

[GRADUATE COUNCIL \(GC\)](#)

Thursday, February 18, 2021

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Zoom URL: <https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/2092009728>

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

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

I. Executive Session—MEMBERS ONLY, 15 minutes

- A. Graduate Recruitment Fellowships-*Guest Eric Cannon*

II. Chair's Report (2:15-2:35) -Chair Hratchian

- A. DivCo 2/5 Meeting
B. Teacher Preparation Program (TPP) Workgroup—a related memo from Extension is [here](#)
C. Cooperative Extension (ANR) Specialists on Student Committees—[CRE response](#)
D. [Senate Award](#) Committee (3 members including a Chair, one from each school)
E. Budget Planning and Policy Ideas (Update on a meeting with UGC and CAPRA Chairs)

III. Vice Chair's Report (2:35-2:50) -Vice Chair Hestir

- A. PROC (2/8) Meeting. GC's draft response to PROC's questions is [here](#).

**IV. Report on [Faculty-Graduate Student Conflict Resolution Infrastructure \(CRI\) Workgroup](#) (2:50-3:00)-
*Member Chen and Interim Graduate Dean Kello***

Member Chen will update the Council on the CRI Workgroup's meeting on 2/8/21. Interim Graduate Dean Kello will present the draft faculty/grad conflict resolution flowchart.

V. Consent Calendar (3:00-3:00)

- A. The agenda (2/18/21)
B. [Minutes](#) from the 2/4 meeting
C. [Response to CRE](#)
D. [Catalog Revisions](#)
E. Graduate Student IOR [Petitions](#)—for Summer 2021. The requesting department has verified that the students have advanced to candidacy and will not be supervising other grad students.
- Becerra, Rene_SOC 160_202120
 - Duenas, Maria_SOC 182_202120
 - Escobar, Maria_SOC 180_202120
 - Perez Martin, Amalia_SOC 110_202120
 - Quesada, Cintia_SOC 111_202120
 - Quesada, Melissa_SOC 132_202120
- F. Course Proposals
NEW:
[SOC - 219](#) - Environmental Sociology
[SOC - 233](#) - Race and Education
[SOC - 284](#) - Latinx Sociology

Recommended Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar

VI. Discussion Item: Graduate Student TAs in courses taught by Graduate Student IORs (3:00-3:10)

Per APM 410-4a, a Teaching Assistant is “serving an apprenticeship under the active tutelage and supervision of a regular faculty member.” GC Policy Subcommittee met and agreed that there needs to be a policy that applies to both upper and lower division courses where graduate student TAs assist graduate student IORs. A draft policy/form is [here](#).

Recommended Action: Determine the next steps.

VII. Discussion Item: 4+1 Program Policy and Procedure (3:10-3:20)

Following a proposal from MBSE in Summer 2020, draft 4+1 program [policy](#) and [guidelines](#) for program proposal were revised in Fall 2020. Members are invited to review the documents to finalize them at this meeting. Points to consider are:

- Additional Requirements that do not accrue course credits but provide professional development
- Minimum Grade (B-) and GPA (3.4 for all courses, 3.25 for courses in students’ majors)
- Admissions as Freshman (with High School GPA of 3.6 or higher)
- Contiguous vs. Combined Programs (in Guidelines—this has policy and resource implications)
- Proposal Timeline (proposed 9 months vs. current 18 months for undergraduate proposals)

Recommended Action: Finalize the documents for transmittal to AFAC and UGC.

VIII. Consultation with VPDGE (3:20-3:30)-Interim Graduate Dean Kello

A. Graduate enrollment projections---updated information on applicants, including “first generation,” is [here](#).

IX. New Business?

X. Informational Items