

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (AFAC)**AGENDA****Friday, September 27, 2024****11:30am – 1:00pm****ADMIN 245**

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

I. Welcome and Introductions – All - 11:30am – 11:40am**II. Chair's Report – Chair Cleary – 11:40am – 11:50am**

- A. September 9 and 23 Divisional Council Meetings

III. Consent Calendar – Chair Cleary – 11:50am – 11:55am

- A. Today's Agenda

Requested Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar.

IV. AFAC Resources – Chair Cleary – 11:55am – 12:05pm

- A. [Senate website](#)
B. [AFAC website](#)
C. [AFAC Box site](#)
D. [Senate Policies and Procedures](#)
E. [Divisional Bylaws and Regulations](#)
F. [Principles to Guide the Practice of Executive Session](#)
G. [Consultation guidelines](#)
H. [CoC's Guide to Populating Academic Senate Committees: Leadership and Membership Commitments](#)

I. AFAC Conflict of Interest (COI) Policy

The AFAC COI Policy is forthcoming. In the meantime, please refer to [UC Merced's CRE memo regarding COI issues](#).

If members are unsure about a potential conflict of interest, they are to reach out to Fatima Paul (fpaul@ucmerced.edu) and Chair Cleary (mcleary4@ucmerced.edu).

J. Distributing work on AFAC

All campus and systemwide review items will be posted on the Senate website, here: <https://senate.ucmerced.edu/review-items>. Review items will be assigned to one AFAC reviewer before each scheduled meeting.

V. [AFAC AY 24-25 Goals, Priorities](#) – Chair Cleary – 12:05pm – 12:20pm

Requested Action: Members discuss the committee’s goals for this academic year and propose additional goals.

VI. Report from Office of Admissions Director Noji – 12:20pm – 12:30pm**A. A by E and Exceptional Case Review****Video Tutorial for Extreme and Unusual Cases**

<https://ucmerced.box.com/s/0wkavwsgzl8tqkf8age5ftb3z5n6gqll>

A few additional important notes:

- If committee members find that they are reviewing a file where there may be a conflict of interest¹ or perceived conflict of interest, which includes, an applicant who is a family member, an acquaintance, or sibling or child of a faculty or staff member they know and interact with, they should refer that file to another member of the AFAC committee.
- Please note, that it is prohibited to consider a student’s familial or other personal relationships with university staff or faculty in an admissions decision.
- Committee members should not disclose an individual applicant’s decision without permission from the Director of Admissions and report any attempt to influence an admissions decision regardless of source to the Director of Admissions or the Locally Designated Official via the whistleblower hotline.

B. [Exceptional Review Case](#)

The rationale for the student is available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members discuss and vote to approve the exceptional review case.

VII. Report from Office of Admission Director Noji and Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Hagg – 12:30pm – 12:40pm**A. AY 24-25 Enrollment Report (specifically for incoming Freshmen the last year or several years)**

- Geographic region (including areas of CA)
- Major
- Financial aid status/need – how FAFSA delays/problems affected enrollment

¹ UC Merced's CRE memo regarding COI issues:

https://senate.ucmerced.edu/sites/senate.ucmerced.edu/files/page/documents/coi_memo_formatted.pdf

VIII. Campus Review Item – 12:40pm – 12:50pm**A. [Anthropology & Heritage Studies Graduate Program Proposal](#)**

The proposal was distributed to the Chairs of Senate Committees. The policy governing the review and approval of Graduate Degree Programs is available [here](#).

Lead Reviewer: Mike Cleary

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

Requested Action: Members discuss the proposal and lead reviewer's assessment. If there are no additional comments, members vote to endorse the draft memo.

Deadline for comments to the Senate Chair: October 1, 2024.

IX. Changes to Transfer Selection Criteria – 12:50pm – 12:55pm**A. [Applied Math Transfer Selection Criteria](#)**

The Applied Math Department would like to update their Transfer Selection Criteria to change the course requirements from Math 21, Math 22, Phys 8/8L, and Phys 9/9L to Math 21, Math 22, Math 23, and Math 24, effective Fall 2026.

B. [Data Science & Computing Transfer Selection Criteria](#)

The Data Science & Computing Department would like to update their Transfer Selection Criteria to change the course requirements from Math 11 and Math 12 to (Math 11 and Math 12) or (Math 21 and Math 22), effective Fall 2025.

Requested Action: Voting members vote to approve the requested revisions to the Applied Math and the Data Science & Computing Transfer Selection Criteria.

X. Any Other Business – 12:55pm – 1:00pm

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