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TO: University of Vermont Faculty

FROM: Jim Vigoreaux, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs
Cathy Paris, Faculty Senate President

DATE: July 1, 2016

SUBJ: Campus Wide Faculty Conference

We write to invite you to a faculty conference to take place August 22, 2016, from 8:15 AM to 1:00 PM. The early morning event will be held in conjunction with the New Faculty Orientation and will serve the dual purpose of providing a venue for returning faculty to welcome new colleagues and to launch *The UVM Faculty Development Series*, a year-long program designed to assist faculty in acquiring the knowledge and skills to succeed as 21st century educators and maintain excellence in research and scholarly activities. The theme for our inaugural series in AY16-17 is *The Role of Faculty in the Success of 21st Century College Students*. Activities throughout the year will offer perspectives from Student Services, Neuroscience, Education, and other disciplines.

We are pleased that James Hudziak, M.D. UVM Professor of Psychiatry, Medicine, and Pediatrics and Director of the Vermont Center for Children, Youth, & Families will be our keynote speaker for the morning. Dr. Hudziak is an internationally recognized clinician-scientist and leader in child and adolescent psychiatry. He has advanced major scientific, educational, clinical, and public health agendas over the course of his career. At UVM, he has launched the Wellness Environment, a new residential community of students committed to maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Following Dr. Hudziak's presentation faculty are invited to participate in round table discussion groups.

We kindly request RSVP and selection of a roundtable group by August 5, 2016. You will receive a separate email with the subject line "Campus Wide Faculty Conference Registration" that will include the link to register and to indicate your choices for discussion group from a list of topics. A detailed agenda will be sent at a later date.

Please address any questions to Jim.Vigoreaux@uvm.edu.