



FACULTY SENATE

Research, Scholarship & The Creative Arts Committee  
October 13, 2016  
327 Waterman, Faculty Senate Conference Room

Present: Chris Burns (LIB), Rachele Gould (RSEN), Seth Fritz (CNHS), Tammy Kolbe (CESS), Jeffery Marshall (CEMS), Cathy Paris (FS President), Chuck Schnitzlein (Business), Brian Tobin (GSS), (CAS), Albert van der Vliet (COM), Matthew Price (CAS)

Absent: Dan Baker (CAL), Daniel Hudson (EXT), Beth Kirkpatrick\* (COM), David Neiweem (CAS), Rory Waterman (CAS),

Guests: Cindy Forehand, Richard Galbraith.

Chair Chris Burns called the meeting to order at 12:30pm in 427A Waterman.

**1. Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of September 8, 2016 were approved as written.

**2. Graduate College (Cynthia Forehand)**

The University Scholars plaques have been moved to the new case outside the Registrar's office. The Graduate College and The Office of the Vice President for Research is looking at ways to update their hallway.

**A. Graduate College Thesis-Dissertation Awards**

**Outstanding Master's Thesis Awards** will be awarded for an outstanding Master's Thesis by a graduate student in a social sciences or humanities discipline and a graduate student in a STEM or health discipline who has graduated or anticipates graduating during this academic year (July 2016- June 2017).

**Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award** will be awarded for an outstanding Ph.D. dissertation by a graduate student who has graduated or anticipates graduating during this academic year (July 2016- June 2017).

Both awards will be chosen by the Graduate Executive Committee for the time being. As the number of awards increase they will look at adding more members to the committee to help review applications.

The Graduate College has also started a fund to help pay for costs associated with research. This is mostly in place to help with small research projects that are not tied to grant funding.

### 3. Office of the Vice President for Research (Richard Galbraith)

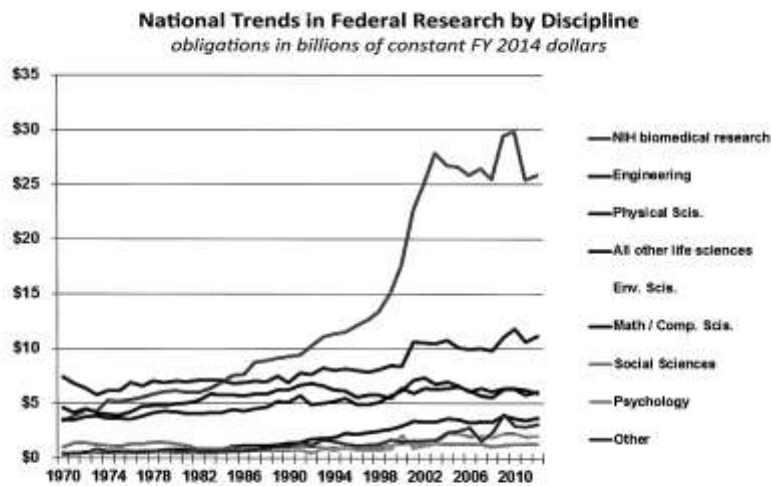
#### A. Overview of Research and Scholarship at UVM FY 2015

- Faculty wrote 1,200 grant proposals
- 700 new and continuing awards received
- Total research funding was \$101 million
- Enrolled 1371 graduate students at UVM
- UVM Faculty published over 665 scholarly articles
- 7 US patents were granted.

#### B. Major Determinants of Research Productivity

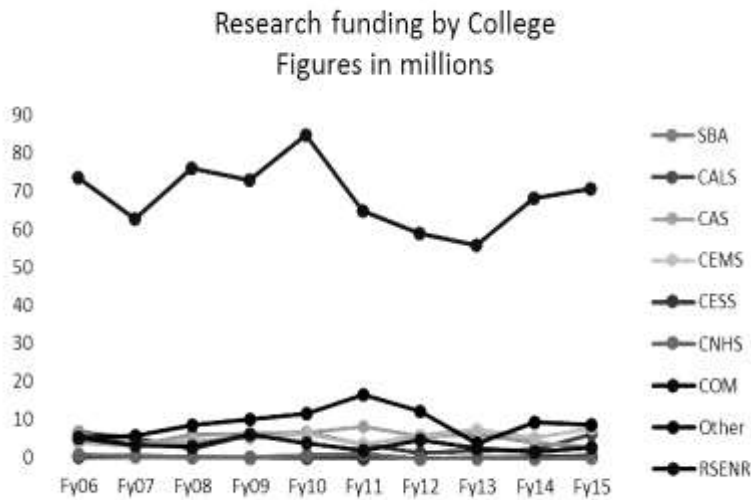
- Creative faculty and graduate students
- Funding
- Regulatory support
- Buildings, equipment and shared core services
- Competition

