



FACULTY SENATE

Research, Scholarship & the Creative Arts Committee  
March 8, 2018  
427a Waterman 12:30-2:00

Present: Steve Budington (CAS), Chris Burns (LIB), Seth Fritz (CNHS), Rachele Gould (RSENR), Steve Keller (CALs), Tammy Kolbe (CESS), Jeffrey Marshall (CEMS), Matthew Price (CAS), Chuck Schnitzlein (GSB), Jessica Sheehe (GSS)

Absent: Seth Fritz (CNHS), Vacant (COM), David Neiweem (CAS), Cathy Paris (Faculty Senate President), Albert van der Vliet (COM)

Guests: Cynthia Forehand, Brian Prindle

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Chair Chris Burns called the meeting to order at 12:31pm in 427a Waterman.

1. **Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of February 8, 2018 were approved as written.
2. **UVM Connect, Brian Prindle.**



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**Research Administration**  
&  
**UVMConnect**

Updates

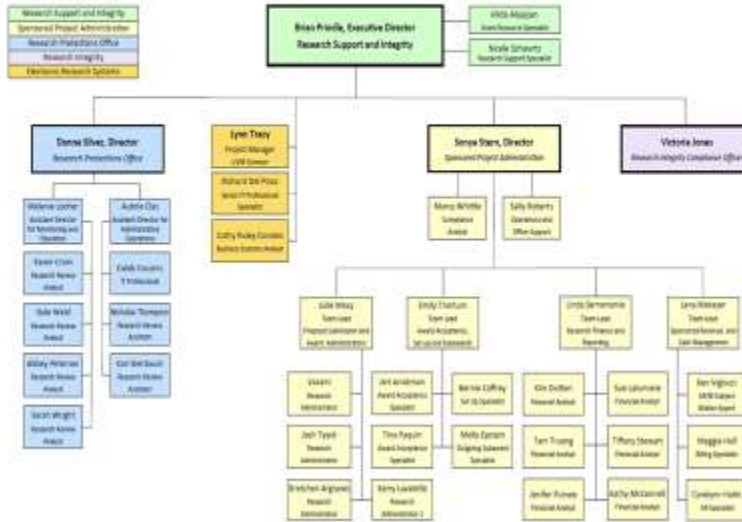
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# Research Administration



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## FY17 – Research by the Numbers

Principal Investigators	340
Total Funding	\$123M
Federal	80%
Proposals	1,200
Awards	700
Sponsors	300
OutGoing Subawards	250
IRB	6,023
IACUC	1,244
IBC	438
FCOI	628
SFI	47



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## Preparing UVM for the Future

### Retire Old Systems

- SPA, RPO using – InfoEd (16-years)
- RI Home Grown System for COI

### Replace with: **UVMConnect**

Powered by Huron Software



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## **UVMConnect**

Our future electronic research administration and compliance portal

UVM investigators and administrators will connect and manage the lifecycle of:

- IRB, IACUC, IBC Protocols
- COI Disclosures
- Grants, Proposal Submissions through Award
- integration to PS Financials



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## UVMConnect - Support

### Sponsors

- Office of the Provost
- Office of the Vice President for Research
- Larner College of Medicine
- University of Vermont Medical Center

### Implementation

- Research Administration, has been tasked with the implementation of UVMConnect



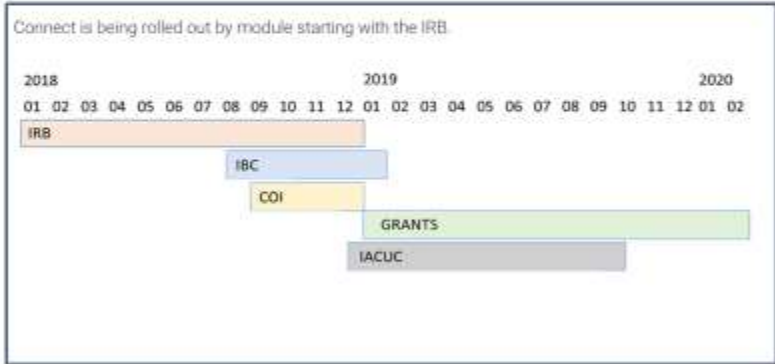
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## UVMConnect - Timeline

- Project Start: February 20, 2018
- Complete: March 2020
- **Module Release Order:**
  - Phase I: IRB, IBC, COI
  - Phase II: Grants (Proposals & Awards) & IACUC
- Project Manager: **Lynn Tracy**



# UVMConnect - Timeline



# UVMConnect - Teams

- **LEADERSHIP**
- Leadership must approve all significant changes to business processes that impact the research community as well as minor cost adjustments minor timeline changes and any changes in scope.

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## UVMConnect - Teams

- CORE TEAM
  - The Core team is to implement the project deliverables on time and within budget. Any deviation from what is "in scope" needs to be approved by the Leadership team.
- TECHNOLOGY TEAM
  - The Technology Team leads all technical requirements as outlined in the project plan including required interfaces and web development.



