



The University of Vermont

Office of the Provost
and Senior Vice President

TO: University of Vermont Faculty

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

DATE: July 18, 2017

RE: Campus Wide Faculty Conference

We write to invite you to a faculty conference to take place Monday, August 21, 2017, from 7:45 AM to 2:15 PM. The early morning event will be held in conjunction with the New Faculty Orientation and will serve the dual purpose of providing an opportunity for returning faculty to welcome new colleagues and to launch the second annual *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 second year series in AY17-18 is *Speech and Expression on Campus*. Activities throughout the year will examine this critical topic from academic, legal, and social perspectives.

We are pleased that E. Thomas Sullivan, JD, President of UVM and Professor of Political Science, will be our keynote speaker for the morning. President Sullivan is a nationally recognized authority on antitrust law and complex litigation, having authored 11 books and over 50 articles. He has a distinguished career in higher education, including serving as Dean of the University of Arizona College of Law, Dean of the University of Minnesota Law School, and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at the University of Minnesota. He has written extensively on many legal topics, including free speech.

Following President Sullivan's presentation, faculty are strongly encouraged to participate in one of the 22 round table discussion groups facilitated by fellow faculty. A preliminary agenda and a description of the topic for each group can be found on the Provost's Faculty Professional Development web page via this link: http://www.uvm.edu/~provost/?Page=faculty_profdev.html

We kindly request registration by August 7th via this Lime Survey link: <https://survey.uvm.edu/index.php/141626?lang=en>

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