



protecting academic quality

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**LET THEM EAT GRUEL?
BUDGET-CUT BREAKFAST PROTEST**

Monday, April 6
8:30-9 am
Waterman First Floor
University of Vermont

Sponsored by United Academics, UE Local 267, United Staff, and Students Stand Up

Help Us Tell Administration to Use Restored Funding to Restore Programs & Jobs

While the UVM administration maintains that a downsized faculty and staff and upsized student body won't have a noticeable impact on education and student experience, academic programs are facing a starvation diet: With one full-time position eliminated and another faculty member on research leave, the Environmental Program will have fewer than five full-time-equivalent faculty for nearly 400 majors; with three professor positions eliminated and six "part-time" lecturers cut, English will no longer have professors devoted to creative writing-fiction, Irish and British modern lit, or Victorian lit—and its introductory writing offerings will be reduced by more than half. Campus-wide available seats for students are shifting from small classes to large: Next year a third of places for students will be in classes with more than 60 students--17% in "supersize me" classes of 150 to 300!

Late last week the Vermont House passed a budget bill that, so Vermont may qualify for federal stimulus funds, would restore much of this year's reduction to UVM's budget, does not reduce next year's appropriation, and adds, for this year and next, \$10.8 million in federal stimulus funds. If applied to the projected deficit, this funding would wipe out the \$14.7 deficit parceled out to deans and other unit heads to cut from programs. If this funding were combined with savings realized by an administration willing to put itself on a stricter spending diet, projected tuition and fee increases could also be reduced. Yet President Fogel and his administration have not announced that they will put any restored state funds and federal stimulus funds into restoring positions and keeping costs to students down.

Join United Academics, UE Local 267, United Staff, and Students Stand Up for a bowl of morning oatmeal (bring your own bowl if you can!), for education on the impact of the planned cuts, and to help us send a message to President Fogel: Use restored funding to restore jobs! Reduce central administration, not academic programs and jobs on the ground!