From: Tom Sullivan

To: UVM Community

Re: Campus Incident

Last night a serious incident occurred on the UVM campus during which three of four persons involved in a dispute sustained injuries. Police and other emergency personnel were on the scene quickly and the situation was contained without any evidence of danger to the campus or in the surrounding area. The incident remains under police investigation. Although the situation was in fact contained, some concerns have been expressed about the timeliness of communications to campus about the incident.

Campus and public safety are of paramount concern. I therefore have asked Vice Presidents Richard Cate and Thomas Gustafson to convene the University’s Emergency Operations Group, which directs operational responses to emergencies, to review our communications procedures to ensure that there is total clarity about under what circumstances, when, and by what means communications are sent to University community members as a matter of institutional policy. Implementation of any revisions will occur immediately.

We must inform the campus community promptly when threats to public safety arise, and this review of our policies and practices will advance that important goal.