#### C. National Trends in Federal Research by Discipline

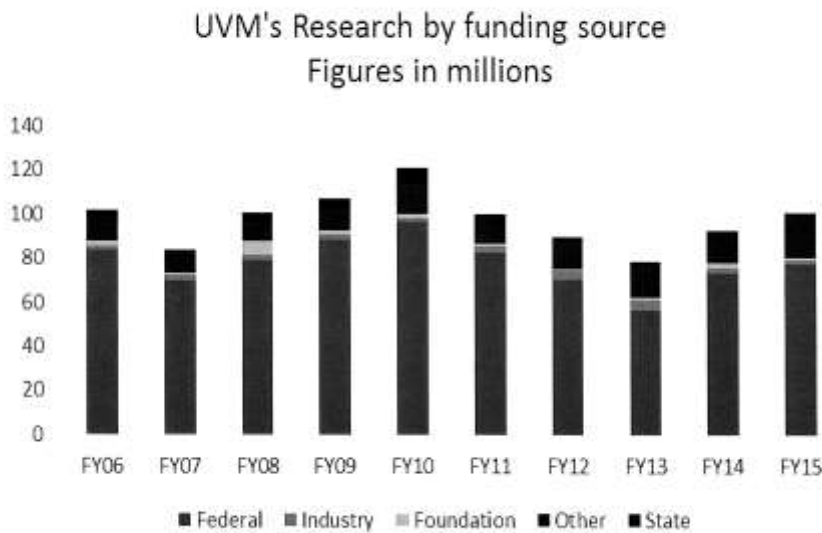


Source: National Science Foundation

#### D. Research Funding by College



**E. UVM Research by Funding**



**F. Breakdown of Federal Funding to UVM**

- a. Salaries, Wages, Stipends, Fringe \$52,337,752.00 (49%)
- b. Travel \$2,051,766 (2%)
- c. Supplies, Other Expenses \$15,424,440 (14%)
- d. Equipment \$1,260,066 (1%)
- e. Subaward \$12,371,858 (12%)
- f. F & A \$23,419,158 (22%)
- g. Total \$106,865,040 (100%)

**G. Facilities (F) and Administration (A) Expenses- Costs incurred for common objectives that are not attributable to a specific activity**

- a. F:
  - i. Building depreciation
  - ii. Movable equipment depreciation
  - iii. Operations and maintenance
  - iv. Library
  
- b. A: (capped at 26%)
  - i. General administration
  - ii. Departmental administration
  - iii. Research & sponsored projects administration
  - iv. Student administration

#### **4. Sponsored Project Administration.**

There has been an interim hire for the Associate VP Research Administration position. She will be starting in early November. A search for a permanent replacement will begin soon.

Some of the ways SPA worked last year to improve the process include

- Hired Huron Consulting to conduct a survey that focuses on administration of research. They will be receiving those results soon.
- Formed focus groups.
- Formed working groups.
- There are now only 2 vacancies in SPA. They had to raise the pay grade to be more competitive with other similar jobs. This has helped in the recruiting efforts. They are using the money from other parts of the budget, it was a necessity to keep SPA operating.
- They are cutting down on backlog issues.
- Developing a system that automatically generates e-mails when SPA receives a grant with information that is specific to that grant.
- Working on getting grants submitted earlier. Due to technical issues grants sometimes miss deadlines, getting them submitted earlier will decrease that.

Richard would like to come back to the RSCA at a later meeting to introduce the interim director and to give an update.

**5. Research Data Management.** This topic will be added to the agenda for the November or December meeting.

**6. New Business:** No new business at this time.

\*Sabbatical

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01pm.