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MESSAGE TO MEMBERS: Nov. 30, 2009

Bargaining Team invitation

Dear Colleague,

Our contract expires in June 2011. That seems like a long way off, but we have already begun planning. This includes selecting our bargaining team by January 15th of 2010 to ensure that those faculty members involved receive course releases for their work.

This is a general call to the membership. I hope you will consider joining the bargaining team for the spring 2011 negotiations. This is important and gratifying work.

While much of the contract is in place, there will be several challenges before us: achieving and maintaining salaries, protecting and expanding health insurance coverage, guarding against encroachment on retirement benefits, and expanding security and opportunities for contingent faculty.

There will be one course release per person for this work. We commence negotiations in January 2011 but would obviously need to work together in the preceding fall to prepare.

Want to learn more? Somewhat interested? If so, I would like to meet with you soon.

I look forward to hearing from you (david.shiman@uvm.edu).

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