Graduate College

Graduate Faculty Meeting
11-30-17

Presented by:
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Agenda

• Welcome
• Approval of the April 12, 2017 Spring Faculty Meeting Minutes
• Graduate Student Opportunities at the Gund Institute for the Environment – Donna Rizzo, PhD, Acting Director
• Dean’s Report – Cindy Forehand
• Admissions Report - Kimberly Hess
• Graduate Executive Committee Actions
• New Business
Environment will define this Century
Gund Institute for Environment

- Interdisciplinary scholarship
- Real-world challenges
- Build community

- Attract students/scholars
- Compete for funds
- Reinforce leadership
What will the Institute do?

Catalyze
- Seed grants
- PhDs/postdocs
- Ugrad research
- Grant writing

Connect
- Visiting scholars
- Events & symposia
- Policy & communications

Solve
- Rotating set of 2-4 strategic initiatives
Role on campus

- Focus - interdisciplinary scholarship and external impact
- Add value – complement colleges and schools
- Campus-wide reach/resource – accessible to all
- ‘Research accelerator’ fueled by UVM scholars

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How do I get involved?
Affiliation System

- Affiliates: all interested faculty
- Fellows: deeply engaged faculty
- Postdoctoral & Graduate Fellows
- Visiting scholars

Benefits, responsibilities for all
Nominations every semester
Guidelines online

✔️ Read and think about affiliations
✔️ Watch for September announcement
✔️ Nominate each other, yourself
Catalyst Awards

- Supports collaborative research
  - Span disciplines (colleges, universities)
  - Address real world issues
- Build toward broader efforts
- Linked to initiatives each year
- Who’s eligible?
  - PIs from different UVM units
  - Fellows & Affiliates (year 1: Open)
Catalyst Awards

✔️ Think of great projects
✔️ Assemble cross-cutting team
✔️ Apply by October 15

$150,000 in UVM grants

Apply By
OCT. 15, 2017

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PhD and Postdoc awards

- Annual competition
- Interdisciplinary research
- Advisors: Fellows and Affiliates
- Announcements Fall 2017

✔️ Help disseminate announcements
✔️ Recruit fantastic candidates
✔️ Ensure they apply to school AND Gund award
Stay connected

- Email list
- Twitter: @GundInstitute
- New website: September
- Gund Teas: Fridays @12

✔️ Pitch synergies
✔️ Spread the word
Take homes

- New institute now launched
- Will add value
- Join us & get involved

Thanks
Initiatives / Themes

- Process to choose
- Ecological Economics
- Real-world impact
- Exciting scholarship
Governance

- Reports to Provost
- Steering Committee
- Advisory Board
- Faculty Fellows
- 3 & 5 Year Reviews

- Sabbatical next year
- Donna Rizzo – interim Director
Dean’s Report

• Student support
  • Writing Center
  • CTL

• Fitness Pass Incentive
• Student crises response training for staff

• Stipends

• Clean Energy Fund grants
• Small research support awards

• Tax Cuts and Jobs Bill
  • http://www.acenet.edu/Pages/Higher-Education-and-Tax-Reform.aspx

• Review feedback
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Admissions & Enrollment Management Update
Fall 2017

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For AY 16/17 this represents:
• 11% Increase in Applications
• 12% Increase in Admissions
• 19% Increase in Acceptance
• 16% Increase in Enrollment
• 47% Yield from Admitted Pool
• 23% Yield from Applicant Pool

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

*as of 11-20-2017
Total Enrollment % Change from Previous Year
International Students as % of Total Graduate Students
Three Year Total Enrollment Comparison by College

% represents change from 2015-2017
New Developments

Responsive Design Application

- Screen Readers
- Multiple Devices
- Community

Communications

- Department New/Completed Apps
- Consistent Branding
- Applications not Submitted
- Successfully Submitted Applications
Dear Just Testing,

Thank you for submitting your graduate application to the Pharmacology for the degree of MS for the semester beginning Fall 2017 at The University of Vermont. This email confirms that your application has been successfully submitted.

Your application will be considered complete when we have received the required documentation. To check if you have submitted the required documents, please visit the checklist on your personal activity page. On this page you can:

- Monitor the status of your application
- View any outstanding documents
- Review the status of references submittals and, if necessary, send a reminder email

Please note that most applications will be reviewed and considered with unofficial documents; however, if accepted you will need to provide official documentation (transcripts, test scores, etc.). In order to be considered official, documents must come directly from your institution to the Graduate College. For more information about how to send an official document, please see our application instructions.

You will be informed regarding the decision on your application at the email address you used to apply. Please allow at least one month from the application deadline for departments to review your application and send decision recommendations. For detailed information about programs, please contact the department directly.

For technical questions regarding your application, please contact the ApplyWeb Help Desk at help@applyweb.com and include your order-id UVM47b05f400_20170728102254.

All other questions can be directed to the Graduate College Admissions Office at graduate.admissions@uvm.edu. Please remember to include your full name and the program to which you have applied so that we can assist you.

Thank you for applying to The University of Vermont Graduate College!

Best regards,

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Recruitment Efforts

• New England Grad Fairs
• Recruitment cards
  • Internal partnerships – young alumni
  • What schools do our graduate applications come from?
    • Most come from NE
    • 12% from UVM
    • Helps us determine locations to send our information to

• You can do this too – ask me how!
Graduate Executive Committee Actions

6 meetings subsequent to last Graduate Faculty meeting

Reviewed
19 new or significant change course proposals
2 minimal change, deactivation delete course proposals
22 graduate faculty applicants

Approved
PhD in Complex Systems and Data Science
Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering
Master of Science Engineering Management
Certificate of Graduate Study in Community Resilience and Planning
Finance Track in the Sustainable Innovation MBA
Termination of Certificate of Graduate Study in Sustainable Transportation
Graduate Executive Committee Actions

- Curriculum assessment of 200 Level Coursework
  - ~800 200 level courses approved for graduate credit
  - ~485 200 level courses have appropriate prerequisites (61%)
  - ~270 non special topics courses do not have appropriate prerequisites (34%)
  - 51 special topics courses do not have appropriate prerequisites (~6%)
  - 46% of masters coursework across the university is 300 level – but varies from 0% to 95% across individual programs

- GEC approved motion:
  - The Graduate College should meet with curriculum committee chairs or department chairs to ensure that 200 level courses approved for graduate credit have appropriate prerequisites or are removed from the graduate catalogue, and that courses that are actually graduate courses are changed to the 300 level.
Graduate Executive Committee Actions

Discussion in progress – assessment criteria and NEASC

• Assessment criteria – Masters Programs
  • Apply discipline specific knowledge and formal logic to solve novel problems presented in oral and written form
  • Create an independent person who can come up with their own ideas and hypotheses, analyze outcomes and solve problems along the way.