Undergraduate Council (UGC)
Agenda
Friday, November 8, 2024
2:00pm – 3:30pm

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I.   **Consent Calendar – 2:00pm – 2:05pm**
        A. Today's Agenda
        B. October 25 Meeting Minutes

        Requested Action: Approve the Consent Calendar.

II.   **Chair's Report – Chair Sharping – 2:05pm – 2:15pm**
        A. October 30 Shared Governance Retreat
        B. November 4 DivCo Meeting
        C. November 4 UCEP Meeting

III.   **Vice Chair's Report – Alejandro Gutierrez – 2:15pm – 2:25pm**
        A. October 18 Meeting with Advising Directors – Double Majors and Minors

        Requested Action: Members determine whether to revise UC Merced's current policies for double majors and minors and/or provide an update to PROC.

IV.   **VPDUE Bergerson's Report – 2:25pm – 2:35pm**
        A. Guidance on student absence due to illness

V.   **Systemwide Review Item – Greg Wright and Aurora Pribram-Jones – 2:35pm – 2:50pm**
        A. Interim Policy on Expressive Activities and Assembly: Protests, Demonstrations, Non-University Speakers and Signage on Campus and in University Facilities
        This Policy and associated procedures are designed to protect and promote the rights of members of the university community, including the right to freedom of expression, to prevent interference with university functions or activities, to protect university facilities and to assure compliance with all pertinent laws and other applicable University policies.

Lead Reviewers: Aurora Pribram-Jones and Greg Wright
The lead reviewer's draft memo is available here.

Requested Action: Members discuss the interim policy and lead reviewers' comments. If there is consensus, voting members vote in the executive session to approve the draft memo.

Comments are due to the Senate Chair by November 18, 2024.

VI.   **Approval of Courses[1] – Santosh Chandrasekhar, Haiyan Liu, and Maria Zoghbi - 2:50pm – 3:05pm**
The Subcommittee's recommendations are available here.

Approval via Consent Calendar:
1. BIO - 119 - Microbiome Research Lab (modify existing; Fall 2025)
2. BIO - 153 - Evolution and Development (modify existing; Fall 2025)
3. BIOE - 104 - Biotransport Phenomena (modify existing; Fall 2025)
4. CHE - 125 - Process Control (new; Fall 2025)
5. COMM - 001 - Speech Traditions (new; Fall 2025)
6. COMM - 159 - Topics in Media Studies (crosslisted with GASP 189B; new; Fall 2025)
7. GASP - 189B - Topics in Media Studies (crosslisted with COMM 159; new; Fall 2025)
8. COMM - 170 - Communication Methods (new; Fall 2025)
9. CSE - 015 - Discrete Mathematics (modify existing; Fall 2025)
10. DSA - 101 - Machine Learning & Natural Language Processing (new; Spring 2026)
11. EE - 001 - Electrical Engineering Introduction (modify existing; Fall 2025)
12. EE - 021 - Introduction to Electrical Engineering Programming (modify existing; Fall 2025)
13. MATH - 029 - Writing in the Discipline (new; Fall 2025)
14. MIST - 001 - Introduction to Management of Innovation, Sustainability & Technology (new; Fall 2025)
15. ROTC - 003 - Leadership Laboratory (new; Fall 2025)
16. ROTC - 103C - Air Force ROTC Field Training (new; Fall 2025)
17. ROTC - 104A - Leading People and Effective Communication (new; Fall 2025)
18. ROTC - 105A - National Security/Commissioning Preparation (new; Fall 2025)
19. ROTC - 113 - Leadership Laboratory (new; Fall 2025)

Requested Action: Approve the courses via consent calendar.

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[1] RECUSALS
Catherine – CHE
Santosh - CSE

VII.   Any Other Business – 3:05pm – 3:10pm
  A. Upcoming Business
  - Implementation of Public Law 117-328 – Incomplete Grading Policy for Service Members
    The systemwide Senate leadership and the systemwide Student Financial Support are asking each Division to review their policies and procedures for handling incomplete grades to ensure compliance with the new guidelines.

VIII.   Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 3:10pm – 3:30pm