

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

Thursday, January 21, 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 (2:00-2:10)—MEMBERS ONLY****A. Revised MDSA Program Proposal-*Member Chen***

The program proposers have [responded to GC's recommendations](#) for revision, and submitted a [revised proposal](#).

**II. Chair's Report (2:10-2:25) -*Chair Hratchian*****A. CCGA—4+1 program guideline (to be placed in box)****B. Consultation on Medical Education and 4+1 program policy****C. Fellowship Communications (The email message sent to Graduate Group Chairs is [here](#))****III. Vice Chair's Report (2:25-2:30) -*Vice Chair Hestir*****A. PROC Meeting (1/19/21)****IV. Report on [Faculty-Graduate Student Conflict Resolution Infrastructure Workgroup](#) (2:30-2:40)-*Member Chen***

The Workgroup produced a [Progress Report](#), which was submitted to the Senate Chair and the Provost.

**V. Consent Calendar (2:40-2:40)****A. The agenda (1/21/21)****B. [Minutes from the 12/7 meeting](#)****C. Course Proposals**

NEW:

[PH - 220](#) - Environmental Epidemiology

MODIFY:

[ECON - 290](#) - Special Topics (remove cross-listing with MGMT 290)**D. Graduate Student IORs for Upper Division Courses—Summer 2021**Baker, Melissa [POLI 127 202120](#)Dobbs, Reagan [POLI 102 202120](#)**VI. Discussion Item: Fellowship Review Process (2:40-2:50)-*Fellowship Subcommittee Chair Ilan***

In Fall 2020, GC consulted the Graduate Division on the review process for fellowships. One of the resulting changes is pooling of smaller, "top-off" fellowships into summer (full) fellowships. Previously, faculty did not review the top-off fellowships.

**Recommended Action:** Determine GC's role in reviewing the summer fellowships.

**VII. Discussion Item: Assessment of the Implementation of CatCourses and Curriculog modification (2:50-3:00)**

GC led the efforts for the last two years on streamlining information and processes in [Curriculog](#) and [CatCourses](#). The GC-and UGC-approved changes were implemented at the start of AY 20-21. A graduate group chair has suggested a possible addition to the CatCourses informational tab.

**Recommended Action:** Review the CatCourses Auto-population process, and discuss a timeline for the review of the revised course approval process in Curriculog, and whom to consult.

**VIII. Consultation with VPDGE (3:00-3:30)-*Interim Graduate Dean Kello***

- A. Virtual Grad Visitation Weekend
- B. Review of Instructional Budgets and Credit Hour Model
- C. Admissions Update
- D. TA training requirements

**IX. New Business?**

**X. Informational Items**