

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)**AGENDA****Tuesday, October 29, 2024****12:00pm – 1:30pm****ZOOM**Documents available in [Box](#)
[Graduate Council Duties](#)**I. Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 12:00pm – 12:10pm****II. Consent Calendar – Chair Abatzoglou – 12:10pm – 12:15pm**

- A. Today's Agenda
- B. [October 15 Draft Meeting Minutes](#)
- C. [GC's Draft Memo Re: UC Merced's Interim Policy on Expressive Activities and Assembly: Protests, Demonstrations, Non-University Speakers and Signage on Campus and in University Facilities](#)
- D. [GC's Draft Memo Re: Conflict Resolution on Graduate Committees](#)
- E. Courses
 - [EECS - 224 - Large Language Models](#) (New, Spring 2025)
 - [EECS - 235 - Solar Cells, Modules and Systems](#) (Modify Existing; Crosslisted with MBSE 265, ES 265, PHYS 265; Fall 2025)
 - [ES - 265 - Solar Cells, Modules and Systems](#) (Modify Existing; Crosslisted with MBSE 265, EECS 235, PHYS 265; Fall 2025)
 - [MBSE - 265 - Solar Cells, Modules and Systems](#) (Modify Existing; Crosslisted with ES 265, EECS 235, PHYS 265; Fall 2025)
 - [PHYS - 265 - Solar Cells, Modules and Systems](#) (Modify Existing; Crosslisted with ES 265, EECS 235, MBSE 265; Fall 2025)
 - [QSB - 286 - Cooperative-based Graduate Research Experience \(COOGRE\)](#) (New, Spring 2025)

Requested Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar.**III. Curriculum Advisory Board (CAB)/Extension Program – Vice Chair Beattie –12:15pm – 12:35pm**
CAB member Mayya Tokman will join the discussion.

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.

At the October 1, 2024 GC meeting, members met with Dean of University Extension Annette Roberts Webb and Director of Extension and Degree Completion Michael Pierick to discuss concerns with CAB. During the discussion, Dean of University Extension Annette Roberts Webb requested guidance from GC on how to improve CAB especially in terms of the charge and turnover.

Requested Action: Members engage in discussion with CAB member Tokman and determine next steps.

IV. Consultation with VPAP Hansford – 12:35pm – 12:50pm

- A. [Assembly Bill 810](#)
- B. [Senate Bill 791](#)

V. Chair’s Report – John Abatzoglou – 12:50pm – 1:00pm

- A. October 21 Divisional Council Meeting

VI. Vice Chair’s Report – Irene Beattie – 1:00pm – 1:15pm

- A. October 21 PROC Meeting
- B. [SSHA Reorganization Proposal](#)

At the October 15, 2024 GC meeting, Vice Chair Beattie agreed to serve as lead reviewer. A draft memo with her comments is available [here](#).

[SSHA Graduate Chairs’ March 11, 2022 memo](#) includes information relevant to the proposed restructuring plan.

Requested Action: Members determine whether to include language from the SSHA graduate chairs’ memo in GC’s memo. Members vote to approve the draft memo if there is a consensus.

VII. Campus Wide Review Item – Chair Abatzoglou – 1:15pm – 1:25pm

- A. [SOE Proposal for an Electrical Engineering Minor](#)

The School of Engineering would like to offer the new program beginning in Fall 2025.

Requested Action: GC is to decide whether to opine. If opining, assign a lead reviewer. The lead reviewer will send their comments to the GC Analysts by Friday, November 15, 2024. GC voting members will be invited to review the lead reviewer’s draft memo via email.

Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **Friday, November 22, 2024**.

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

IX. Informational Items from VPDGE Hratchian

- A. [FY25 Primary Block Grant Allocation](#)
- B. [Master’s Incentive Program Allocation](#)
- C. [Fall 2025 Enrollment Tables](#)
- D. [AY 23/24 Employment Data Tables](#)