**Graduate Group Chairs Meeting**
**Monday, September 9, 2019**
**10:30 am – 11:30 am | SSB 250**

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**AGENDA**

1. Jenny Xiang, Graduate Assessment & Substantive Change Coordinator, introductions – 5 min

2. Christy Snyder, IT, introducing the UC Merced Connect project and asking for the chairs' help spreading the word about the project – 10 min

3. Updates – Marjorie, Chris, Jesus – 5 min
   - Distribute "top 3 challenges confronting your graduate group" comments from faculty and graduate students (from annual review in spring)
   - Postdoc Appreciation Day – September 19th
   - Reminder about response time and deadlines
   - How to request grad student website: https://it.ucmerced.edu/content/website-publishinghosting
   - We will be reaching out to Chairs for help with identifying faculty/students to be featured in new marketing videos (recording in late Sept/ early Oct)
   - Revised "Dates and Deadlines Calendar" document now includes GC Deadlines
   - Please follow-up with students who need to complete "Change of Advisor" form
   - Action Items Needed ASAP:
       - Submit your updated GG Faculty Membership list
       - Submit your GG priority application deadline date (if relevant)
       - Submit name of your GG Admissions Chair (if relevant)
       - Submit your recommendations for Peer Mentors as soon as possible; there will be a "Meet your Mentor" event on Sept 24
       - Submit Annual Student Progress Report Summaries

4. Graduate Council Vice-Chair's report – Hrant Hratchian – 10 min

5. Admissions/Slate – Tsu Ya, Chris Kello – 5 min

6. Discussion item and vote – Finalize Graduate Visitation Weekends – Feb 21-23 and …? – 10 min

7. Discussion item – USAP Graduate Funding Model – Marjorie and Eric Cannon – 15 min
   - Weights – follow-up from last spring
   - Uses of USAP vs operational funds

8. Other items for discussion?