

**Undergraduate Council** (UGC)

UGC Agenda  
Friday, February 14, 2020  
12:00-1:30pm  
**KL 397**

**I. Chair's Report – Jay Sharping – 10 min**

- A. [DivCo](#) Meetings (December 18, 2019 and January 22, 2020)
- B. [UCEP](#) Meetings (January 6 and February 3, 2020)
- C. [OUDTF](#) Meetings (January 16 and 23, 2020)

**II. Consent Calendar – 5 min**

- A. Today's Agenda

**III. Campus and Systemwide Updates - 15 min**

- A. [UCIE](#) Meeting (December 20, 2019) – Michelle Leslie
- B. [DivCo](#) Meeting (February 3, 2020) – Michelle Leslie
- C. [UCOPE](#) Meeting (January 31, 2019) – Jesus Sandoval-Hernandez and Angelo Kyrilov
- D. [PROC](#) Meetings – Chih-Chun Chien

**IV. Approval of Courses - 10 min**

Courses can be accessed here: <https://ucmerced.curriculog.com/agenda:117/form>

**Requested Actions:** UGC members consider the CRF subcommittee's recommendations and vote on courses.

**V. Campus Review/Discussion Items****A. [Policy for Impacted Majors](#) – Jay Sharping and Matt Hibbing – 15 min**

The policy was distributed to the School Executive Committees, the SSHA Curriculum Committee, GC, CAPRA, Department Chairs, the Provost, the AVP for Academic Planning and Budget, the Interim VPDUE, the Enrollment Strategy Committee, and Deans' Council.

Comments are available [here](#).

**Requested Action:** Discuss comments and consider revisions to policy. Transmit UGC's recommendation to DivCo for discussion in March.

**B. DACA Degree completion Plan Jay Sharping–10 Min**

**C. Academic Policy Study Group Request – American History and Institutions Requirement –Erin Webb - 5 min**

The [Academic Policy Study Group](#) (APSG) is requesting a review of UC Merced’s courses that can be taken to satisfy the [American History and Institutions \(AHI\) requirement](#)<sup>1</sup>. While the AHI requirement is prescribed by [systemwide Senate Regulation 638](#), the courses a student can take to satisfy the requirement is a local decision.

On November 21, 2019, the SSHA Curriculum Committee (CC) was invited to comment on the proposal. Comments from the CC are available [here](#).

**Requested Actions:**

- Assign two UGC lead reviewers
- Reviewers’ comments will be discussed at the February 28 UGC meeting.

**D. [PROC Request to Align Undergraduate and Graduate Reviews](#) – Jay Sharping and Chih-Chun Chien - 5 min**

The Periodic Review Oversight Committee (PROC) invites the Undergraduate and Graduate Councils to opine on whether to allow departments to undergo simultaneous reviews for closely aligned undergraduate and graduate programs.

**Requested Action:** Transmit UGC’s comments to PROC by February 28, 2020.

**E. [Review Week Proposal](#) – Jay Sharping– 5 min**

Proposed RRR policy is available [here](#)

**Requested Action:** UGC members endorse draft policy and send to DivCo for campus-wide review.

**VI. Upcoming Campus and Systemwide Review Items – 5 min**

**The following items were distributed to UGC and other lead review committees.**

**A. [White Paper on Recognizing International Activities in Merit, Tenure and Promotion](#) –**

Deadline for comments to be sent to the Senate Chair: February 28, 2020.

Lead UGC reviewer: Rowena Gray

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<sup>1</sup> University of California American History and Institutions Requirement - As a candidate for an undergraduate degree at UC Merced, you need to demonstrate knowledge of American history and of the principles of American institutions under the federal and state constitutions. You may meet the requirement by completing specific courses or earning a certain score on an examination. Transfer students are urged to complete the requirement before they enroll.  
You may satisfy both the American History and American Institutions requirements in the following ways:  
Complete in high school one year of United States history with grades of C or better, or one semester of United States history and one semester of United States government with grades of C or better;  
Achieve a score of 3, 4 or 5 on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination in U.S. History;  
Achieve a score of 550 or better on the SAT II: U.S. History test;  
Complete acceptable course work at a community college or other accredited institution; or  
Complete acceptable course work at UC Merced (both HIST 016 and HIST 017).

**Requested Action:** Reviewer’s comments to be sent to UGC Chair and the Analyst by Friday, February 21 for review via email.

**B. Report of the Standardized Testing Task Force**

**Requested Action:** Assign lead UGC reviewers. Reviewers’ comments will be sent to the UGC Chair and the Analyst by February 25, for discussion at the February 28 UGC Meeting.

**C. BOARS Recommendations to Eliminate the ACT/SAT Essay Writing Test**

**Requested Action:** Assign lead UGC reviewers. Reviewers’ comments will be sent to the UGC Chair and the Analyst by February 25, for discussion at the February 28 UGC Meeting.

**VII. Executive Session – Voting Members, please. – 5 min**  
Petition to Academic Policy