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SUBJ: Task Committee on Resourcing the Institute for Environment

I have spoken with each of you about serving on a task committee to consider resource needs and resourcing models for a possible Institute for Environment, as envisioned by the Institute for Environment (I4E) task committee last fall. A link to the I4E task committee's [report](#) (posted on the Provost's webpage) was included in my update [memo](#) to the broader UVM Academic Community in December.

I write now to formally appoint you to this task committee, with my thanks for agreeing to serve, and to provide the committee with a formal charge.

In my December memo, I indicated a task committee would be established "to examine possible funding sources (both internal and external) and resourcing models." I am also asking this task committee to carefully review the recommendations and associated funding levels in the report developed last fall, and suggest whether any categories or funding levels might be able to be reduced, combined, eliminated, or sequenced over multiple years. Finally, I am asking this task committee to make recommendations about how limited internal resources might be able to leverage existing and future extramural funds (research grants or contracts; partnerships with the state, industry, or other institutions; and philanthropic support) in support of the proposed institute.

I am very pleased that Taylor Ricketts, co-chair of the task committee that prepared the report last fall, and Richard Galbraith have agreed to convene and co-chair this task committee on resourcing.

I would envision this task committee meeting several times over the coming months. I would like the committee's final report with recommendations by June 1, 2015.

Thank you.