

Fall 2020 UA Collective Video/Photo Project- Requests and Prompts

KEY INFO:

- **Please submit a photo with message or caption, or a self-recorded video statement in response to one of the prompts below, or whatever you wish to say about current teaching conditions and workplace climate at UVM.**
- **Aim to keep your video around a minute or less.** Longer videos may be edited for length.
- **Send photos to tell your story**
- **When you're finished, here's how to send your files:**
 - Email files directly to Katlyn or Julie at the email addresses above, if the files are small enough. Please do not reduce file size.
 - Upload to your Google Drive and share the link/s with Katlyn Morris at info@unitedacademics.org. Make sure sharing permissions for your folder or file are set to Editor.
 - Send via Dropbox to julie.roberts.uvm@gmail.com.
 - If none of the above options work, contact us for a workaround.

SUGGESTED PROMPTS:

- What would you say to the UVM President, Provost and/or Trustees if they would listen?
- What are your reactions to the bargaining proposals the administration has made (if you have observed sessions or read bargaining reports)?
- If you could ask for any one thing from the UVM administration, what would it be?
- Do you have any health vulnerabilities, or does anyone in your immediate life? How is your health affected by teaching now?
- What does it look like when you gear up to teach? How long does it take, what do you have to wear, what have you had to adjust?
- Has your income dropped? How has that affected your daily life?
- How did you respond to your students this spring? How did that affect you?
- What are some of the things you've lost over the past six months?
- How does your current work situation affect your family?
- What do you love about your work? How has that changed?
- How do UVM's values of respect, integrity, innovation, openness, justice and responsibility compare with the administration's recent actions and messages?
- What happens to a faculty member when they are demoralized? How does that affect a university?

SAMPLE PHOTOS TO INCLUDE:

- Selfie in personal protective equipment

- Image of classroom with protective equipment, cleaning schedule, etc.
- Image that shows toll on family (child sleeping in office, eg)
- Image that shows reduced income (selling property, grocery bags, piles of bills?
Block any sensitive info)
- Image of home office, if changed

VIDEO RECORDING REQUESTS AND TIPS:

- Please record a landscape video on your smartphone (hold the phone sideways).
- Think about lighting, camera angles, and environmental noise when you record. Try to find natural light, an angle about even with your face, and low noise if possible.
- You can keep just yourself in the frame, or give us a slow panorama of your environment if it's relevant to your statement. But please make sure we see your face.
- Please speak slowly and clearly!
- Don't worry about ahs, ums, and messing up. We can edit those out. If you mess up, just stop, take a breath, and start over at your last thought.