

GETF Recommendations & Status

Provide resources to graduate students to support enhanced numbers of student-initiated research proposals. Website published for grad students; links to info about opportunities for student-initiated resources, comprehensive info about VT workshop and course resources to help students learn to write successful proposals. Discussions underway about funding sources to bridge financial gaps

2. **Make a focused effort to solicit donations for endowed graduate fellowships.** Goal set to raise \$75M in the next Campaign to endow new graduate fellowships.

4. **Implement a modified version of the Candidacy Status resolution passed by the University Council in spring 2019.** Implementation under way.

5. **Expand mentorship training to include all new assistant professors.** “Train-the-trainer” program with college trainers over the winter session, 2021-2022.

10. **Develop standard phrasing to properly convey intentions to employ graduate students for multiple years.** On grad school website.

7. **Implement a Professional Development Graduate Certificate.** Being created.

8. **Increase the minimum assistantship stipend rate to match the minimum rates of Virginia Tech’s aspirational peers.** Dashboard in beta version for GPDs.

9. **Annually compare graduate stipend rates to our peers, and create incentives for colleges to maintain competitive rates.** Dashboard in beta version for GPDs. 14.14.

14. **Enhance the role of the Graduate School in graduate program review and evaluation for continuous improvement.** Agreement has been reached with Academic Assessment office to include the Graduate School in all graduate program reviews. Details being worked out.

6. **Implement 360° feedback for tenure-track faculty (TTF).** Not begun (will involve faculty and grad student senates)

11. **Enhance Office of Sponsored Programs support to faculty preparing research funding proposals.** Collaboration between Graduate School and OVPRI to continue in conversations this fall.

12. **Co-locate OSP staff in colleges and enhance agency-specific expertise and relationships.** Referred to OVPRI for consideration this fall. Graduate School and OVPRI.

13. **Adopt a hybrid model where the Graduate School assists departments and programs to improve graduate recruiting.** Conversations under way

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