

Undergraduate Council (UGC)**Agenda****Thursday, February 20, 2025****10:30am – 12:00pm****ZOOM****I. Consent Calendar – 10:30am – 10:35am**

- A. Today's Agenda
- B. [February 6 Meeting Minutes](#)

Requested Action: Approve the Consent Calendar.

II. Chair's Report – Jay Sharping – 10:35am – 10:45am

- A. December 16, January 28, and February 11 DivCo Meetings
- B. December 16 Meeting of the Division
- C. January 6 and February 3 UCEP Meetings

III. Vice Chair's Report – Alejandro Gutierrez - 10:45am – 11:00am

- A. [February 11 Undocumented Students Work Group Meeting](#)

IV. VPDUE Bergerson's Report – 11:00am – 11:10am

- A. Update on Task Force for Uncivil Discourse

V. Proposed Revisions to Campus-wide Policy on Minors – Chair Sharping – 11:10am – 11:20am

At the November 22 and December 6 UGC meetings, members discussed [recommendations for changes to UC Merced's minor and double major policies](#), specifically for unit sharing. Members agreed to modify the minor policy to align with the existing major policy, allowing a more flexible unit-based course-sharing limit.

The proposed revisions to the Campus-wide Policy on Minors are shown in tracked changes, [here](#). The Multiple Major Policy is available on page 2 for reference.

Requested Action: Members discuss the proposed revisions. If there is consensus, voting members vote in the executive session to approve the proposed revisions. If approved, the UGC Analyst will notify the Senate Chair.

VI. Campus Review Item– 11:20am – 11:30am**A. [Interim Policy on Consensual Relationships](#) (Campus wide)**

The policy is intended to clarify expectations and support faculty and staff in avoiding professional conflicts of interest related to consensual relationships.

Lead Reviewers: Bin Liu and Greg Wright

The lead reviewers' draft memo is available [here](#).

Requested Action: Members review the interim policy and lead reviewers' draft memo. If there is consensus, voting members vote to approve the draft memo in the executive session. UGC Analyst will transmit the final memo to the Senate Chair.

Comments are due to the Senate Chair by Monday, March 3, 2025.

VII. Approval of Courses¹ – Santosh Chandrasekhar, Haiyan Liu, and Maria Zoghbi - 11:30am – 11:45am

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

Approval by Consent Calendar:

1. [COGS - 124 - Introduction to Neural Networks in Cognitive Science](#) (modify existing; Spring 2026)
2. [ECON - 163A - Economics of Investments: Stocks and Bonds](#) (new; Spring 2026)
3. [PH - 185 - Introduction to Health and Biomedical Ethics](#) (modify existing; UGC approved for Summer 2025)

Crosslisted Courses:

4. [BIO - 173 - Teaching for Learning: Instructional Learning Assistant Pedagogy Course](#) (new; crosslisted with NSED 172, CHEM 173, PHYS 173, MATH 173; Spring 2025)
5. [CHEM - 173 - Teaching for Learning: Instructional Learning Assistant Pedagogy Course](#) (new; crosslisted with NSED 172, BIO 173, PHYS 173, MATH 173; Spring 2025)
6. [MATH - 173 - Teaching for Learning: Instructional Learning Assistant Pedagogy Course](#) (new; crosslisted with NSED 172, BIO 173, PHYS 173, CHEM 173; Spring 2025)
7. [NSED - 172 - Teaching for Learning: Instructional Learning Assistant Pedagogy Course](#) (new; crosslisted with MATH 173, BIO 173, PHYS 173, CHEM 173; Spring 2025)
8. [PHYS - 173 - Teaching for Learning: Instructional Learning Assistant](#)

¹ RECUSALS

Jay – PHYS

Greg – ECON

Lindsay – PH

Aurora - CHEM

[Pedagogy Course](#) (new; crosslisted with MATH 173, BIO 173, NSED 172, CHEM 173; Spring 2025)

*For numbers 4-8: On January 30, 2025, UGC approved [SNS Professor Bennett's request](#) to crosslist NSED 172 and the other four courses together and retroactively apply the crosslistings to the Spring 2025 semester.

Requested Action: Approve the courses via consent calendar.

VIII. Any Other Business – All – 11:45am – 11:50am

IX. Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 11:50am – 12:00pm