MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 21, 2016

TO: Deans and Directors

FROM: Jim Vigoreaux, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs

RE: FY 2017 Salary Guidelines for Faculty

The quality and commitment of UVM’s faculty and staff are critical for maintaining excellence in instruction, research, and public service. Compensation remains a top priority of the university and will be a key element in UVM’s ability to recruit new personnel and to retain existing personnel.

UVM’s compensation philosophy is intended to support and advance the institution’s mission, goals, and values, and the university’s commitment to provide an exceptional educational experience to our students at a reasonable cost. This year the decision was made to budget 4% for salary increases.

There are approximately 1,550 faculty members employed by UVM. Approximately 850 of those are represented by two separate collective bargaining units and subject to the terms and conditions of negotiated agreements. The remaining faculty members are not represented and are in the College of Medicine, or are excluded from representation for other reasons, typically as a result of holding an academic position as director, chair, or associate dean. For the purpose of these salary guidelines, the latter group (directors, chairs, associate deans and other faculty administrators previously designated as non-represented) are termed “faculty administrators.” Deans and other senior officials are not covered by these guidelines.

Determination of full-time bargaining unit status vs. faculty administrator status is based on the position an individual holds effective July 1, 2016. For example, a faculty member who is assuming the position of associate dean in FY 2017 is changing from union-represented to faculty administrator status, is subject to the faculty administrator section of these guidelines. In contrast, a faculty administrator member stepping down from a department chair position and returning to the faculty in FY 2017 is changing from faculty administrator to union-represented status, and is subject to the salary article of the UVM-UA Agreement for any FY 2017 increases.

DISTRIBUTION POLICY FOR FACULTY ADMINISTRATORS

In planning for the FY 2017 budget, it was recommended to the Board of Trustees that the general fund salary budget be augmented by 4% to fund salary increases for faculty administrators. It is important to note that these budget increases will not become official or final until the Board of Trustees approves the FY 2017 budget at their May 2016 meeting.
Each Dean/Budget Director will determine salary increases of faculty administrators (directors, chairs, associate deans) at the college or school level. These salary increments may be between 0% and 5%. In making their recommendations, each Dean will give consideration to market, performance, and equity and compression issues. Any increase above 5% will require written justification to the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs and will need his approval. In cases of documented unsatisfactory performance or prior written agreement, a lesser or no increase may be appropriate. Documentation must accompany the budget and salary submission.

DISTRIBUTION POLICY FOR UNFILLED POSITIONS AND UNASSIGNED SALARY DOLLARS

In some Cost Centers, funds budgeted in unfilled faculty positions and as unassigned salaries will be increased by 4%. All of these funds must be used for salary increases only and cannot be used to create new positions, to fund parts of existing positions, or to fund other budget categories. Budget funds that have previously been unallocated or become available through turnover or other changes may be incorporated into the funds available for salary increases.

Within Responsibility Centers, unfilled faculty lines for which a unit plans to recruit in FY 2017 must be budgeted at minimum/market levels. Lines from which a faculty member have stepped away to be an administrator must be increased by 4%. Funding of these salaries, similar to all a Responsibility Center’s salaries, must come from its revenue stream.

DISTRIBUTION POLICY FOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FACULTY

The College of Medicine may assign individual salary increments of 0% and above, given prior review and approval by the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs of the overall annual compensation plan for the College and specific identification of any individual receiving an increase in excess of 9%.

Salary adjustments beyond this current policy will only be allowed for Research Scholar pathway faculty whose salaries come from restricted sources, and then only if plans for the mid-year increase accompany the FY 2017 budget submission. For non-represented faculty whose FY 2017 salary is contingent on the awarding of grant funds in the remainder of the fiscal year, an appropriate salary should be articulated in the plan independent of whether the grant funds are awarded. This salary recommendation should be forwarded to the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs at the time of the revised budget submission. However, the budgeted/submitted salary should be based on resources actually available within the unit. Should grant funding become available during the remainder of the year, a salary adjustment to the recommended level could be made retroactive to the effective date of the grant.

SALARY INCREASES FOR NON-REPRESENTED FACULTY OTHER THAN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Salary increases for non-represented faculty other than those in the College of Medicine (e.g. visiting faculty members, part-time lecturers and other faculty not represented by a bargaining unit) may be assigned salary increments of between 0% and 4% by the Dean.
Any increase in excess of the above percentages will require written justification to the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs and will need his approval. For questions related to the non-represented status of a part-time or full-time faculty member, please contact your Labor and Employee Relations Professional based on this list: http://www.uvm.edu/hrs/managers/LERMarch2016.pdf

SALARY INCREASES FOR UNION REPRESENTED FACULTY

Positions included in the part-time and full-time bargaining units are referenced in Article 1, Recognition of the respective collective bargaining agreements. The agreements may be viewed at: http://www.uvm.edu/~faersrcs/?Page=OfficersPage.html

It is important to note instances when a shift in a faculty member’s FTE, title, course assignments or length of term from one fiscal year to the next results in a change in bargaining unit status. Consequently, the unit status of such faculty members must be ascertained before determining which salary guidelines apply, or whether a base salary should be newly established as opposed to being incremented.

For questions related to the union status of a part-time or full-time faculty member or interpretation of the salary and compensation agreements, please contact your Labor and Employee Relations Professional based on this list: http://www.uvm.edu/hrs/managers/LERMarch2016.pdf

UNION-REPRESENTED PART-TIME FACULTY

Salary increases for part-time union represented faculty will be based on the Collective Bargaining Agreement between The University of Vermont and United Academics (AAUP/AFT) Part-time Unit, September 23, 2015-June 30, 2018. Please refer to Sections 18.1-18.7 for information related to FY 2017 increases to credit hour rates and/or base salaries of part-time represented faculty.

UNION-REPRESENTED FULL-TIME FACULTY

Salary increases for full-time union-represented faculty will be based on the Collective Bargaining Agreement between The University of Vermont and United Academics (AAUP/AFT) Full-time Unit, December 12, 2014 – June 30, 2017. Please note that the FY 2017 across-the-board adjustments will be added to FY 2016 base salaries. For more information regarding increases as a result of promotions, performance-based awards, and rank minimum salaries, refer to relevant sections of Article 18. Salary increases for research faculty members follow Article 18.2.c. Salary increases provided under article 18.6 require advance approval by the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs.

Units should have already determined and announced to the faculty their methodology for allocating performance-based awards in accordance with Article 18. Additionally, those methodologies must have been submitted by now to Associate Provost Vigoreaux.

For any individual increase where the components of a salary increase bring the total FY 2017 increase above 9%, documentation must accompany budget submissions for review and approval by the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs.
INCENTIVE COMPENSATION POLICY

A reminder that while faculty members may be involved in student recruitment activities, Section 487 (a)(20) of the Higher Education Act (HEA) prohibits the University from providing incentive compensation to employees or third party entities for their success in securing student enrollments or the awarding of Title IV HEA program funds (federal financial aid). You can find more information about incentive compensation, student recruitment and financial aid here:
http://www.uvm.edu/hrs/info/compensation/incentivecompguide.pdf