

[Admissions and Financial Aid Committee](#) (AFAC)

AGENDA

Friday, February 16, 2024

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Documents available in [box](#)
[AFAC Duties](#)

Zoom:

<https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/82466109005>

Meeting ID: 824 6610 9005

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- I. Consent Calendar – Chair Eaton – 1:00pm – 1:05pm**
- A. The Agenda
 - B. [January 26 Meeting Minutes](#)

Requested Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar.

- II. Chair’s Report – Chair Eaton – 1:05pm – 1:15pm**
- A. February 12 DivCo Meeting
 - B. February 2 BOARS Meeting

- III. Proposed Amendment to AFAC Bylaws – Chair Eaton – 1:15pm – 1:25pm**
- During the October 19, 2023 AFAC meeting, members proposed amendments to the AFAC Bylaws to include in the committee’s membership a student representative appointed by the Graduate Student Association (GSA) as well as clarification of the voting rights of the student representatives and to remove redundancies. AFAC’s October 30, 2023 memo to CRE is available [here](#).

On December 4, 2023, CRE transmitted a memo to Chair Eaton, available [here](#), recommending additional revisions.

Requested Action: Members discuss CRE’s recommendations. If there is consensus, members vote to endorse CRE’s proposed amendments to the AFAC Bylaws.

IV. Campus Review Items – All – 1:25pm – 1:55pm**A. [Data Science and Policy Analysis Minor Proposal](#)**

The proposal was distributed to all Senate Committees and the SoE and SNS School Executive Committees.

Lead Reviewer: Joel Spencer

Lead reviewer's draft memo is available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members discuss the proposal and lead reviewer's draft memo. If there is consensus, voting members vote to approve the draft memo.

Comments due to the Senate Chair: Friday, February 16, 2024.

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

The proposal was distributed to all Senate Committees and the SoE and SNS School Executive Committees.

Lead Reviewer: Mike Cleary

Lead reviewer's draft memo is available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members discuss the proposal and lead reviewer's draft memo. If there is consensus, voting members vote to approve the draft memo.

Comments due to the Senate Chair: Friday, February 23, 2024.

C. [SoE Proposal for MIST B.A. Degree Program](#)

The policy governing the review and approval of Undergraduate Degree Programs is available [here](#).

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

Requested Action: Identify a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer will send their assessment to AFAC Analyst by Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Members will review the lead reviewer's draft memo via email.

Comments due to the Senate Chair: Friday, March 15, 2024.

D. [SNS Biochemistry B.S Proposal](#)

The policy governing the review and approval of Undergraduate Degree Programs is available [here](#).

AFAC, CAPRA, UGC, and SoE and SSHA Executive Committees are lead reviewers.

Requested Action: Identify a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer will send their assessment to AFAC Analyst by Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Members will review the lead reviewer's draft memo via email.

Comments due to the Senate Chair: Friday, March 15, 2024.

E. [SNS Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology B.S. Proposal](#)

The policy governing the review and approval of Undergraduate Degree Programs is available [here](#).

AFAC, CAPRA, UGC, and SoE and SSHA Executive Committees are lead reviewers.

Requested Action: Identify a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer will send their assessment to AFAC Analyst by Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Members will review the lead reviewer's draft memo at the March 22 AFAC meeting.

Comments due to the Senate Chair: Friday, March 22, 2024.

F. [SSHA Proposal for a Science, Technology, and Ethics B.S. Degree Program](#)

The policy governing the review and approval of Undergraduate Degree Programs is available [here](#).

AFAC, CAPRA, UGC, and SoE and SSHA Executive Committees are lead reviewers.

Requested Action: Identify a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer will send their assessment to AFAC Analyst by Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Members will review the lead reviewer's draft memo at the March 22 AFAC meeting.

Comments due to the Senate Chair: Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

V. **Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) TAG Criteria – 1:55pm – 2:10pm**
CEE Chair Marc Beutel submitted a memo to AFAC requesting the addition of TAG criteria to their major, available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members discuss CEE's request to adapt TAG admission criteria into the Civil Engineering Major. If there are no concerns, voting members vote to endorse the TAG criteria.

VI. **Update to Biological Sciences (BIO) B.A. and B.S. Transfer Selection Criteria – 2:10pm – 2:25pm**

Biological Sciences Department Chair Justin Yeakel submitted a memo to AFAC outlining changes to the selection criteria and transfer requirements for the Biological Sciences B.A. and B.S. majors.

Changes to BIO B.A. transfer selection criteria are available [here](#).

Changes to BIO B.S. transfer selection criteria are available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members discuss the requested changes to BIO B.A. and B.S. transfer selection criteria. If there are no concerns, voting members vote to endorse the

changes.

VII. Any Other Business – 2:25pm – 2:30pm

VIII. Informational Items will be regularly uploaded on the “Informational Items” AFAC Box Folder [here](#).