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.
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
Kimberly L. Hess, M.S.
Director of Graduate Admissions & Enrollment Management
University of Vermont Graduate College
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

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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

- International: 16%
- VT: 20%
- Other States: 64%

% Represents change over 4 years

- Vermont: 21%↑
- West: 36%↑
- Other New England: 10%↑
- Midwest: 13%↑
- South: 32%↑
- Mid-Atlantic: 26%↑
- Southwest: 52%↑

3,205 Applicants

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