

Undergraduate Council (UGC)

UGC Agenda
Tuesday, November 19 2019
3:30pm – 5:00pm
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I. Chair's Report – Jay Sharping – 5 min

- A. Welcome ASUCM Representative, Jesus Andrade
- B. [DivCo Update](#) (November 13, 2019)
- C. CRF Workgroup Meeting (November 12, 2019)

II. Consent Calendar – 5 min

- A. Today's Agenda
- B. Petitions to Appoint Graduate Students as IOR for Upper Division Undergraduate Courses
 - i. [Fuhrmann, Byran](#), ENVE 184, Field Methods in Environmental Chemistry, Spring 2020
 - ii. [Zermeno, Alejandro](#), SOC 130-01, Social Stratification, Spring 2020

Reference: [Policy and Procedures](#) for reviewing petitions.

III. [PROC Update](#) – Susan Amussen – 5 min**IV. Approval of Courses - 5 min**

The CRF subcommittee recommends approval of:

- A. [BIO 107 – Physical Biochemistry](#) (recusal: Mike Beman) - conjoined with [QSB -207](#) (Approved by GC on November 14, 2019)
- B. [SOC 182 – Current Topics in Immigration](#)

Actions: UGC members vote on courses.

V. Civil Engineering B.S. Proposal – Mike Beman and Glynis Gawn – 15 min

The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering is proposing the establishment of a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering, effective Fall 2021. The proposal was distributed to the Senate and the Administration with comments due by November 13, 2019.

The proposal is available here: <https://ucmerced.box.com/s/el7i2kh406n0by2dd1dyf8dvqtz697hp>

CAPRA, SNSEC, and GC comments are available here:

- CAPRA: <https://ucmerced.box.com/s/pcbplodqslx9f1k48syulzct5uz6rs8u>

- SNS Executive Committee: <https://ucmerced.box.com/s/ch97wvdrwk0il19e6ox76v48wzbmr0pi>
- GC: <https://ucmerced.box.com/s/guyq2vftv9eblechbetkhu7orvcpew2r>
- EVC/Provost: <https://ucmerced.box.com/s/a6m8krll8jhpkgu06vcmlz7k3pn2hbu6>
- **VPDUE (forthcoming)**

Reference: [UGC Policy for the Review and Approval of Undergraduate Degree Programs](#)

Actions:

- Lead reviewers present their findings and recommendation.
- UGC members discuss reviewers' comments.
- UGC members make a recommendation on the proposal in executive session. Please note one recusal: Professor Abbas Ghassemi.

VI. Requests from the GE Executive Committee – 15 min

A. [Updated UC Education Abroad Programs](#) – Abbas Ghassemi and Susan Amussen

A description of the request is hyperlinked in the memos from GEEC and the Office of International Affairs.

UCLA's Study Abroad Programs that fulfill foreign language requirements are provided [here](#), as a reference.

Action: UGC approves the program updates.

B. [Shakespeare in Yosemite Co-Curricular Intellectual Experience](#) – Abbas Ghassemi and Susan Amussen

The GEEC has approved "Shakespeare in Yosemite" for the following IE Badges and is seeking UGC's approval:

- Literary and Textual Analysis
- Sustainability
- Practical and Applied Knowledge
- Leadership, Community and Engaging the World.

Action: UGC approves the proposed IE Badges for "Shakespeare in Yosemite"

C. [GE Badge Descriptions](#) – David Kaminsky

David Kaminsky drafted [some comments](#) which UGC will transmit to GEEC for their information.

Action: Members discuss and endorse Professor Kaminsky's comments. Respond to the GEEC request.

VII. [Climate Change Resolution](#) – 5 min

Professor Roger Bales and his colleagues involved with UCs Carbon Neutrality Initiative, Global Climate Leadership Council, "California Collaborative for Climate Change Solutions", and "Bending the Curve" initiated discussions with the systemwide Academic Council on a formal statement on UCs

role in climate solutions. They have drafted this resolution for approval by the Merced Division before submitting to Academic Council to consider for systemwide adoption.

Actions:

- Assign two lead reviewers.
- UGC members will review lead reviewers' comments via email.
- UGC's comments are due to the Senate Chair by Monday, December 2, 2019.

VIII. Proposed Revisions to UC Merced Regulation II.2.A-Residency Requirement – Erin Webb – 5 min
A description of the rationale for this request is available [here](#).

Actions:

- Assign two lead reviewers.
- UGC members will review lead reviewers' comments via email.
- UGC's comments are due to the Senate Chair by December 10, 2019

IX. Proposal for the Admissions and Financial Aid Subcommittee as a Stand-Alone Senate Committee – David Kaminsky and Chih-Chun Chien – 10 min

Actions:

- Discuss proposal and lead reviewers' comments.
- Approve proposal.
- Determine next steps.

X. Policy for Impacted Majors – Jay Sharping – 5 min

Action: Discuss proposed policy and solicit comments from Department and Executive Committee Chairs.

XI. Review Week Proposal – Update from Jay Sharping, Angelo Kyrilov, and Rowena Gray – 5 min
The last time UGC discussed this proposal, members agreed to the following:

- Articulate the proposal, include a cover letter with an executive summary, actual policies, goals, and associated timetables. The proposal should include sections related to exceptional circumstances and the process for non-compliance with the RRR week.
- Solicit campus wide feedback (senate/school committees) and the registrar

Proposed RRR policy: <https://ucmerced.box.com/s/5oti2rz97zik6hgtxonbol6fs4woga79>

XII. Executive Session – Voting Members, please. – 10 min