Faculty Senate Roundtable, April 22, 2019: Developing a White Paper for UVM’s 27th President

Topic: Faculty Vision for the University of Vermont in 2029

Questions: What is our vision for the University of Vermont in 2029?

What are some specific things that would advance that vision?

What are some barriers to realizing the vision?

Background: When President Designate Suresh Garimella visited campus on February 14, he asked the faculty, “What is your vision for the University of Vermont ten years from now?” Unprepared for the question, most of us had little to say in reply. In order to provide the incoming president with a thoughtful response to that question – and perhaps more importantly, to formulate a response to that question for ourselves – we have framed the April 22 roundtable around the development of a faculty vision statement.

Process and Outcome: Senators are encouraged to prepare for the roundtable by talking with departmental colleagues to solicit their input on the topic. At the April 22 Senate meeting, senators will be randomly divided into eight roundtable groups, each of which will have a scribe. The outcome of the discussion will be summarized, then discussed at the May Senate meeting. The result will be a white paper to present to Dr. Garimella in response to the question he posed to the UVM Community during his visit.