

Undergraduate Council (UGC)

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Agenda**Monday, December 12****12:30-2:00pm****KL 232**

- I. Chair's Report – Anne Zanzucchi** **10 min**
A. December 1 Divisional Council Meeting
B. December 5 UCEP Meeting including [UCEP's Report on Advanced Placement Exams](#)
C. CSE Request for an exception to allow a senior Ph.D. student to teach an upper level CSE course
D. NS Faculty Representative on GESC: Carrie Menke
- II. Consent Calendar**
A. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Report on Admissions Topics** **10 min**
Please also see informational materials under section X. a)
A. [December 2 BOARS Meeting](#) – BOARS Representative Viney
B. [December 8 AFAS Meeting](#) – Chair Viney
- IV. Update on General Education –VPDUE Whitt** **5 min**
A. Meeting with SOE Faculty (December 5)
- V. [Consultation with Provost/EVC Peterson](#)** **30 min**
Scheduled for 1:00pm
- VI. Revised University Honors Proposal – VPDUE Whitt and UGC Vice Chair Sifuentez** **15 min**
Background: In December 2014, [the Provost asked VPDUE Whitt and Special Assistant to the Chancellor Lawrence](#) to co-chair a task force charged with developing an institution-wide Honors program. The task force membership included Senate faculty representatives Jack Vevea, Mario Sifuentez, Hrant Hratchian, Ming-Hsuan Yang, and undergraduate students. The task force came to the conclusion that it should recommend a University Honors program. The Honors proposal was reviewed by the Senate last AY and former Senate Chair Ricci [recommended that approval be delayed](#). The Task Force is coming back to the Senate this AY to request approval by the Senate. If approved, the program will be launched in Fall 2018. When implemented, the program will provide for incoming first -year, transfer, and continuing students. With 10,000 students, there would be about 450 students in the University Honors program.

On December 9, 2016, the Senate Chair [received a revised proposal](#).

Action Requested: UGC holds a preliminary discussion of the report and makes a final recommendation on January 23, 2016.

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Comments are due to the Senate Chair by January 31, 2016.

VII. Request from VCSA Nies – [Definition of Student Success](#) 10 min

UGC and GC are the lead review committees.

The cover memo (hyperlinked above) offers three questions to guide the review of this item:

1. In what ways do you see or not see the contribution of your unit to student success reflected in this definition?
2. If students, faculty, and staff adhere to this definition, would our students [and our institution] be successful?
3. Explain how this definition is or is not consistent with your own definition of student success?

Action Requested: UGC sends comments to the Senate Chair by December 13, 2016.

VIII. Request from the Periodic Review Oversight Committee- [Academic Program Review Schedule](#) 5 min

Please read PROC's memo provided as a hyperlink above.

Action Requested: UGC endorses the proposed Undergraduate Program review Schedule and notifies PROC.

IX. [Masters Program Incentive Plan](#) 5 min

"The plan is designed to increase admissions to specific master's degree programs that (a) are in fields in which students would be willing to pay regular tuition and can anticipate a good likelihood of jobs after obtaining the master's degree and (b) have a non-thesis option. As the proposal outlines, this initiative is a direct response to a set of challenges confronting UC Merced.

Graduate Council and CAPRA are the lead committees for this review.

Action Requested: UGC sends comments to the Senate Chair by close of business Friday, January 13, 2017.

X. Informational Items:

- a) Admissions
 - o [Fall 2017 Applicants Data](#)
 - o [Spring 2017 Yield Events](#)
- b) [UCM Library Space White Paper](#)
- c) [Academic Council Approval of UC Irvine's proposal to establish a self-supporting Master of Finance \(M.F.\) degree program](#)
- d) [Academic Council's approval of UCLA's proposal for a graduate program leading to M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Conservation of Material Culture](#)
- e) [University Committee on Faculty Welfare \(UCFW\) in support of ongoing funding for exit surveys of departing UC faculty.](#)