

**GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)****AGENDA****Wednesday, December 13, 2023****1:15pm – 2:45pm****ADMIN 345**Documents available in [box](#)  
[Graduate Council Duties](#)**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 29 Meeting Minutes](#)
- C. [Request from Extension for an exception to the February 6, 2023 deadline to submit ME X408 Introduction to Industrial Additive Manufacturing, effective Summer 2024.](#)

**Requested Action:** Approval of the Consent Calendar.**II. Chair’s Report – Michael Scheibner – 1:20pm – 1:30pm**

- A. November 30 DivCo Meeting
- B. December 4 CCGA Meeting
- C. December 12 Meeting of the Division

**III. Future of Graduate Education - All - 1:30pm – 1:50pm**

- A. Continued Discussions

GC engaged in several discussions throughout the Fall 2023 semester regarding the Future of Graduate Education and the work groups that were formed to discuss the challenges and opportunities that higher education will be working through with respect to graduate education in the months and years ahead.

During the October 18, 2023 GC meeting, Chair Scheibner shared his [PowerPoint slides](#) from the September 29, 2023 Shared Governance Retreat.

Members reviewed and discussed the following three questions:

1. **Opportunities for funding graduate education and research training:**  
Can we envision a more consistent, sustainable, and plannable funding support of graduate education that enables an economy of scale for Faculty, GGs/Depts., Schools, etc.?
2. **Opportunities for a more holistic vision of graduate career paths:**  
What mechanisms and support would be needed to provide graduate students opportunities to prepare for the full spectrum of careers; in- and outside academia?

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3. **Opportunities to elevate graduate training & research culture:**

What measures can we take to advance fundamental discovery, stimulate innovation and creative expression, across disciplines fields and industries?

Vice Chair Abatzoglou and member Andresen Eguiluz provided comments, available [here](#).

B. **Interim Report of the Academic Planning Council (APC) Working Group on the Future of Doctoral Education**

The APC Working Group is a joint administration/Senate working group that was appointed in the summer of 2023 to advise the University community on the future of graduate education. It is co-chaired by UCSB Senate Division Chair Susannah Scott and UCI Dean of Graduate Studies Gillian Hayes.

**Requested Action:** Members review and discuss the Interim Report of the Academic Planning Council (APC) Working Group on the Future of Doctoral Education and determine what comments and materials to provide. Deadline for comments to the Senate Chair is January 22, 2024.

IV. **Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Survey Results – Rebeca Arevalo and Min Hwan Lee – 1:50pm – 2:00pm**

At the October 2, 2023 GC meeting, members Lee and Arevalo discussed the three impacts that they identified to be the most important to elevate to the administration to address (advisor mentoring, resource portal, and improving communications).

At the November 15, 2023 GC meeting, members Lee and Arevalo shared a draft memo and provided the membership with an update on how they sorted the three impacts they have identified as most important to recommend to Graduate Group Chairs and the Administration, and for GC to address.

Chair Scheibner and members Arevalo and Lee met on December 7, 2023 and made several revisions that were recommended during the meeting. An updated version of the memo is available [here](#).

**Requested Action:** Members discuss member Arevalo’s and member Lee’s draft memo and provide additional comments.

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

- A. Admissions Update
- B. Graduate Groups/Departmental Organizational Structure

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

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

VIII. **Informational Items**

- A. [Vice Chair’s Report on December 6 Grad Chairs Meeting](#)