
Graduate College

Graduate Faculty Meeting 11-11-21

Presented by:
Cindy Forehand
Dean of the Graduate College
University of Vermont Graduate College

Agenda

- Welcome
- Approval of the April 22, 2021 Minutes
- Dean's Report – Cindy Forehand
 - Vision Statement Committee
 - Postdoc position parameters
 - Graduate Assistant stipends, benefits and position parameters
 - Funding Letter Template
 - Mentoring Workshops
- Constitutional changes (3)
- Living Wage Approach to Doctoral Stipends- Baxter Worthing (GSS Senator)
- Admissions Report – Kimberly Hess
- Activities of the Graduate Executive Committee – Cindy Forehand
- New business
- Adjourn

Dean's Report

- Vision statement committee
- Postdoc position parameters committee
- Graduate Assistant stipends, benefits and position parameters committee
- Funding Letter Template
- Mentoring workshops in collaboration with Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

Constitution Changes

Constitutional Change #1

A proposed change to Article II (Membership), section E (Ex Officio Research and Scholarship-Based or Practitioner-Based Appointments) was discussed and approved at 4/15/2021 GEC meeting.

OLD Wording:

Chairpersons of departments with graduate programs and academic administrative officers who are not already Regular Members shall be Ex-Officio Members of the Graduate Faculty.

NEW Wording:

Presidents, Provosts, and Deans as Academic Administrative Officers who are not already **Research-based or Practitioner-based Members** shall be Ex-Officio Members of the Graduate Faculty.



Constitution Changes

Constitutional Change #2

A proposed change to Article IV (The Executive Committee), paragraph 1 was discussed and approved at the 5/6/2021 GEC meeting.

OLD wording:

The members shall consist of the Dean of the Graduate College, who shall serve as Chairperson of the Executive Committee (or name a designee from the Executive Committee to serve as Chairperson), the Associate or Assistant Dean(s), up to eleven other **regular or professional** Graduate College Faculty members, and one graduate student.

NEW wording:

The members shall consist of the Dean of the Graduate College, who shall serve as Chairperson of the Executive Committee (or name a designee from the Executive Committee to serve as Chairperson), the Associate or Assistant Dean(s), up to eleven other **Research and Scholarship-based or Practitioner-based** Graduate College Faculty members, and one graduate student.

Constitution Changes

Constitutional Change #3

A proposed change to Article IV (The Executive Committee), paragraph 4 was discussed and approved at the 5/6/2021 GEC meeting.

OLD wording:

A member who has served three years shall be eligible for **reelection or subsequent reappointment after an interval of one year.**

NEW wording:

A member who has served three years shall be eligible for reelection **or reappointment for a consecutive term.** **After two consecutive terms,** the member must wait one year before serving another term.



Graduate Student Senate Presentation

Living Wage Approach to Doctoral Stipends

Presented by:

Baxter Worthing

Doctoral Student in Plant Biology

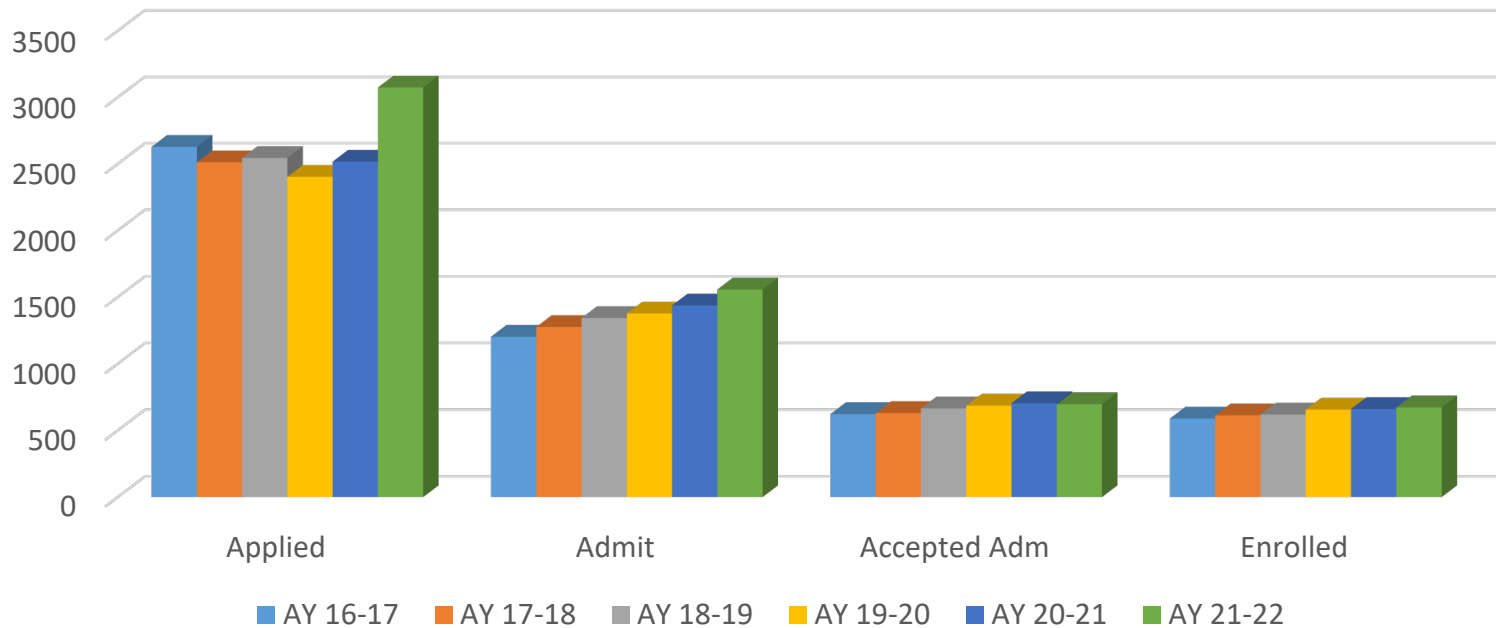
GSS Senator; Co-chair Stipends and Benefits Action Committee

