

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)**AGENDA****Tuesday, November 26, 2024****12:00pm – 1:30pm****ZOOM**

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[Graduate Council Duties](#)

I. Consent Calendar – Chair Abatzoglou – 12:00pm – 12:10pm

- A. Today's Agenda
- B. [November 12 Draft Meeting Minutes](#)
- C. [SSHA Petition for a Graduate Student to Teach an Upper Division Course for Spring 2025](#)
- D. Courses
 - [MBSE - 212 - Thermodynamics and Kinetics](#) (Modify Existing; Fall 2025)
 - [QSB - 286 - Cooperative-Based Graduate Research Experience](#) (New; Spring 2025)

Requested Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar.

II. Chair's Report – John Abatzoglou – 12:10pm – 12:20pm

- A. November 14 All Graduate Group Chairs' Meeting
- B. November 18 Divisional Council Meeting

III. Vice Chair's Report – Irene Beattie – 12:20pm – 12:30pm

- A. November 18 PROC Meeting
- B. November 19 PROC Meeting Re: Appeal for Departmental Program and Shared Program Review Structure

IV. Waivers for Disadvantaged Students – Jennifer Howell – 12:30pm - 12:40pm

Some departments are claiming to have a process for graduate application fee waivers in-house, including those based on financial need. This may be problematic as applicants are being asked to directly disclose their financial status to the individuals deciding on their admission and possibly their potential advisor. This could potentially create bias in the decision-making process.

Requested Action: Members discuss and determine the next steps.

V. Consultation with Associate Vice Chancellor of Equity, Justice, & Inclusive Excellence Zulema Valdez – 12:40pm – 1:00pm

- A. UC Academic Congress on Hispanic-Serving Research Institutions (HSRI)

VI. Curriculum Advisory Board (CAB)/Extension Program – Vice Chair Beattie – 1:00pm – 1:10pm

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. At the October 29, 2024 GC meeting, members met with CAB members Mayya Tokman and Zenaida Aguirre-Munoz to discuss their experience serving on CAB.

Supporting Documentation:

- Senate Regulations regarding University Extension Credit Courses are available [here](#).
- UC Berkeley’s Regulation of the Academic Senate related to instructors of University Extension Courses is available [here](#).
- Additional information regarding CAB and the Teacher Practitioner Advisory Board (TPAB) is available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members further discuss and determine the next steps.

VII. [October 30 Governance Retreat Priorities](#) – Chair Abatzoglou – 1:10 - 1:20pm

At the conclusion of the October 30 session, participants shared their top priorities and key takeaways, highlighting areas of focus for future action. In alignment with the request from Senate leadership, Senate Committees are encouraged to review these priorities and identify those they wish to address this academic year. Chair Abatzoglou invites GC to consider addressing the following priorities:

- 1) What are ways in which GC can help support the development of Masters programs at UCM?
 - Where is there place-based demand that can serve the valley/regional workforce needs?
 - Where is there an opportunity for novel MS programs?
 - Where is there faculty expertise to deliver curriculum?
 - Can we leverage 4+1 hybrid programs and other creative means (extension-Masters pathways)?
 - How do MS take away from or complement existing UG and PhD programs?
 - What incentives do faculty/programs have for building something new?
- 2) How do we better socialize/share common preparation and training for graduate students across graduate groups?
- 3) Are there pathways to ensure better degree completion and outcome for graduate students, particularly for those from traditionally underrepresented groups?

Requested Action: Members review the Governance Retreat notes/list of priorities and discuss Chair Abatzoglou’s recommended priorities to address. Members identify any additional items that the committee should address this year. The GC Analyst will notify the Executive Director of the priorities that GC intends to address.

VIII. Systemwide Review Item – Chair Abatzoglou – 1:20 - 1:25pm

- A. [Proposed Revisions to the Presidential Policy on the Use of Animals in Research, Teaching, and Testing](#)
The proposed revised policy would update and replace UC’s current policy “[Use of Animals in Research and Teaching](#)”.

GC is a lead reviewer.

Requested Action: Assign a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer will send their comments to the GC

Analysts by Wednesday, January 8, 2024. GC voting members will be invited to review the lead reviewer's draft memo at a future GC meeting. Comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, January 31, 2025.

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