Suggestions for Roundtable Discussion

• How can the UVM faculty and administration collectively work to secure the long-term well being of the fine arts and humanities at this university?

• the role of UVM in responding to the crisis of devaluation of truth in the current era.

• I feel strongly that we need to discuss the drinking and drug problem on this campus. We can’t ignore the toll it takes on the academic life and health of students and on its contribution to other problems, such as sexual assault and poor academic performance. I have five children, four of whom are students abroad. They would not attend UVM (even though it would be free) and they highlight the stunning differences between campus life in America and other countries. They are STEM majors and report that their classes are composed of 50% women. There is no “date rape” problem and no drinking. Students are simply too busy and too serious. I can’t help but make invidious comparisons. My oldest son got a great education here at UVM but he was post-army and a good deal more mature than his peers. He had quite a lot to say in his four years here about student culture. Pretty depressing.

• Discuss how a small group of senators dominate the debate and discussion at every single faculty meeting.

• Better understanding of the recent presidential search process

Information about the health of the College of Arts and Sciences, an unbiased view of where the recent financial challenges stem from and what actions could be taken to better support the College of Arts and Sciences.