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Admissions & Enrollment Management Update Fall 2021

Presented by
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University of Vermont Graduate College

2021 Summer/Fall Applied, Admits & Newly Enrolled Comparison

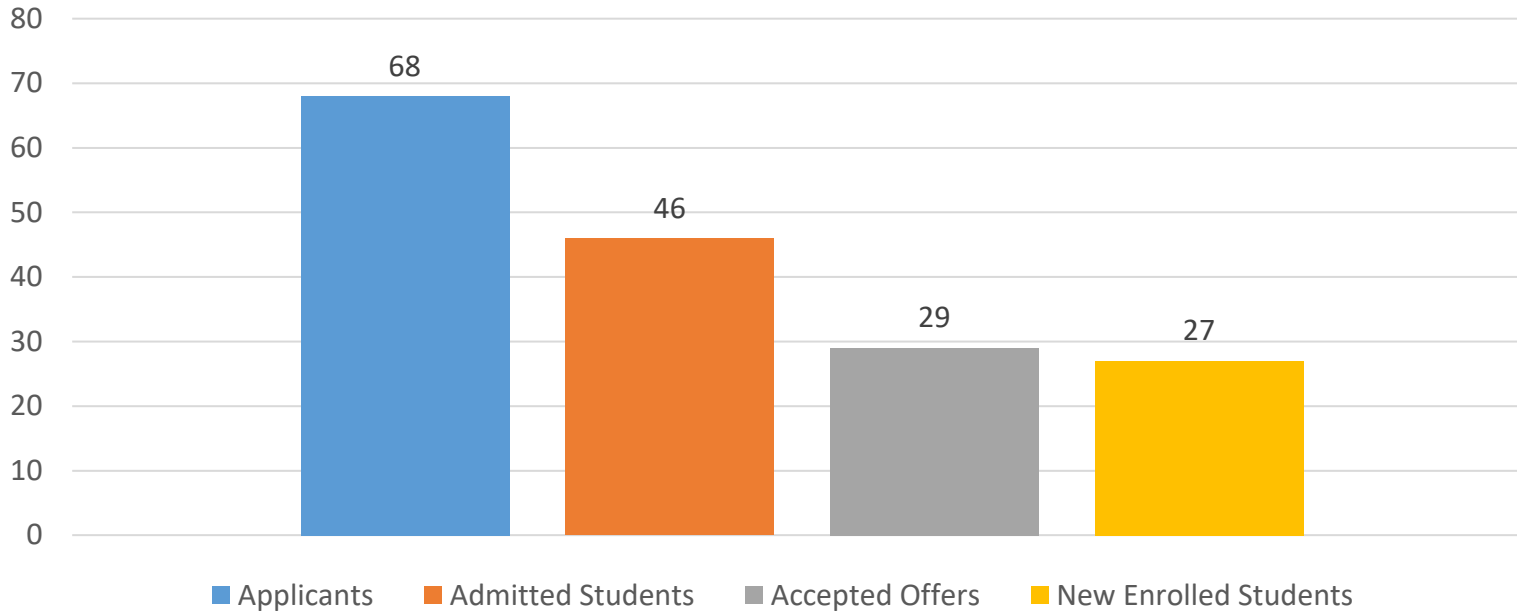


For AY 20/21 this represents:
 22% Increase in Applications
 8% Increase in Admissions
 1% Decrease in Acceptance

1% Increase in New Enrollment
 43% Yield from Admitted Pool
 22% Yield from Applicant Pool

Admitted Yield = # admitted that enrolled
 Applicant Yield = # applied that enrolled

of Countries represented in 2021



Top 5 Countries Represented

APPLIED	Iran	India	China	Nigeria	Bangladesh
ADMIT	Iran	India	China	Ghana	Nigeria
ENROLLED	Iran	India	Canada	United Kingdom	Ghana

International Graduate Student Recruitment Successes 2021

497 - Highest number of International Applicants since 2012.

