

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

1:30 – 2:45 PM

ADMIN Room 245

Zoom URL: <https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/2092009728?from=addon>

Zoom Phone: 1 669 900 6833, Meeting ID: 209 200 9728

Documents available in [box](#)[Graduate Council Duties](#)

- I. **Chair's Report (1:30-1:40)—Chair Hestir**
- A. Divisional Council (10/28)
 - B. 10/29 CCGA meeting on Self-Supported Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDPs)
 - C. [Message to Grad Group Chairs](#) re: course proposals for Spring & Summer 2023 implementation

- II. **Vice Chair's Report (1:40-1:55)—Vice Chair Ha**
- A. Graduate Chairs Meeting
 - B. PROC (10/28)

III. **Consent Calendar (1:55-1:55)—Chair Hestir**

- A. The agenda (11/2)
- B. [Minutes](#) from the 10/19 meeting
- C. Course Proposals
NEW:
[ES - 269](#) - Environmental Toxicology
[ME - 263](#) - Electrochemical Energy: Theory and Analytical Methods
[PSY - 226](#) - Health Interventions
[PSY - 227](#) - Stress, Coping, and Health
- D. Petition
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Action Requested: Approval of the Consent Calendar

IV. **Systemwide Review Items (1:55-2:00)—Chair Hestir**

- A. [Proposed Revised APM - 759, Leaves of Absence/Other Leaves Without Pay](#) (draft memo is [here](#))
- B. [Proposed Presidential Policy on Abusive Conduct/Bullying in the Workplace](#)

Action Requested: Transmit GC comments to Senate Chair by 11/19/21.

V. **Discussion Item: Graduate Student Instructors (2:00-2:15)—Policy Subcommittee Chair Ryavec**

GC continues its discussion from 10/9 regarding how to ensure that the employment of Graduate Student Instructors (Teaching Fellows-TFs) is based on the benefit of the experience for the students, and not for addressing labor issues. Policy Subcommittee has reviewed GC's [policy](#) for TFs to teach upper division courses and associated [form](#), and proposes revisions. To clarify the responsibilities of department and graduate group chairs, advisors, and course mentors, GC has drafted the [linked memo](#), which has now been reviewed by the Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Personnel and the Policy Subcommittee.

Actions Requested: Members discuss the proposed revisions to the GC policy on graduate student instructors and related form. Members revise and approve the memo, to be transmitted to the Senate Chair (then, upon endorsement, to the EVC/Provost).

VI. **Consultation with Vice Provost/Dean of Graduate Education —Interim VPDGE Chris Kello (2:15-2:45)**

- A. Master's Degree Plan II Committee
- B. In absentia eligibility and geographical boundary for UC Merced
- C. Visitation Weekend
- D. Graduate Professional Development one-credit course—
- E. Normative times for all programs
- F. Policies and procedures for graduate group members to maintain membership

VII. New Business?

VIII. Informational Items