

AGENDA
Graduate College Fall Faculty Meeting
Tuesday - November 17, 2015
4:00 – 5:30 PM
John F. Dewey Lounge (Old Mill 325)

1. Welcome
2. Approval of the April 2, 2015 Minutes
3. Dean's Report
 - a. Strategic initiative – growing graduate student population
 - i. [Growing Graduate Education - 2015 BOT Presentation](#)
 - b. Student support initiatives
 - i. Graduate tutoring for writing center in place for spring
 - ii. Working with CTL interface to provide TA training and general teacher development
 - iii. Rex Forehand chairing a committee to look broadly at what we do now and what is most need at UVM for next steps in professional development
4. Admissions Report (Sydnee Viray)
5. Activities of the Graduate Executive Committee (Dean Forehand)
 - a. Approved 16 graduate faculty applications and denied one
 - b. Approved , 17 course actions (7 new, 8 changed, 2 deleted)
 - c. Approved Certificate of Graduate Study in Epidemiology and Accelerated Masters entry for Chemistry MS.
 - d. Approved change to [Graduate College Constitution](#) – **Graduate Faculty VOTE** required – see attached document on page 2 regarding the change
6. Information updates
 - a. Sale of affiliated and family housing properties
 - b. ACA and Graduate Student Insurance
 - c. Fair labor standards and postdoctoral appointments
7. Discussion: FY 17 Graduate Stipend Health Insurance and Tuition scholarship recommendations
8. New Business
9. Adjourn

Notice of Voting Issue for Graduate Faculty Meeting 11/17/2015

Change to Graduate College Constitution approved by Graduate Executive Committee 9/9/15

Current text:

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2. Only a Regular or Emeritus Member of the Graduate Faculty:
 - a. shall be entitled to one vote on all matters presented to the graduate faculty;
 - b. shall serve as the Chair of a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation defense committee;
 - c. shall be the primary advisor for a doctoral dissertation.
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Revised text (change in red):

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 - d. shall serve as a graduate program director/coordinator (required faculty leader of the program).
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Rationale for change

An increasing number of UVM graduate programs (currently all at master's level) are online programs or residential programs that don't involve research or clinical practice. To ensure oversight of these (and all) graduate programs by the Graduate Faculty, the Graduate College requires that the faculty program leader of any graduate program be a member of the Graduate Faculty. This change reflects current practice and codifies this requirement within the Graduate College constitution