

**GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)**

**REVISED AGENDA**  
**Thursday, January 18, 2024**  
**11:30am – 1:00pm**  
**COB 1 - 320**

Documents available in [box](#)  
[Graduate Council Duties](#)

**Zoom Information:**

<https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/83155165562>

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**I. Consent Calendar – Chair Scheibner – 11:30am – 11:35am**

- A. Agenda
- B. [December 13 Meeting Minutes](#)
- C. [GC AY 24-25 and AY 25-26 draft Academic Calendars](#)
- D. Courses  
[NEW]  
[ME - X408 - Introduction to Industrial Additive Manufacturing](#) (Extension course; Summer 2024)  
[QSB - 209 - Molecular Cell Biology Seminar](#) (Fall 2024)  
[QSB - 286 - Cooperative-based Graduate Research Experience \(COOGRE\)](#) (Fall 2024)

**Requested Action:** Approval of the Consent Calendar.

**II. Chair’s Report – Michael Scheibner – 11:35am – 11:45am**

- A. December 14 DivCo Meeting
- B. January 10 CCGA Meeting

**III. [Interim Report of the Academic Planning Council \(APC\) Working Group on the Future of Doctoral Education](#) – 11:45am – 12:05pm**

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.

During the December 13, 2023 GC meeting, Chair Scheibner briefly summarized the report. Members were invited to provide their feedback on the report, as well as the shared [materials from the system-wide Academic Congress on Graduate Education](#), and Chair Scheibner’s [updated PowerPoint slides](#), including the questions below from slide 20 and slide 22 – *Funding of Graduate Education*.

1. How does the redesigned graduate pathway address the actionable items?
  - Provide stable and competitive financial support.
  - Actively manage PhD and MFA enrollment.

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2. What may need to be tweaked, changed, added, etc. to the pathway to address the actionable items?

Vice Chair Abatzoglou and member Andresen Eguiluz had also provided comments on the Future of Graduate education, available [here](#). No additional comments from members were received. Chair Scheibner drafted a memo with his comments, available [here](#).

**Requested Action:** Members review and discuss the Interim Report of the Academic Planning Council (APC) Working Group on the Future of Doctoral Education and Chair Scheibner’s draft memo. If there are no further comments, members approve the draft memo. Deadline for comments to the Senate Chair is January 22, 2024.

**IV. Graduate Students Teaching Graduate Students – Chair Scheibner and VPDGE Hratchian – 12:05pm – 12:15pm**

Policy for Graduate Students Teaching Graduate Students is available [here](#).

During the [April 28, 2023](#) and [May 12, 2023](#) GC meetings, members discussed whether to grant exceptions for qualified PhD students to teach Master’s courses. Members agreed that the current policy could be amended to include that PhD students are allowed to teach master’s courses with approval by exception only.

**Requested Action:** Members discuss the current policy and provide comments on potential revisions.

**V. [Draft Academic Senate Handbook on University Extension](#) – Dean of University Extension Annette Roberts Webb, Director of University Extension Michael Pierick, and Associate Dean of University Extension Fanis Tsoulouhas - 12:15pm – 12:30pm**

At the start of the Fall 2023 semester, Chair Scheibner and VPDGE Hratchian met with University Extension to discuss and provide guidance on strengthening communication with the Senate around Extension initiatives.

Following the meeting, Dean of University Extension Annette Roberts Webb drafted the Academic Senate Handbook on University Extension, modeled after UC Riverside’s handbook. ALO Laura Martin and EVC/Provost Zatz have reviewed the draft. Their comments are embedded in the draft handbook, linked above.

Today, Dean of University Extension Roberts Webb, Director of University Extension Pierick, and Associate Dean of University Extension Tsoulouhas will join the meeting to present the draft Academic Senate Handbook of University Extension and answer any questions.

**Requested Action:** Members discuss the draft Academic Senate Handbook on University Extension and provide comments.

**VI. VPDGE Hratchian’s Report – 12:30pm - 12:45pm**

- A. ReGROW
- B. Admissions
- C. Advisor Assignments

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**VII. Any Other Business – 12:45pm – 12:50pm****A. Graduate Program Partnerships with Industry**

For graduate programs that either require industry partnerships for a capstone project or allow students to conduct their degree research in industry labs, what policies are in place in to ensure (1) academic freedom and integrity, particularly to allow free communication of research at the student's home institution and (2) compliance with anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policies to create a safe educational environment in the industrial setting?

**Requested Action:** Members are asked to share any experience they have with such graduate program partnerships.

**VIII. Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 12:50pm – 1:00pm****IX. Informational Items****A. [Invitation to UC-wide Virtual Workshop – Monday, January 29, 2024](#)**