From: Tom Sullivan

To: University of Vermont Community

Re: Provost and Senior Vice President Jane E. Knodell

I wish to add to Provost Jane E. Knodell’s letter of today. Jane has provided valuable service and leadership to the University of Vermont. I want to express my deep appreciation to her for all she has done during her time as Provost. She has addressed many challenges and accomplished a great deal. Jane has been a helpful partner to me as I have assumed the Presidency and initiated my learning process about UVM and Vermont. Among Jane’s key accomplishments are:

- Moving the Transdisciplinary Research Initiative forward and establishing our first three Spires of Excellence
- Leading the Strategic Initiatives Process, identifying a number of important efficiencies and initiatives for the future
- Working on establishing a comprehensive strategic enrollment plan, including the numbers of international students and faculty on campus
- Working with the budget team to deliver balanced budgets in difficult times
- Increasing academic quality
- Exploring the enhancement of career services and experiential learning opportunities
- Helping to shepherd important facilities projects to completion (e.g. Aiken, Jeffords)
- Hiring distinguished scholars into deanship positions
- Increasing financial aid support to students
- Providing support for expanding the student portal

I hope you will join me in wishing Jane the very best as she continues her teaching and scholarly pursuits. We all owe her a debt of gratitude for her loyal service to The University of Vermont.