[Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC)
AGENDA
Tuesday, February 20, 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. [February 6 Meeting Minutes](#)

  Requested Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar.

II.   **Chair's Report – Christopher Viney – 1:05pm – 1:15pm**
  A. February 12 DivCo Meeting
  B. UCEP Update – [SR 630.E](#)

III.   **January 18 UCOPE Meeting Update – Felicia Lopez – 1:15pm – 1:20pm**

IV.   **UGC Awards Subcommittees– 1:20pm – 1:30pm**
  A. [Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award for Non-Senate Faculty](#)
  Selection Process: The Undergraduate Council (UGC) will form an ad-hoc committee from its membership to serve as the UGC Awards Committee with a minimum of three members.

  Membership will include:
  - At least one UGC Senate faculty who will also serve as Chair of the Awards Committee
  - A UGC ex-officio member (Interim VPDUE Utter or VCSA Nies)
  - A Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning representative (UGC Analyst will contact a member of CETL)

  B. [Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award for Senate Faculty](#)
  Selection Process: The Undergraduate Council (UGC) will form an ad-hoc committee from its membership to serve as the UGC Awards Committee with a minimum of three Senate faculty.

Membership will include:
- A minimum of three UGC Senate faculty (one from each School), one who will also serve as the Chair of the Awards Committee.
- A UGC ex-officio member (Interim VPDUE Utter or VCSA Nies)
- Unit 18 Lecturer (UGC Analyst will contact a Unit 18 Lecturer)

Requested Action: Establish a subcommittee for each of the Undergraduate Senate Awards. The deadline for nominations is TBD (generally around mid-March), and the winners of all Senate awards will be announced at the Spring Meeting of the Division (date TBD). The deadline for the subcommittees to provide their recommendation will be determined once the Spring Meeting of the Division date is finalized.

V.   **Campus and Systemwide Review Items – All - 1:30pm – 1:40pm**
A. [SoE Proposal for MIST B.A. Degree Program](#)[1]
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 one or two lead reviewer(s). All Senate and School Executive Committee comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, March 15, 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 25, 2024. All comments and lead reviewer's assessment will be discussed at the April 2 UGC meeting.

B. [SNS Biochemistry B.S Proposal](#)[2]
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C. [SNS Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology B.S. Proposal](#)
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[1] Recusal: Alex Petersen
[2] Recusal: Ryan Baxter

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D. [SSHA Proposal for a Science, Technology, and Ethics B.S. Degree Program](#)
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E. [Senate Regulation 424.A.3 (Area H)](#)
The proposal was distributed to all Senate Committees, School Executive Committees, and the HCRES department.

AFAC, CRE, EDI, UGC, and School Executive Committees are lead reviewers.

Requested Action: Identify a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer will send their comments to UGC Analyst by Monday, March 25, 2024.
Deadline for comments to the Senate Chair: Friday, April 5, 2024

VI. **Conflict of Interest with Course Material Selection when the Instructor is the Author – All - 1:40pm – 1:55pm**
At the October 12, 2023 UGC meeting, members discussed and proposed a policy for conflict of interest with course material selection when the instructor is the author and receives royalties/profits, available [here](#).

On November 22, 2023, CRE was invited to review the proposed policy.

On February 7, 2024, members of CRE offered several recommendations to strengthen the policy, available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members discuss CRE's recommendations and revise the policy accordingly.

VII.   **Approval of Courses[3] – CRF Subcommittee Members Elaine Denny, Bin Liu, Felicia Lopez, Alexander Petersen, and Greg Wright – 1:55pm – 2:05pm**
Courses are available at the links below. The CRF Subcommittee's recommendations are available [here](#).

Approve via Consent Calendar:
1. [CSE - 157 - Signal Processing for Internet of Things](#) (new; Spring 2025)
2. [DSC - 011 - Introductory Computing & Statistical Programming](#) (new; Fall 2024)
3. [EE - 001 - Electrical Engineering Introduction](#) (modify existing; Spring 2025)
4. [MATH - 018 - Data Science for Life Sciences](#) (modify existing; Fall 2024)
5. [MIST - 060 - Introductory Data Analytics](#) (modify existing; Fall 2024)
6. [PH - 130 - Introduction to Toxicology and Risk Assessment](#) (new; Fall 2024)
7. [PSY - 191 - Psychology Culminating Experience](#) (modify existing; Fall 2024)

Recommend Discussion:
8. [MATH - 018 - Data Science for Life Sciences](#) (modify existing; Fall 2024)

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

VIII.   **VCSA Nies' Report – 2:05pm – 2:15pm**
    A. Enrollment Update

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

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

XI.   **Informational Items**
    A. [Academic Council Chair Steintrager's letter re: Regional and Institutional Accreditation Terminology](#)

RECUSALS:
Elaine Denny - EE
Alexander Petersen - MIST