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Monday, February 7, 2021  
1:00-3:00  
Zoom Webinar

## Agenda

- I. **Approval of the Agenda**
- II. **Motion to approve the December minutes**
- III. **Chair's Comments**
- IV. **Reports – 10 mins each (maximum)**
  - a. Chancellor – Marcelo Suárez-Orozco
  - b. Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs – Joseph Berger
  - c. Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees – Marlene Kim
  - d. Representative from the Faculty Staff Union – Steve Striffler
  - e. Representative from the Graduate Employees Union – Chidimma Ozor Commer
- V. **Motion from the Graduate Studies Committee**

### **Motion #1**

**From: CLA (Critical Ethnic and Community Studies)**

**Request for a new course CECS 719 Queer of Color Critique**

**Rationale:** This course fills an important gap in the CECS curriculum by drawing connections, conflicts, and overlaps between the fields of critical ethnic studies and queer and transgender studies. Queer of Color Critique expands the CECS department's pool of available electives and will be one of the few electives with the CECS designation (most electives are currently taken outside the department). The course will be the first CECS elective with a queer studies focus. Queer studies is a common area of interest for CECS graduate students, but thus far there have not been courses specifically dedicated to this topic. The goals of the course are to 1) demonstrate how queer of color critique responds to the whiteness of mainstream queer theory and the persistent heterosexism in ethnic studies, and 2) provide conceptual and practical tools to analyze queer and trans of color cultural production (art, music, film, etc).

Proposal is on Curriculog.

- VI. **Open Education Resources (OER) Task Force (Andrew Perumal + Apurva Mehta)**

**VII. Motion from the Budget and Long-Range Planning (BLRP) Committee (Alice Carter and Sharon Lamb)**

Moved: The Faculty Council approves the Ethical Vendor Policy submitted by the Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee and recommends it for adoption to Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco.

**VIII. New Business**