

**GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)**

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

**1:30 – 3:00 PM****KL 232 (NOTE LOCATION CHANGE)**Zoom URL: <https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/2092009728>

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**I. Executive Session****II. Vice Chair's Report---*Vice Chair Hratchian*****5 Min****III. Consent Calendar****0 Min**

A. The agenda (3/3)

B. [Minutes from the 2/18 meeting](#)C. Revised P&Ps—[Physics](#)D. Catalog Revision for [Physics](#) and [Economics](#)

E. CRFs

New:

[MIST 215](#) (Cross-listing with ES 241 )—Political Ecology and Complexity

Modify Existing:

[ES 241](#) (cross-listing with MIST 215)—Natural Resource Management[CHEM 260](#)—Introduction to Scientific Computing[ES 231](#) -Fuel Cell Fundamentals, Modeling, and Diagnostic[ME 262](#) -Fuel Cell Fundamentals, Modeling, and Diagnostic[MBSE 262](#) - Fuel Cell Fundamentals, Modeling, and Diagnostic[ES 233](#)-Convective Heat and Mass Transfer[ME 232](#) - Convective Heat and Mass Transfer[QSB 201](#)-Teaching and Learning in the SciencesF. [IORS](#): petitions for the following graduate students to teach the listed courses have been approved by GC Chair Westerling:

Baker, Melissa\_POLI 120\_202020

Maria Camila, Alviar Guzman\_COGS 105\_202020

Arcellano Carmona, Kimberly\_PH 102\_202020

**IV. Campus Review****10 Min**A. Provost's [proposal for Summer Session Faculty Compensation](#) –*Member Theodoridis*

The Senate is asked to comment on the Budget Working Group's proposed model for summer session faculty compensation. The intention is to implement the new model in time for faculty to consider their participation in the 2020 summer session.

**Action Requested:** Transmit Graduate Council comments to Senate Chair by 3/12/20.

- V. Discussion Item: Credit Hour Increase in CRFs—*CRF Subcommittee Chair Ni*** **15 Min**  
There have been a couple of recent CRFs that propose unit increases. As Curriculum only maintains CRFs that are being reviewed for approval, it is difficult to assess whether the unit increase is warranted. This is particularly difficult for courses that are being cross-listed.
- Action Requested:** Draft a policy guideline for cross-listing and unit increases in CRF proposals.
- VI. Discussion Item: CRF Policy Work Group Update—*Member Newsam*** **15 Min**  
CRF Policy Work Group has further requests for GC's feedback on the revision of CRF process, including changing the timeline for CRF review, considering an abbreviated review process for Special Topics courses, enabling graduate program support staff to submit and edit CRFs, and reviewing [the draft memo](#) to Graduate Group and Department Chairs.
- Action Requested:** Finalize plan for revision of CRF Policy, including revising [Course Approval Policy](#) and the [checklist](#)
- VII. Discussion Item: P&P Template Revision—*Vice Chair Hratchian*** **10 Min**  
As approved at GC's meeting on 2/18/20, Graduate Groups will be asked to submit/revise their P&Ps starting in Fall 2020. To facilitate this process, and also to incorporate recent developments in addressing faculty-graduate student relations, a proposed revised P&P [template](#) and accompanying [instruction](#) documents have been prepared for Graduate Council's review.
- Action Requested:** Review the template and timeline, to be ready for implementation in AY 20-21.
- VIII. Consultation with VPDGE** **20 Min**  
VPDGE Zatz updates GC on TA situations systemwide and at UC Merced campus, and on academic strategic planning.
- IX. New Business? **COVID-19 and DACA students—blanket authorization for distance learning.****
- Action Requested:** Approve a blanket authorization for all grad courses to be offered remotely at the discretion of the GC Chair, Vice Chair, or Acting Chair, in the event of campus closure, or for DACA students who involuntarily leave the campus.
- X. Informational Item**  
(2/20/20) Academic Council's [Statements](#) concerning the graduate students' strike at UCSC and associated police presence at UCSC, in response to the strike