

Undergraduate Council (UGC)**AGENDA****Friday, December 6, 2024****2:00pm – 3:30pm****I. Consent Calendar – 2:00pm – 2:05pm**

A. Today's Agenda

Requested Action: Approve the Consent Calendar.**II. Chair's Report – Chair Sharping – 2:05pm – 2:15pm**

A. December 2 DivCo Meeting

B. December 2 UCEP Meeting

III. Consultation with SSHA Associate Dean Anne Zanzucchi and Professor Catherine Koehler – 2:15pm – 2:30pmA. [Draft campus policy for undergraduate certificate programs](#)**IV. Update: [Public Law 117-328 \(Incomplete Grading Policy\)](#) – Chair Sharping – 2:30pm – 2:40pm**

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.

On November 6, 2024, Registrar Webb and Financial Aid Deputy Director Nardello were invited to review the request. Registrar Webb's memo is available [here](#).

Chair Sharping recommends UGC consider option 2 of Registrar Webb's recommendations: "Grant authority to the Registrar's Office to make individual exceptions for military students who are called to active duty, training, or state service to ensure compliance with the law."

Requested Action: Members engage in conversation and further discuss/vote in the executive session if there is consensus.

V. UGC’s Priorities – Chair Sharping – 2:40pm – 2:55pm**A. [Recommendations for changes to minor and double major policies](#)**

At the November 8 and 22 UGC meetings, members discussed potential changes to UC Merced policies for minors and double majors, specifically for unit sharing. For double majors, only one lower division course can count for two majors or both a major and a minor. The UC Merced Advising Directors find this to be the main obstacle that prevents students from double majoring or acquiring a minor and believe it would be more useful for an upper division course to double count.

The Senate Policy on Multiple Majors is available [here](#).

The Campuswide Policy on Minors is available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members are to discuss and determine whether to propose amendments to the Minor Policy to align with the Multiple Majors Policy, or to remove course-sharing limitations for minors, or to leave the policies as is.

B. Update on Academic Integrity and AI Initiatives

The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy on Academic Honesty is available [here](#).

Options for UGC to consider:

- Adopt the existing policy as is
- Recommend revisions to the existing policy
- Leave as is

Requested: Members determine how to move forward with revisions to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities Academic Honesty Policy.

C. End of Term Policy

No Requested Action.

VI. Approval of Courses¹ – Santosh Chandrasekhar, Haiyan Liu, and Maria Zoghbi - 2:55pm – 3:05pm

The Subcommittee’s recommendations are available [here](#).

Approval via Consent Calendar:

1. [CEE - 110 - Engineering Hydrology](#) (modify existing; Fall 2025)
2. [NSED - 180 - Critical Perspectives on the History of Science and Mathematics](#)

¹ RECUSALS

Jay– PHYS

Susan – WRI

Catherine - MSE

(new; Fall 2025)

3. [PHYS - 153 - The Physics of Radiology](#) (new; Fall 2025)
4. [DSC - 100 - Advanced Data Science](#) (new; Spring 2025)

Crosslisted Courses:

5. [COMM - 109 - Topics in Professional Writing](#) (crosslisted with WRI 130; new; Fall 2025)
6. [WRI - 130 - Topics in Professional Writing](#) (crosslisted with COMM 109; modify existing; Fall 2025)
7. [COMM - 129 - Special Topics in Rhetoric](#) (crosslisted with WRI 122; new; Fall 2025)
8. [WRI - 122 - Special Topics in Rhetoric](#) (crosslisted with COMM 129; modify existing; Fall 2025)
9. [CRES - 012 - World Histories & World Geographies](#) (crosslisted with HIST 012; new; Fall 2025)
10. [HIST - 012 - World Histories & World Geographies](#) (crosslisted with CRES 012; new; Fall 2025)
11. [CRES - 022 - The Golden Road: California History as US History](#) (crosslisted with HIST 022; new; Fall 2025)
12. [HIST - 022 - The Golden Road: California History as US History](#) (crosslisted with CRES 022; new; Fall 2025)
13. [MSE - 151 - Materials Processing & Performance I: Materials Thermodynamics and Kinetics](#) (crosslisted with MBSE 212 [Grad]; modify existing; Fall 2025)

Requested Action: Approve the courses via consent calendar.

VII. Any Other Business – All – 3:05pm – 3:10pm

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