UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT PROCEDURES FOR PROXY VOTING

- 1. Authorization to vote proxies is granted by Board of Trustees (BOT).
- 2. UVM votes proxies for all investments in which it has separate accounts.
- 3. For investments made through commingled funds, proxies are voted through that fund.
- 4. Proxy "season" generally occurs April through June. In 2011, we received 152 proxies with shareholder proposals.
- 5. Notices of Annual Meetings of Shareholders with proxy forms are received via mail.
- 6. The University votes only proxies that include shareholder resolutions.
- 7. All shareholder resolutions are reviewed for applicability to UVM specific guidelines established by BOT resolution.
- 8. In the matter of routine corporate business, we vote for management. (Election of Directors, Ratification of Public Accounting Firm, and Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation).
- 9. Guidelines with respect to proxy votes include the following resolutions: Proxy Voting in Favor of Climate Change Action Divestment from Sudan Tobacco: Restrict the use of advertisements for the sale of tobacco Discrimination in Employment Landmines: Reduce or eliminate antipersonnel landmines
- 10. In the absence of these specific guidelines, an abstaining vote is cast for the shareholder (stockholder) proposals.
- 11. If a shareholder proposal is unclear and relates to one of the resolutions, UVM General Counsel is consulted for an opinion before voting the proxy.
- 12. The original proxy vote is returned to proxy services and copies are maintained with Notices of Annual Meetings of Shareholders in permanent files.
- 13. A listing is maintained for every proxy voted and is provided on request to any member of the University community.