

Undergraduate Council (UGC)**AGENDA****Friday, September 27, 2024****2:00pm – 3:30pm****ADMIN 245****I. Consent Calendar – 2:00pm – 2:10pm**

- A. The Agenda
- B. [September 13 Meeting Minutes](#)
- C. [Request from BIOE to create the prefix BCME for new courses in the BioChemical and BioMolecular Engineering \(BCME\) program.](#)
- D. Requests for Exception to the Spring 2025 deadline (February 5, 2024):
 - 1. [Request from General Education to change the effective term from Fall 2025 to Spring 2025 for USTU 15 and USTU 16, and expedited review of the courses.](#) (Courses are included in item VII. for review, if exception request is approved)
 - 2. [Request from SoE to modify ENGR 057, effective Spring 2025.](#)
 - 3. [Request from SoE to offer MSE 176 and MSE 194 in Spring 2025.](#)
 - 4. [Request from SoE to modify MSE 114 to conjoin with MBSE 224, effective Spring 2025](#) (Course is included in item VII. for review, if an exception request is approved. GC is also reviewing this request).
 - 5. [Request from SoE to modify ENGR 091 to allow CHE majors to take the course, effective Spring 2025.](#)
 - 6. [Request from SNS to offer MATH 022 and MATH 024 in online modality in Spring 2025.](#)

Requested Action: Approve the Consent Calendar.

II. Chair's Report – Chair Sharping – 2:10pm – 2:15pm

- A. September 23 DivCo Meeting

III. Consultation with University Extension Dean Annette Roberts Webb and Director of Degree Completion Michael Pierick – 2:15pm – 2:35pm

- A. Update on University Extension Initiatives
PowerPoint slides are available [here](#).

No Requested Action.

IV. Consultation with Dr. Margo Vener and Professor Joel Spencer – 2:35pm – 2:55pm

A. Update on Medical Education

No Requested Action.

V. Systemwide Review Items – 2:55pm - 3:05pm

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

The proposed revisions aim to enhance transfer student preparedness, especially in high-unit majors where [Associate Degrees for Transfer \(ADTs\)](#) that fully align with [UC's Transfer Pathways](#) have not yet been developed because including the essential courses for UC major preparation would exceed the state-legislated ADT unit cap (60 maximum lower-division units).

UGC is a lead reviewer.

Requested Action: Identify a lead reviewer. The lead reviewer will send their assessment to the UGC Analyst by October 15, 2024. Voting members will be invited to review the draft memo prior to transmittal to the Senate Chair.

Comments due to the Senate Chair: October 25, 2024.

B. **[Proposed New Senate Regulation 627 \(Posthumous Awarding of Degrees\)](#)**

The regulation introduces a Senate policy to govern the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees to students who pass away prior to their completion of the degree.

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VI. Approval of Courses – Santosh Chandrasekhar, Haiyan Liu, and Maria Zoghbi - 3:05pm - 3:15pm

Approval via Consent Calendar:

1. [AE - 172 - Flight Dynamics and Control](#) (modify existing; Fall 2025)
2. [ESS - 150 - Geomorphology and Surface Processes](#) (modify existing; Spring 2025)
3. [ME - 152 - Digital Twins](#) (new; Fall 2025)
4. [MIST - 135 - Technical Communication and Visualization Skills](#) (modify existing; Fall 2025)
5. [MSE - 114 - Polymeric Materials](#) (modify existing; Spring 2025)

6. [USTU 15 – Living Learning Community: Pathways to Student Success](#) (new; Spring 2025)
7. [USTU 16 – Living Learning Community: Pathways to Student Success](#) (new; Spring 2025)

VII. Discussion: UGC AY 24-25 Priorities – 3:15pm – 3:25pm

Voting members were invited to complete a poll via Google Forms on September 20, 2024 to indicate the two items they feel that UGC should address as top priorities in AY 24-25.

A. End of Term Policy

During the September 13, 2024 UGC meeting, members briefly discussed whether an End of Term Policy should be implemented to require the last week of instruction as a study week each semester where no new materials are presented to students. Members also discussed how many faculty misinterpret UGC's policy for online modality and convert their in-person classes to Zoom following Thanksgiving.

B. UC Merced policies for minors and double majors

During the September 13, 2024 UGC meeting, members discussed [PROC's memo](#), which recommended a review of UC Merced's current policies to identify any obstacles that might make completing a minor or double major more difficult for UC Merced students than students at other institutions.

C. Academic Integrity Policy

During the September 13, 2024 UGC meeting, members discussed redesigning the campus academic integrity policy using [UCI's policy](#) as a template.

Requested Action: Members further discuss the three top priorities for UGC in AY 24-25 and determine next steps.

VIII. Any Other Business – 3:25pm – 3:30pm

IX. Informational Items

- A. [UCEP's Memo Re: Credit by Examination](#)
- B. [Fall 2024 Enrollment – September 16, 2024](#)