To: UVM Community

From: Tom Sullivan, President

RE: Professor of Economics Ross Thomson

It is with deep sadness that I inform the University of Vermont community of the passing of Professor of Economics Ross Thomson. Professor Thomson joined the University of Vermont faculty in 1991. Previously, he held appointments at Oberlin College, Yale University and the New School for Social Research. He received his Ph.D. from Yale University.

Professor Thomson served the University in numerous leadership roles including Chair of the Economics Department, Director of the Integrated Social Science Program which he founded, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Secretary and Vice-President of United Academics. Recently, he served on the Strategic Planning Committee in the College of Arts and Science and on the Cost Pool Methodology Committee for Incentive-Based Budgeting.

Professor Thomson also was a passionate and highly accomplished researcher who studied the progress of mechanization and the development of capitalist economies. His most recent book, Structures of Change in the Mechanical Age, was highly praised and is much admired by his peers.

We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Floria, their son and daughter-in-law, and young granddaughter along with other family members. Our sincere thoughts of care and sympathy are also extended to Professor Thomson’s friends and faculty who were close to him. A campus memorial service is being planned and once details are finalized we will make an announcement.

As is the case when any member of our community passes away, we are bound to feel a profound sense of loss, and reactions are felt in a variety of ways. If you or someone you know is in need of additional support, please do not hesitate to contact UVM’s Counseling and Psychiatry Services at (802) 656-3340 (for students) or Invest EAP at (802) 864-3270 (for employee assistance).