MEMO

To: The UVM Faculty Senate
From: Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Laura Almstead, Chair
Date: May 4, 2017
Re: Approval of an uncontested request to terminate the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics (GIEE) from the Dean of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources and the Director of the GIEE

At its meeting on May 4, 2017, the Curricular Affairs Committee approved the action recommended in the following memo.

The Curricular Affairs Committee approved a request from the Dean of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources (RSENR), Nancy Matthews, and the Director of the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics, Taylor Ricketts, to terminate the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics (GIEE).

The GIEE was founded in 2001 through support from the Gund family. The Gund family has recently made a donation that will support the creation of a new University-wide Gund Institute for Environment. The GIEE has allowed UVM to become a national leader in Ecological Economics, and this area of focus is an integral part of the new institute. The enhanced resources will allow greater success and impact. Current GIEE staff will transition to the new Gund Institute for Environment, and faculty who participate in the GIEE will be able to continue their work through participation in the new institute.

The proposers request that the termination of the GIEE be effective at the completion of the pre-launch sequence for the new Gund Institute for Environment, which occurred on February 28, 2017.