

**GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)**

**REVISED AGENDA**  
**Thursday, February 1, 2024**  
**11:30am – 12:40pm**  
**COB 2 - 392**

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

**Zoom Information:**

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

**Meeting ID:** 831 5516 5562

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- I. Consent Calendar – Chair Scheibner – 11:30am – 11:35am**
  - A. Agenda
  - B. [January 18 Meeting Minutes](#)

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

- II. Chair’s Report – Michael Scheibner – 11:35am – 11:45am**
  - A. January 22 DivCo Meeting
- III. Vice Chair’s Report – John Abatzoglou – 11:45am – 11:50am**
  - A. January 22 PROC Meeting

- IV. Campus Review Items – All – 11:50am – 12:10pm**
  - A. [Proposal for Establishment of a Department of Medical Education](#)  
The proposal was distributed to all Senate Committees and School Executive Committees. The policy governing the establishment of new departments is attached and available [here](#).

**CAP, CAPRA, CRE, GC, and UGC are lead reviewers.**

Member Howell led the review of the proposal and offered comments. Chair Scheibner also offered comments. A draft memo with their comments is available [here](#).

**Requested Action:** Members discuss the proposal and offer additional comments. If there are no further comments, members vote to approve the draft memo.

**Deadline for comments to the Senate Chair:** Monday, February 12, 2024.

**B. [Proposed Bylaws for the Division of Undergraduate Education Executive Committee](#)**

In September 2023, former VPDUE Sarah Frey submitted to the Academic Senate a proposal to consolidate the [General Education Executive Committee \(GEEC\)](#) and the [Honors Program Executive Committee](#) into a new Division of Undergraduate Education Executive Committee (DUEEC). Falling under College One, the DUEEC would provide faculty governance for both the General Education and UC Merced Honors programs.

The Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE) opined and endorsed the proposal, and recommended amending the current General Education Bylaws to reflect [the proposed governance structure](#).

Chair Scheibner reviewed the proposed bylaws and offered comments. His draft memo is available [here](#).

**Requested Action:** Members discuss and offer additional comments on the proposed Bylaws. If there are no further comments, members approve the draft memo.

**V. Graduate Students Teaching Graduate Students – Chair Scheibner and VPDGE Hratchian – 12:10pm – 12:20pm**

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

During the January 18, 2024 GC meeting, members discussed under which conditions to grant exceptions for qualified PhD students to teach graduate courses. Members considered amending the current policy to include that PhD students are allowed to teach master’s courses with approval by exception only. Members also discussed whether to explicitly state possession of a master’s degree as a requirement.

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

**VI. VPDGE Hratchian’s Report – 12:20pm - 12:35pm**

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

**VII. Any Other Business – 12:35pm - 12:40pm**

**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 – 12:40pm – 1:00pm**

**IX. Informational Items**

- A. Campus Review Item - [Policy on Transmission of Documents to the University Archive](#)
- B. [CCGA Resources - Example Syllabi for Research Courses](#) (see under section: *Working with Graduate Students*)