

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES REPORT TO THE UFC

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SMSC Agreement You may have seen the announcement about our new partnership with the Smithsonian Mason School of Conservation. This is an exciting opportunity for students interested in conservation biology to “study away” for a semester. Questions can be directed to Alan Griffith who is coordinating the program on our end.

GMU Agreement The agreement for graduate pathways into GMU’s Volgenau School of Engineering is done and waiting to be signed by their provost. The program provides a smooth pathway into the follow programs at GMU:

- MS, Applied Information Technology
- MS, Computer Science
- MS, Data Analytics Engineering
- MS, Operations Research
- MS, Statistics
- MS, Systems Engineering

About 20 students attended information sessions last week and have expressed interest. GMU is very excited to have UMW students come to them for graduate education.

Searches There are currently seven searches for continuing positions in CAS. They are each in various stages.

- Biological Sciences (immunology) – TT
- Nursing – RTA
- Physics (experimental) – T
- Political Science (Latin American politics) – TT
- Psychological Science (cognitive) – TT
- Psychological Science (clinical) – TT
- Theater and Dance (directing/acting) – TT

Summer Enrichment Program I would like to encourage you all to consider submitting a course idea for the 1-week summer program for high school students. This has potential to become a strong tool for enhancing our reputation in the region and for recruiting high-quality students. There is an email from Michael Stebar and Elizabeth Johnson-Young with details.