

Undergraduate Council (UGC)**AGENDA****Tuesday, February 6, 2024****1:00pm – 2:30pm****Zoom Information:**<https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/84154985472>**Meeting ID:** 841 5498 5472**One tap mobile:** +16694449171,,84154985472# US**I. Consent Calendar – 1:00pm – 1:05pm**

- A. The Agenda
- B. January 23 Meeting Minutes
- C. [SoE request for exception to the November 30, 2023 deadline for Summer 2024 online modality.](#)
- D. [SNS request for exception to the October 16, 2023 deadline to modify ESS 050 in Curriculog \(remove discussion sections\), effective Fall 2024.](#)
- E. [SSHA request for exception to the October 16, 2023 deadline to submit ANTH 153 and PHIL 126 in Curriculog, effective Fall 2024.](#)

Requested Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar.**II. Chair's Report – Christopher Viney – 1:05pm – 1:15pm**

- A. February 5 UCEP Meeting
- B. TAS Allocation Workgroup

III. Interim VPDUE Utter's Report – 1:15pm – 1:20pm

- A. Exception to the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) for 120 students.

IV. First Semester Dismissal – All – 1:20pm – 1:35pm

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 Regulation II.3.B (Academic Dismissal):

<https://senate.ucmerced.edu/node/991#p2s3b2>

On November 2, 2023, CRE offered comments, available [here](#).

At the November 9, 2023 UGC meeting, members agreed to implement a temporary practice of not academically dismissing students after their first semester until the Senate Regulation could be formally revised in Spring 2024. Chair Viney drafted potential language to revise SR II.3.B (Academic Dismissal), available [here](#).

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Requested Action: Members discuss the proposed amendments to SR II.3.B (Academic Dismissal). If there are no concerns, voting members vote in executive session to approve the proposed amendments.

V. Online Instruction for Summer Session Policy – Policy Subcommittee Members Alejandro Gutierrez and Ryan Baxter – 1:35pm – 1:50pm

At the January 23, 2024 UGC meeting, members discussed and unanimously approved the draft policy for Online Instruction in Summer Session, available [here](#).

Following the meeting, the Schools were invited to review and comment on the proposed policy. SoE and SNS did not provide comments. SSHA’s comments are available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members discuss the policy for Online Instruction in Summer Session and SSHA’s comments. Members determine if revisions should be made to the policy.

VI. Campus Review Item – All - 1:50pm – 1:55pm

A. [Psychology B.S. Degree Program & Amendments to B.A. Degree Program](#)

The proposal was distributed to the Chairs of Senate Committees, the SoE Executive Committee, and the SNS Executive Committee. The policy governing the review and approval of Undergraduate Degree Programs is available [here](#).

AFAC, CAPRA, UGC, and SOE and SNS Executive Committees are lead reviewers.

Requested Action: Identify one or two lead reviewers. All Senate and School Executive Committee comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, February 23, 2024, and will be shared with the lead reviewer(s). Lead reviewer(s) will review all associated comments and send their assessment to UGC Analyst by Monday, March 11, 2024. All comments and lead reviewer’s assessment will be discussed at the March 19 UGC meeting.

VII. Approval of Courses¹ – CRF Subcommittee Members Elaine Denny, Bin Liu, Felicia Lopez, Alexander Petersen, and Greg Wright – 1:55pm – 2:10pm

Courses are available at the links below. The CRF Subcommittee’s recommendations are available [here](#).

Approve by consent calendar:

1. [AE - 171 - Aerospace Structures and Materials](#) (new; Fall 2024)
2. [CHE - 130 - Process Control and Plant Design](#) (new; Spring 2025)
3. [DSA - 001 - Foundations of Data Science & Analytics](#) (new; Fall 2024)

RECUSALS:

Christopher Viney – CHE
Valerie Leppert – CHE
Alejandro Gutierrez - AE
Alexander Petersen - DSC
Elaine Denny - EE
Bin Liu - PHYS

4. [DSC - 008 - Introduction to Data Science](#) (new; Fall 2024)
5. [EE - 005 - Designing and Building Electrical Engineering Systems](#) (new; Spring 2025)
6. [EE - 102 - Signal Processing and Linear Systems](#) (new; Spring 2025)
7. [EE - 105 - Semiconductor Devices](#) (new; Spring 2025)
8. [EE - 150 - Digital Communication](#) (new; Spring 2025)
9. [PH - 120 - Unintentional and Intentional Injury: Description, Prevention, and Research](#) (new; Fall 2024)

The following courses were previously reviewed and sent back for revisions:

10. [PHYS - 008L - Introductory Physics I for Physical Sciences Lab](#) (modify existing; Fall 2024)
11. [PHYS - 009L - Introductory Physics II for Physical Sciences Lab](#) (modify existing; Fall 2024)
12. [PHYS - 018L - Introductory Physics I for Biological Sciences Lab](#) (modify existing; Fall 2024)

The CRF Subcommittee had concerns about the following courses:

13. [PHYS - 008HL - Honors Introductory Physics I for Physical Sciences Lab](#) (new; Fall 2024)
14. [PHYS - 009HL - Honors Introductory Physics II for Physical Sciences Lab](#) (new; Fall 2024)
15. [PHYS - 019L - Introductory Physics II for Biological Sciences Lab](#) (modify existing; Fall 2024)

Requested Action: Members discuss and approve courses based on the CRF Subcommittee's recommendations.

VIII. VCSA Nies' Report – 2:10pm – 2:15pm

- A. Enrollment Update

IX. Any Other Business – 2:15pm – 2:20pm

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