

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)**AGENDA****Wednesday, November 29, 2023****1:15pm – 2:45pm****ADMIN 345**

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Zoom Information:<https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/87885666940>**Meeting ID:** 878 8566 6940**One tap mobile:** +16694449171,,87885666940# US**I. Consent Calendar – Chair Scheibner – 1:15pm – 1:20pm**

- A. Agenda
- B. [November 15 Meeting Minutes](#)

Requested Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar.

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

- A. [Systemwide Academic Congress on Graduate Education Update](#)
- B. [Historically Black Colleges and Universities \(HBCU\) Initiative Update](#)

III. Graduate Student Supplemental Travel Awards – All – 1:30pm – 1:45pm

At the October 4 and November 1 Grad Chairs meetings, Vice Chair Abatzoglou discussed with graduate group chairs the current process for awarding supplemental funds to graduate students for their research-related endeavors. Many faculty expressed their concerns with the first-come-first-serve model.

During the November 15 GC meeting, members briefly discussed the following potential solutions:

- Require the graduate groups to vet applications through a preselection process.
- Limit the number of applications submitted by each graduate group.
- Provide a hard deadline for submitting applications.
- Divide the remaining MacKenzie Scott funds to the graduate groups and let them decide how to allocate them.
- Request additional funds to extend this program beyond December 2024.

Requested Action: Members continue to discuss the Call and offer additional potential solutions to faculty concerns.

IV. Revised Policy for the Establishment of Undergraduate Graduate Hybrid Degree Programs – 1:45pm – 2:00pm

On April 19, 2023, GC approved the proposed Policy for the Establishment of Undergraduate/Graduate

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Hybrid Degree Programs and GC’s revised Procedures for Submitting Proposals for Graduate Programs, and Undergraduate/Graduate Hybrid Degree Programs.

On September 14, 2023, DivCo was invited to review the proposal.

Comments received:

[CAPRA](#)

[CoR](#)

[LASC](#)

[ALO](#)

[EVC/Provost](#)

[SoE Executive Committee](#)

A summary of the comments is available [here](#).

On November 7, 2023, the GC Policy Subcommittee met to discuss and implement in the proposal recommendations from CAPRA, CoR, LASC, ALO Martin, Interim EVC/Provost Zatz, and the SoE Executive Committee.

At the November 15, 2023 GC meeting, members agreed to review the revisions and the draft memo via Google Docs prior to today’s meeting.

An updated version of the proposed policy with members’ comments is available [here](#). A draft response memo is available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members discuss the proposed revisions and comments on the proposed policy. Members vote on the revised policy and draft response memo.

V. VPDGE Hratchian’s Report – 2:00pm – 2:10pm

A. Continuing Fellowship Call

B. HSI-DDI and UC-HBCU Call

C. Grad Div Call for Enhancing Doctoral Opportunities Through Inclusive Excellence proposals

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

VII. Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 2:15pm – 2:45pm