify existing; Fall 2024)
10. EH - 058 - Literature of the Natural Environment (new; Fall 2024)

11. ENG 059 - Apocalyptic Literature (modify existing; Fall 2024)
12. EH - 059 - Apocalyptic Literature (new; Fall 2024)

13. ENG - 060 - Science Fiction & Climate Disaster (modify existing; Fall 2024)
14. EH – 060 - Science Fiction & Climate Disaster (new; Fall 2024)

15. ENG - 067 - Environmental Justice in Beast Fables (modify existing; Fall 2024)
16. EH - 067 - Environmental Justice in Beast Fables (new; Fall 2024)

17. ENG 108 - Romanticism and Apocalypse (modify existing; Fall 2024)
18. EH 108 - Romanticism and Apocalypse (new; Fall 2024)

19. ENG 122 - Nature Writing and the Environment (modify existing; Fall 2024)
20. EH 122 - Nature Writing and the Environment (new; Fall 2024)

21. ENG 123 - Literature and Animal Studies (modify existing; Fall 2024)
22. EH 123 - Literature and Animal Studies (new; Fall 2024)

23. ENG 125 - Ecology and Indigenous Religious Traditions (modify existing; Fall 2024)
24. EH 125 - Ecology and Indigenous Religious Traditions (new; Fall 2024)

25. ENG 167 - Theatre and Ecology (modify existing; Fall 2024)
26. GASP 103Q - Theatre and Ecology (modify existing; Fall 2024)
27. EH 167 - Theatre and Ecology (new; Fall 2024)

28. ENG 168 - Shakespeare and Ecology (modify existing; Fall 2024)
29. EH 168 - Shakespeare and Ecology (new; Fall 2024)

30. ENG 183 - Literature and Queer Ecology (modify existing; Fall 2024)
31. EH 183 - Literature and Queer Ecology (new; Fall 2024)

[Standalone Courses]
32. ENGR - 080 - Statistical Modeling and Data Analysis (modify existing; Fall 2024)
33. ENGR - 143 - Statistical Quality Control (new; Fall 2024)
34. ENGR - 145 - Machine Learning for Engineers (new; Fall 2024)
35. ENGR - 193 - Engineering Capstone Design I (modify existing; Fall 2024)
36. ENGR - 194 - Engineering Capstone Design II (modify existing; Fall 2024)
37. SPAN XM002 Elementary Spanish II (new Extension course; Fall 2024)

Requested Action: Members vote to approve the courses.

VII.   **Any Other Business – 2:15pm – 2:20pm**

VIII.   **Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 2:20pm – 2:30pm**