- **30.1% increase as compared to 2020**

197 – Record high admitted applicants

- **39.7% increase over last year**

61 – Newly enrolled

- **84.4% increase from last year and 48.8% increase from a 'normal year'**

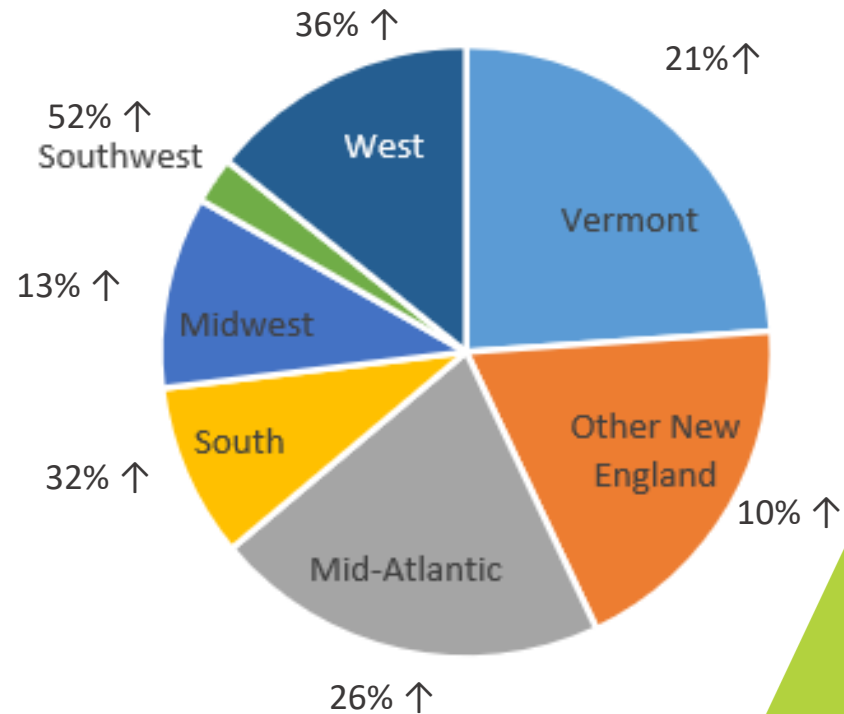
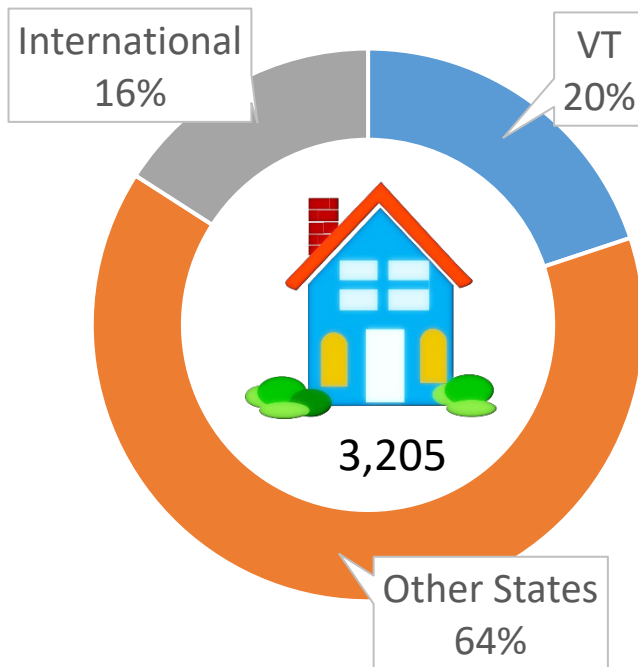
160 – Total enrolled

- **15.9% increase as compared to last year**



2021 Applicants by Residency

% Represents change over 4 years



49 states represented

Graduate Executive Committee Actions

Meetings

5 meetings subsequent to last Graduate Faculty meeting

Reviewed

6 new or significant change course proposals

46 minimal change, deactivation delete course proposals

19 graduate faculty applicants

Student

Student awards cycle/committee review has started

Faculty awards

University Scholar call for nominations will go out soon

Graduate Executive Committee Actions

Approved

- Uncontested program terminations:
 - Ph.D. in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics
 - Ph.D. in Pharmacology
 - Ph.D. and M.S. in Molecular Physiology and Biophysics
- New programs:
 - Certificate of Graduate Study in Education for Sustainability
 - Micro-certificate of Graduate Study in Education for Sustainability
 - PhD in Transdisciplinary Leadership, Creativity, and Sustainability

Graduate Executive Committee Actions

Other Discussions

- Applicant Prior Criminal Conviction History
- Tuition Policies for Funded Students Who Leave an Assistantship
- Develop a standard of behavior contract for graduate students (and faculty/staff)
- **New Business**
- **Adjourn**