## UVMConnect - Communication

Vehicle	Target	Description Purpose	Frequency	Owner	Distribution Vehicle	Internal/ External
UVM Connect Website	Faculty/ Staff and UVMHC	Updates on UVM Connect project milestones	As needed	SPA/RPO	Online	Internal / External
SPANews Listserv	Dept Admins	Opt-in Opt-out SPA related notifications	As needed	SPA	Email	Internal / External
Current Listservs	Faculty/ contacts	Project progress, training updates, process changes, new regulations	As needed	RPO	Email	Internal / External
Compliance Board Member meetings	Board Membership	Project updates and business process reviews / decisions	Monthly	RPO	Face to face	Internal / External
UVM/UVMHC Community Meetings	Communication of project progress and deliverable status	On request	Lynn Tracy	External	Lynn Tracy, applicable project team members, UVM/UVMHC Community	



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# UVMConnect – IRB

## THE 5-WEEK PLAN

<b>1</b>	Intros & Overview IRB 8.1 Demo	<b>4</b>	Requirements Analysis
<b>2</b>	Core Team Simulations	<b>5</b>	Creation of Deliverables
<b>3</b>	Client Artifacts		



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# UVMConnect – IRB Preview

The screenshot displays the UVMConnect IRB system interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Submitters, Meetings, Library, Reports, and Help Center. Below this, a study overview is shown for 'February Blues' (STUDY00000036). The Principal Investigator is Rebecca Simms (PI), the Submission type is Initial Study, the Primary contact is Roger Clark (IRB), and the IRB coordinator is Lisa Jones (IRB). The IRB office is Medical Center IRB. A 'Next Steps' section includes buttons for 'View Study', 'Print Version', and 'View Differences'. A flowchart illustrates the review process: Pre-Submission leads to Pre-Review (highlighted in orange), which then leads to IRB Review. From IRB Review, the process can lead to Post-Review and Review Complete, or to Clarification Requested, which loops back to Pre-Review. Another Clarification Requested step leads to Modifications Requested, which loops back to IRB Review. A search bar at the bottom allows filtering by Activity.



# UVMConnect – Grants

My Inbox Grants CDE Agreements IRE IACOC Safety Site Introduction

Help Center Awards Reports

**Award Notification Received**

**New Research Proposal** FP00000113 Funding Proposal

**Next Steps**

- View Funding Proposal
- Print Version
- View Differences
- Create Agreement

No Award Research Team

Email Specialist

Add Comment

**PGPI:** Rebecca Gomez (PI)

**Specialist:** Sarah Connor (submitted)

**Submitting Dept:** Gastroenterology

**Submitting Division:** Center for Global Health Initiatives

**Total Direct:** \$2,215,420

**Total Indirect:** \$853,792

**Total:** \$3,069,212

**Starting Date:** 1/1/2017

**Number of Periods:** 5

**Funding Source:** Federal

**Sponsor:** National Institutes of Health

**Funding Mechanism:** R01

Workflow: Draft → Department Review → Clarification Requested → Specialized Review → Clarification Requested → Sponsor Review → IT Changes Requested → Approval

**Funding Awards**

ID	Name	State	Recipient	Sponsor	Start Date	End Date
1	Draft	Gastroenterology	National Institutes of Health		1/1/2017	12/31/2021



# UVMConnect – Goals

## Improve Investigator Satisfaction

Intuitive online budget capabilities, clearly defined and easy to use workflow capabilities, SmartForm data capture.

## Improve Staff Satisfaction

Improve staff satisfaction and productivity by leveraging new and more efficient systems and processes.

## Increase Transparency and Access to Data

Through tightly integrated eRA systems, create portfolio view for the investigator and support staff can view all research activity in one place.

## Improve Data Quality

Creating a single, accessible, and accurate source of data about the University's research activity.





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## UVMConnect – Goals

### **Modernize Technology**

Increase the reliability of the software by implementing a modern platform.

### **Strengthen Compliance**

Strengthen UVM's ability to collect data to support a compliant operation in all aspects of research administration and compliance.

### **Integration with Peoplesoft**

Ability to directly integrate award data to PeopleSoft Financials, which by itself will improve efficiency, accuracy and, most importantly, speed up the budget release process allowing our Principal Investigators to start projects on time.

### **Committee Questions.**

1. Annual reports are still submitted to the sponsor through their reporting system.
2. The old system is old and hard to use. The new system is easier, more efficient and much easier to learn. The training modules are way more informative and easier to manage.

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### **3. Graduate College Update, Dean Forehand**

#### **1. Stipend Levels for Graduate Research**

- a. Dean Forehand gave an update on stipend levels for the different units on campus.

#### **2. Centralized GTA training.**

- a. Currently this is not happening on campus. The Graduate College is working toward centralized GTA training. Please send ideas to Dean Forehand.

#### **3. Significant increase is mental health issues in graduate students.**

- a. The Graduate College has trained two staff members, one in the medical school and one in the Graduate College office to work with students in crisis. As the need for these services increase the Graduate College will continue to provide support.

#### **4. Housing.**

Currently there is no campus housing for graduate students. The university would like 5% to 10% housing for graduate students going forward. The forecast for housing

around campus show increases in the next few years. This will help with graduate and undergraduate housing.

#### **4. CIO Search.**

The CIO search interviews are scheduled as follows:

##### **Candidate One**

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Waterman Building Room 527, Phi Beta Kappa

##### **Candidate Two**

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Waterman Building Room 527, Phi Beta Kappa

##### **Candidate Three**

Friday, March 30, 2018

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Waterman Building Room 527, Phi Beta Kappa

If you are unable to attend and have questions for the candidates please forward them to Chair Burns, he will be at all the interviews.

#### **5. New Business. There was no new business at this time.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02pm

**The next meeting of the RSCA is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2018 from 12:30 – 2:00 in 427a Waterman.**