

Undergraduate Council (UGC)

Thursday, November 8, 2018

10:30am – 12:00pm

SSM 217

- I. Chair's Report – Jay Sharping – 15 min**
- A. [UCEP Meeting](#) (11/5)
  - B. [DivCo Meeting](#) (11/6)
- II. Consent Calendar – 5 min**
- A. Approval of the November 8 Agenda
  - B. Approval of [UGC Conflict of Interest Policy](#)
- III. Vice Chair's Report – Catherine Keske – 15 min**
- A. [Admissions and Financial Aid Subcommittee Meeting](#) (11/5)
  - B. [BOARS Meeting](#) (11/2)
- IV. Budget Working Group Update – Sholeh Quinn – 5 min**
- V. Discontinuance of Chemical Sciences, Environment Chemistry Emphasis – Vice Chair Keske and Director Ruiz - 15 min**
- This item was discussed by the Admissions and Financial Aid Subcommittee on 10/25. Members requested a UGC discussion in consultation with the Office of Admissions.
- The emphasis was discontinued effective Fall 2018 without any consultation with key stakeholders. AFAS members discussed concerns, including the impact on students, challenges for admissions staff, and potential litigation risks. AFAS members discussed the need for a four-year advance notice when changes are made to programs in the future, to allow for admissions preparations and to allow students to complete their degree.
- Action Requested:** Discuss next steps.
- VI. [PROC Updates](#) – Susan Amussen – 15 min**
- A. PROC Meeting Updates
  - B. [PROC 10/31 Memo](#) – Request that the SSM and MBE program reviews be coordinated. Please refer to the memo for a description of the request.  
**Action Requested:** UGC considers PROC's request and responds by December 15.
- VII. CRFs Subcommittee Report – Jay Sharping, James Palko, Jesus Sandoval-Hernandez – 10 min**
- Actions Requested:**
- CRFs subcommittee makes a recommendation on the courses hyperlinked below.
  - UGC endorses subcommittee's recommendations.
- Link to Curriculog Agenda: <https://ucmerced.curriculog.com/agenda:53/form>

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- 1) [COGS 179 – The Cognitive Science of Religion](#)
- 2) [CRES 102 – Race, Gender, Sexuality](#)
- 3) [CSE 155 – Introduction to Human-Computer Interaction](#)
- 4) [ENG 064 – LGBT Fiction](#)
- 5) [ESS 015 – Weather, Climate, and the Environment](#)

**VIII. [Principles to Guide the Use of Executive Sessions](#) – Jay Sharping – 10 min**

The proposed principles and associated practices are intended to establish for committee members, consultants, guests, and the broader campus community, a set of expectations for how executive sessions are conducted in the Senate, and to promote consistency in the implementation of executive sessions across Senate committees. Should the principles be endorsed by the Senate, they will be posted to the Senate website in partnership with the [Guide to Committee Membership](#), which includes an overview of the purpose of executive session.

**Action Requested:** Discuss guiding principles. Comments are due to the Senate Chair by December 4, 2018.