Admissions & Enrollment Management
Fall 2014 Update

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Enrollment Update

Applications & Acceptances

Calendar Year

Count

Acceptances
Applications

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Enrollment Update

Total & New Enrollments

Fall Semesters

Count

New Enrollments
Total Enrollments

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Enrollment Update

From Fall 2013 to Fall 2014

Master’s & Doctoral enrollment increased by 4%

while the Certificate of Graduate Study enrollment has increased by 11%

ALANA & International student enrollment continued at the same relative percentage of total enrollment, 6.7% and 13.6%, respectively

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Admissions Update

Delivering New Admissions Process called \textit{Admit}

No Longer Using App/WebXtender to handle Application Materials

Will be able to use mobile devices; savings on copy costs

Shortened time interval between Program Recommendation Decisions & Graduate College Decisions

More frequent communications to prospective students on status of their applications
Dean’s Update

presented by
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Graduate Executive Committee Actions

- 4 meetings in Fall 2014 (so far)
- Reviewed
  - 8 course proposals
  - 24 graduate faculty applicants
- Approved
  - Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Rights and Permissions form
  - Doctoral program in Food Systems
  - Doctoral program in Policy and Governance (again)
  - Accelerated masters program in Pharmacology
  - Stipend and aid for GTAs, GRAs and GAs FY16 with input from ad hoc committee
    - Ad hoc committee: Cindy Forehand, Dean of the Graduate College – Chair
    - Doctoral Students: Stephanie Juice, Natural Resources and Owen Myers, Materials Science
    - Faculty: Lisa-Aultman Hall, Civil and Environmental Engineering; Jon Erickson, Rubenstein School of Natural Resources; Chris Francklyn, Department of Biochemistry; Jana Kraft, Department of Animal Science; Rory Waterman, Department of Chemistry
FY16 Stipends & Aid

- All stipends for Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTA), Graduate Research Assistantships (GRA) and Graduate Advisors (Assistants) (GA) must meet the following minimum standard:
  - Doctoral level: $24,000 for 12 months, prorated to $18,000 for 9 months or $9,000 per semester (4.5 months)
  - Master level: $21,000 for 12 months, prorated to $15,750 for 9 months or $7,875 per semester (4.5 months)
- All GTAs, GRAs and GAs are eligible to receive funding for 75% of the single person UVM student health insurance premium, should they elect the coverage.
  - paid by the 7.1% benefit rate assessed on stipends
FY16 Stipends & Aid

- All GTAs, GRAs and GA receive financial aid as tuition scholarship as follows:
  - **0.50 FTE** (20 hours per week) will receive 9 credits each semester as scholarship (for a total of 18 credits per AY);
  - **0.25 FTE** (10 hours per week) will receive 6 credits each semester as scholarship (for a total of 12 credits per AY);
  - Any student who has a split 0.50 FTE appointment (for example - 0.25 GTA and 0.25 GRA) will only receive a maximum of 18 credits in any given academic year;
  - Students who have **12 month stipends** are eligible to receive 5 credits summer tuition scholarship. Students must be supported as a GTA, GRA or GA for the entire summer term at 0.50 FTE to be eligible for the summer tuition scholarship.
FY16 Stipends & Aid: Tuition on Grants

- Tuition paid by a grant is paying for financial aid – not compensation. The stipend pays for 20 hrs/week effort and the tuition scholarship pays for additional 20-36 hours/week academic effort (5-9 credit registration), some or all of which will be research credits (391, 491 or 902/3).

- The graduate education committee recommends a mandate that all grant proposals to agencies that allow tuition charges include funds ($5910) for 10 credits of tuition at the instate rate for each graduate research assistant position in the budget.
  - Note that this mandate is for a direct charge and is the current recommendation of the Graduate College and SPA
  - The committee supports moving to a flat rate approach that would be the same across all semesters and would cover ~20% of the total blended instate/out of state tuition charge across all GRA positions. Earliest implementation of that would be FY17.
  - Implementing a direct charge mandate now has the significant advantage of ensuring funds will be available in grant budgets when the flat rate is implemented.

- Ad hoc committee is still discussing this and there will be more discussion with constituents before recommending the mandate to the provost.
  - Watch for open forum for graduate faculty
Incentive Based Budgeting (IBB) & Graduate Education

Major Changes

- Stipend “lines” permanently allocated to schools/colleges as unrestricted dollars
- 100% of Tuition revenues from graduate students accrue to the college/school where the program is housed
- The college/school where the program is housed is responsible for paying 100% of the aid (tuition scholarship and health insurance benefit) associated with GTAs, GRAs, and GAs (will still be handled technically by grad college staff)
- Graduate College will not receive any tuition dollars – therefore there will be no tuition scholarships available from the Graduate College (e.g., grad college fellowships)
  - Current obligations will be met
- Really good time to engage your deans in discussion of the importance of graduate education and the multiple roles graduate students play
  - Working on a promotional piece for graduate education similar to the 2014 Research Report from OVPR – send us your stories!
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