



Budgets are under pressure; university educations are threatened across the nation. For UVM to thrive and maintain its recognized high quality, we need a commitment to academic excellence at all levels. Some trends are worrisome: the decline in instructional faculty, larger classes, less faculty-student contact, and reduced institutional resources for strengthening the core undergraduate mission of the University. We believe UVM can do better.

Growth in Students Outpaces Growth in Faculty:

Number of FTE Students (2002 vs 2010)	+ 42 %
Number of Full-time Instructional Faculty (2002 vs 2010)	+ 8 %
Number of Full-time Instructional Faculty (2008 vs 2010)	- 2.6%
Number of Part-time Faculty Teaching (Spring 2008 vs 2010)	- 23 %
Number of Extension Faculty	- 22 %

Shrinking Budget for Academics, Growing Debt Burden:

Base Budget (2005 vs 2010)	+ 42.5%
Academics (2005 vs 2010)	- 7 %
Debt Service (2005 vs 2010)	+167 %

More Students in Large Classes:

Seats for 150-305 students (2008-09 vs 2009-10)	+ 55.7 %
Seats for 12-39 students (2008-09 vs 2009-10)	- 9.7%

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