

Undergraduate Council (UGC)**AGENDA****Tuesday, March 5, 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 20 Meeting Minutes](#)

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

- A. February 26 DivCo Meeting
- B. March 4 UCEP Meeting

III. Vice Chair’s Report – Valerie Leppert – 1:15pm – 1:20pm

- A. February 12 PROC Meeting

IV. Interim VPDUE Utter’s Report – 1:20pm – 1:30pm

- A. [Report from Working Group on Student Survey of Teaching Effectiveness](#)
UGC Member Eileen Camfield led a task force coordinated in Fall 2023 by former VPDUE Frey and VPAP Hansford looking at evaluation of teaching, including our course evaluation instrument.

V. Online Instruction in Summer Session Policy – Policy Subcommittee Members Alejandro Gutierrez and Ryan Baxter and Director of Summer Session Tammy Johnson – 1:30pm – 1:50pm

At the February 6, 2024 UGC meeting, members discussed and unanimously approved the draft policy for Online Instruction in Summer Session, available [here](#), which incorporated suggestions from the Schools.

On February 22, 2024, Director of Summer Session Tammy Johnson was invited to review the proposed policy and offered comments, available [here](#). She will join the meeting today to further discuss the proposed policy.

Requested Action: Voting members further discuss and make amendments to the policy, if necessary. Voting members vote in executive session on the amended policy if there is consensus.

VI. Proposed Amendments to [Senate Regulation I.1.E \(Passed/Not Passed\)](#) and to [Senate Regulation I.2.B \(Dropping a Course\)](#) – 1:50pm – 2:00pm

In Spring 2022, VPDUE Frey proposed to UGC several academic policy modifications to allow for first-year student exploration and academic recovery. The proposal is available [here](#). UGC approved three options to implement, available [here](#). To address these options, UGC recommended revisions to Senate Regulations I.2.B (Dropping a Course) and I.1.E (Passed/Not Passed), denoted in tracked changes in the links below.

[Senate Regulation: Part I, Section 2, B. – Dropping a Course](#)

[Senate Regulation: Part I, Section 1, E - Passed/Not Passed \(P/NP\)](#)

On November 20, 2024, UGC invited CRE to review the proposed amendments to SR I.2.B. and SR I.1.E. CRE endorsed the proposed amendments to SR I.2.B., available [here](#), and asked for clarification on the proposed amendments to SR I.1.E, available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members discuss CRE’s memo and revise the proposed amendments to SR I.1.E (Passed/Not Passed) accordingly. Voting members vote on the proposed amendments in executive session.

VII. Campus and Systemwide Review Items – All – 2:00pm – 2:05pm

A. [Report of the University of California Systemwide Advisory Work Group on Students with Disabilities](#)

The report was transmitted to all Senate Committees and School Executive Committees.

AFAC, CRE, EDI, GC, 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: Monday, April 8, 2024.

B. [SNS Proposal for an Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology 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 one or two lead reviewer(s). All Senate and School

Executive Committee comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, March 22, 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, April 8, 2024. All comments and lead reviewer's assessment will be discussed at the April 16 UGC meeting.

VIII. Approval of Courses¹ – CRF Subcommittee Members Elaine Denny, Bin Liu, Felicia Lopez, Alexander Petersen, and Greg Wright – 2:05pm – 2:10pm

Courses are available at the links below.

Approve via Consent Calendar:

1. [BIO - 005 - Concepts and Issues in Biology Today](#) (modify existing; Fall 2024)
2. [BIO - 065 - Natural History of Dinosaurs](#) (modify existing; Fall 2024)
3. [CHE - 162 - 3D Printing Research and Development](#) (new; Fall 2024)
4. [EE - 122 - Introduction to Control Systems](#) (modify existing; Spring 2025)
5. [ESS - 065 - Natural History of Dinosaurs](#) (modify existing; Fall 2024)
6. [GASP - 158A - Race & Visual Representations in Art and Media](#) (new; Spring 2025)
7. [ME - 141 - Introduction to Control Systems](#) (modify existing; Spring 2025)
8. [MSE - 162 - 3D Printing Research and Development](#) (new; Fall 2024)
9. [PHIL - 006 - Introduction to Science, Technology, and Ethics](#) (new; Spring 2025)
10. [SOC - 149 - Sociology of Science, Medicine, and Technology](#) (new; Fall 2024)
11. [SPAN - 109 - Medical Spanish Translation and Interpretation](#) (new; Spring 2025)

Requested Action: Members approve the courses via Consent Calendar.

IX. Any Other Business – 2:10pm – 2:15pm

X. Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 2:15pm – 2:30pm

RECUSALS:

Christopher Viney – CHE, MSE

Valerie Leppert – CHE, MSE

Elaine Denny – EE

Alejandro Gutierrez - ME