

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)

AGENDA

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

12:00pm – 1:30pm

ZOOM

Documents available in [Box](#)
[Graduate Council Duties](#)

I. Chair’s Report – John Abatzoglou – 12:00pm – 12:05pm

- A. Welcome New Members
- B. September 9 Divisional Council Meeting

II. Consent Calendar – Chair Abatzoglou – 12:05pm – 12:15pm

- A. Today’s Agenda
- B. [September 3 Draft Meeting Minutes](#)
- C. [GC’s Draft Memo re: Renaming of University Extension](#)
- D. [One-time Modality Exception to offer ES 240 – Water Resources via Zoom in Spring 2025](#)
- E. Courses
 - [MBSE - 224 - Polymeric Materials](#) (Modify Existing; Spring 2025)
 - [ME - 205 - Design of Scientific and Engineering Experiments](#) (New; Spring 2025)

Requested Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar.

III. Vice Chair’s Report – Vice Chair Beattie – 12:15pm – 12:25pm

- A. September 16 PROC Meeting

IV. Representation on Subcommittees and Work Groups – All - 12:25pm – 12:35pm

- A. Campus Representation
 - **Policy Subcommittee (3 members; ideally representation from each school)**
This subcommittee reviews and makes recommendations to GC members on policies related to graduate education.

Requested Action: Identify a SNS member to serve on this subcommittee.

- **Support Services for Undocumented Students Work Group**
Representative: TBD
This Work Group is charged to annually review efforts and report outcomes of services offered to support graduate and undergraduate undocumented students at UC Merced.

The latest version of the charge is available [here](#).

Requested Action: Identify a member to serve as the GC representative of this Work Group.

V. COI on Graduate Student Committees - All – 12:35pm – 12:50pm

In Spring 2024, GC discussed conflicts of interest on graduate student committees. Graduate students have encountered the issue of COI on graduate student committees for their thesis, dissertation, qualifying exam, etc. when the student’s advisor and advisor’s spouse are on the same committee.

To address this issue, the AY 23-24 GC Policy Subcommittee suggested language be added to the Graduate Policies and Procedures Handbook.

Requested Action: Members further discuss and determine next steps.

VI. Systemwide Review Items - Chair Abatzoglou – 12:50pm – 1:10pm**A. [Proposed New Senate Regulation 627 \(Posthumous Awarding of Degrees\)](#)**

This new Regulation governs the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees to students who pass away before their completion of the degree.

GC is a lead reviewer.

Requested Action: Assign a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer will send their comments to the GC Analysts by Thursday, October 10, 2024. GC voting members will be invited to review the lead reviewer’s draft memo at their October 15 meeting. Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **Friday, October 25, 2024.**

B. [Proposed Revisions to Senate Regulation 479 \(Cal-GETC\)](#)

The revisions address the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) and are provided in tracked changes on page 7 of the linked document.

Requested Action: GC is to decide whether to opine. If opining, assign a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer will send their comments to the GC Analysts by Thursday, October 10, 2024. GC voting members will be invited to review the lead reviewer’s draft memo at their October 15 meeting. Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **Friday, October 25, 2024.**

VII. Discussion: Curriculum Advisory Board (CAB)/Extension Program – Vice Chair Beattie – 1:10pm – 1:25pm

In AY 22-23, GC voting members discussed the restructuring of CAB and Senate oversight. Voting members voted to endorse keeping CAB and to develop a joint Senate-Administration Working Group comprised of CAB members, GC voting members, the Dean of Extension, and School Deans (or their delegates) to review Extension/post baccalaureate courses/TPP requests. The next steps are to send an update on the progress or direction to the Senate Chair.

Requested Action: Members further discuss CAB and the working group. GC Analysts will send a brief update to the Senate Chair.

VIII. Any Other Business – 1:25pm – 1:30pm