From: Tom Sullivan, President
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To: UVM Community

RE: Dean of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources –
   Dr. Nancy E. Mathews

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Nancy E. Mathews as Dean of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont, effective July 1, 2014.

Dr. Mathews is currently the Director of the Morgridge Center for Public Service and Professor of Environmental Studies at the Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She earned her undergraduate degree from The Pennsylvania State University and her Masters and Ph.D. from the State University of New York – College of Environmental Science and Forestry. She is a leading expert in environmental scholarship and teaching.

Dr. Mathews is a nationally recognized wildlife biologist and has conducted extensive research in Brown-headed Cowbird behavior, white-tailed deer behavior and genetics, and chronic wasting disease. Dr. Mathews is widely published, with 58 refereed papers published or in press in the leading environmental publications and more than 140 presentations at conferences, symposia or workshops. She has been the single principal investigator or co-principal investigator on over 52 research projects with a total funding of over $8 million and has advised 29 graduate students. For a more detailed articulation of Dr. Mathews’ professional background, please look for the press release on her appointment on the UVM home page: http://www.uvm.edu/

Dr. Mathews was a recent fellow in the Committee for Institutional Cooperation Academic Leadership Program, chaired the Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development graduate program at the Nelson Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and directed the University of Wisconsin-Madison reaccreditation process. Prior to her position at University of Wisconsin-Madison, she was the assistant unit leader for the USGS Texas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. Dr. Mathews served as a peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission from 2009-2013 and was recently elected to a four year term on their Board of Trustees, through 2017. Dr. Mathews has served on the Board of Directors for the International Crane Foundation since 2006.

We wish to thank the faculty, staff, students and others who served on the Search Committee, so ably chaired by Dr. Douglas Lantagne, Dean of Extension, for their outstanding efforts to bring this search to such a positive conclusion.

We also want to extend a very special appreciation to Interim Dean Jon Erickson for his careful dedication and leadership, that he has brought to this important position.

We hope all members of our community will give Dr. Mathews a warm welcome to UVM when she begins her work as Dean over the summer.

Cc: University of Vermont Board of Trustees