

Undergraduate Council (UGC)

Agenda

Thursday, March 6, 2025

10:30am – 12:00pm

ADMIN 345**I. Consent Calendar – 10:30am – 10:35am**

- A. Today's Agenda
- B. [February 20 Meeting Minutes](#)
- C. [Request from SNS Request for UGC to consider NSED 25/26, 45/46, and 65/66 course consolidations effective Fall 2025.](#)
- D. [Request from SoE for an exception to UGC's October 14, 2024 deadline to modify the contact hours in several courses, effective Fall 2025, as well as an exception to UGC's February 3, 2025 deadline to submit several courses for Spring 2026 implementation.](#)

Requested Action: Approve the Consent Calendar.

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

- A. February 25 DivCo Meeting
- B. March 3 UCEP Meeting

III. Vice Chair's Report – Alejandro Gutierrez – 10:45am – 10:55am

- A. [Update on the Curriculum Advisory Board \(CAB\)](#)

IV. [Request from GC – Proposed Amendments to GC's Policy for Establishing Hybrid Undergraduate/Graduate Degree Programs](#) – 10:55am – 11:05am

On February 11, 2025, GC invited UGC to review proposed amendments to GC's Policy for Establishing Hybrid Undergraduate/Graduate Degree Programs (HDP) and the Procedures for Submitting Graduate Programs and Hybrid Undergraduate/Graduate Degree Programs, which aim to allow for an exception to the number of units from the graduate level course work to count toward undergraduate degree requirements.

The proposed amendments are noted below in bold, underlined font:

“HDP programs allow for 12 units of graduate level coursework to count toward undergraduate degree requirements. Each HDP program sets its upper limit of graduate level units which can be counted towards the Bachelor's degree, but the upper limit should not exceed 12 units, **unless otherwise approved by exception by the Graduate Council (GC).**”

Requested Action: Members review GC's proposed revisions. If there is consensus, voting members vote in the executive session to approve the proposed revisions. The UGC Analyst will notify GC.

V. Campus and Systemwide Review Items – 11:05am – 11:20am

A. [Proposal for a Dual Degree Program Leading to a Bachelor of Science \(B.S.\) Degree from UCM and Doctor of Medicine Degree from UCSF](#) (Campus)

Lead Reviewers: Jay Sharping and Lindsay Crawford

The lead reviewers' draft memo was shared with voting members.

Requested Action: Members review the proposal and lead reviewers' assessment. 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 Friday, March 7, 2025.

B. [Proposed Amendments to Systemwide Senate Bylaw 170 and Rescission of Systemwide Senate Bylaw 192](#) (Systemwide)

Lead Reviewer: Susan Varnot

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

Requested Action: Members review the proposed amendments and lead reviewer's assessment. 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 Friday, March 7, 2025.

VI. AY 26-27 Catalog Revisions – Jay Sharping, Santosh Chandrasekhar, and Lindsay Crawford – 11:20am – 11:30am

1. Critical Race and Ethnic Studies:
<https://ucmerced.box.com/s/55jlozoms0rz5gjk2plz8t7id22qjnsv>
2. History: <https://ucmerced.box.com/s/55jlozoms0rz5gjk2plz8t7id22qjnsv>
3. Cognitive and Information Sciences:
<https://ucmerced.box.com/s/flsvj7jccewq0h4bzxmmul0s26l0cu>.

Requested Action: Members review the AY 26-27 Catalog revisions. If there is consensus, members vote in the executive session to approve the revisions. The UGC Analyst will notify the Registrar.

VII. Approval of Courses¹ – Santosh Chandrasekhar, Haiyan Liu, and Maria Zoghbi - 11:30am – 11:40am

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

Approval by Consent Calendar:

1. [COMM - 018 - Introduction to Communication Theory](#) (new; Fall 2025)
2. [ESS - 159 - Insect Ecology and Evolution](#) (modify existing; Spring 2026)
3. [HS - 167 - Buddhist Art and Architectural Heritage](#) (new; Spring 2026)
4. [PH - 107H - Food Policy & Politics](#) (new; Fall 2025) – UGC approved request for late submission on January 23, 2025.
5. [ROTC - 061 - Army Doctrine and Team Development](#) (new; Spring 2026)
6. [ROTC - 150 - Training Management and the Warfighting Functions](#) (new; Spring 2026)
7. [ROTC - 160 - The Army Officer](#) (new; Spring 2026)
8. [ROTC - 161 - Company Grade Leadership](#) (new; Spring 2026)
9. [ROTC - 162L - Senior Leadership Lab](#) (new; Spring 2026)
10. [ROTC - 163 - Cadet Advanced Camp](#) (new; Spring 2026)
11. [ROTC - 192 - Military History](#) (new; Spring 2026)
12. [ROTC - 199 - Independent Study](#) (new; Spring 2026)
13. [SPAN - 050 - Introduction to Literary Analysis](#) (modify existing; Fall 2025)

Requested Action: Approve the courses via consent calendar.

VIII. Any Other Business – All – 11:40am – 11:45am

IX. Executive Session – Voting Members Only – 11:45am – 12:00pm

¹ RECUSALS
Lindsay – PH