

**Undergraduate Council (UGC)****AGENDA****Tuesday, May 14, 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. [April 30 Meeting Minutes](#)

**II. Chair’s Report – Christopher Viney – 1:05pm – 1:15pm**

- A. May 3 Meeting of the Division
- B. May 6 UCEP Meeting
- C. May 6 and 13 DivCo Meetings

**III. University Committee on Education Policy (UCEP) Request – GPA Regulation – Chair Viney - 1:15pm – 1:35pm**

On April 17, 2024, Chair Viney received a request from UCEP for individual campus/Registrar responses to [four questions](#) to help guide the discussion of the proposed change to [Senate Regulation 634](#) to require a 2.0 GPA, not for all the courses attempted at the university, but in a minimum of 180 units (for term-based universities) and 120 units (for semester-based universities).

**Requested Action:** Members discuss UCEP’s request and the four questions. Chair Viney will provide a response to the UCEP Chair by May 17, 2024.

**IV. Interim VPDUE Utter’s Report - 1:35pm – 1:45pm**

- A. Final Exam Schedule  
The Reading, Review and Recitation (RRR) Week Policy is available [here](#).

**V. Campus Review Items – 1:45pm – 1:55pm**

- A. [SSHA Proposal for a Neuroscience Degree Program](#)  
The policy governing the review and approval of Undergraduate Degree Programs is available [here](#).

**Lead Reviewer:** Christopher Viney

Lead reviewer's draft memo and Senate Committees' comments will be shared with UGC voting members.

**Requested Action:** Members discuss the proposal and lead reviewer's assessment. Voting Members vote in executive session to approve the proposal if there is consensus.

**VI. Approval of Courses<sup>1</sup> – 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.

**Approve via Consent Calendar:**

1. [EDUC - X031 - A New Generation of Teachers I](#) (new; Fall 2024)
2. [EDUC - X032 - A New Generation of Teachers II](#) ((new; Fall 2024)
3. [CE - 181 - Design of Steel Structural Systems](#) (new; Fall 2025)
4. [CHEM - 133 - Biophysical Chemistry](#) (modify existing; Spring 2025)
5. [CHEM - 152 - Biochemistry Laboratory](#) (new; Spring 2025)
6. [CRES - 030 - Introduction to Chicanx/Latinx Studies](#) (new crosslisted; Fall 2025)
7. [HIST - 030 - Introduction to Chicanx/Latinx Studies](#) (new crosslisted; Fall 2025)
8. [ESS - 050 - Ecosystems of California](#) (modify existing; Fall 2024)

For all courses listed above with an effective term of Fall 2024, UGC's approval of exception to submit past the deadline is available [here](#).

**Further Discussion:**

The proposer's updated supplemental questionnaires and supporting materials are available [here](#).

9. [CRES - 011 - Climate Justice](#) (modify existing; crosslisted; Fall 2024)
10. [ESS - 011 - Climate Justice](#) (modify existing; crosslisted; Fall 2024)
11. [MIST - 011 - Climate Justice](#) (modify existing; crosslisted; Summer 2024)

**Requested Action:** Members approve the courses via Consent Calendar. Members also discuss the updated questionnaires and supporting materials for CRES/ESS/MIST 011 and approve the courses if there is consensus.

**VII. Any Other Business – 2:10pm – 2:15pm**

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

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<sup>1</sup> **RECUSALS:**  
Ryan Baxter – CHEM  
Alex Petersen - MIST