To: Principal Investigators; Business Unit Administrators

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Subject: New Federal Regulations for Sponsored Activities: Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards

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In late 2013, the Federal government passed legislation entitled “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Final Rule,” which will replace all governing circulars, including A-21, A-110 and A-133. This guidance will impact the daily administration of sponsored projects at all institutions of higher education that conduct federally-sponsored research, including UVM. The major focus areas are effort reporting, costing (direct and indirect), fringe benefits, procurement, subrecipient monitoring, and prior approval requirements. The effective date for the majority of the Uniform Guidance is December 26, 2014.

UVM has formed a steering committee and a number of subcommittees with representatives from University Financial Services, Sponsored Project Administration (SPA), Compliance Services, and the University Business Advisors to prioritize and oversee the implementation, communication, and training of the new regulations. The committees will provide ongoing updates and offer training sessions as existing policies and practices are modified to conform to the requirements of the new regulations. You can also visit SPA’s Uniform Guidance website for updates and additional information.

Within the next several weeks, we will provide you with more details about upcoming changes to UVM’s sponsored project administration practices, which are resulting from the new Federal regulations. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact Claire Burlingham or me, Co-Chairs of the Uniform Guidance Steering Committee, or the Dean’s office business managers in your units, who are assisting in this process.