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MESSAGE TO MEMBERS: October 5, 2010

### **Call for nominations by Oct. 29: UA seeks faculty willing to step up**

Dear Colleagues:

The Nominations/Elections Committee asked me to forward this message to you.

It is election time--for United Academics as well. Much of what we have accomplished over the years can be credited to faculty willing to step up and assume responsibilities of leadership: serving on the Executive Council as an officer or member-at-large, serving as a delegate in the Delegates Assembly, or serving on a standing or ad hoc committee.

This semester, the UA membership will elect a PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, and 3 MEMBERS-AT-LARGE to the Executive Council; one of these At-Large members is designated to represent the part-time membership. Each of these positions has some course release or equivalent compensation.

The entire DELEGATES Assembly is also up for election. With one delegate for every 25 UA members of a particular unit, the numbers of delegates to be elected are as follows: Arts and Sciences: 11; Education and Social Services: 3; Ag & Life Sciences, Engineering & Math, and Nursing & Health Sciences: 2 each; Business Administration, Extension, Libraries, Rubenstein, and Part-time Faculty: 1 each.

All terms are for two years, COMMENCING JULY 2011. Union work may be listed as service on faculty workload forms. You can find a brief DESCRIPTION OF EACH POSITION on the United Academics website at <http://www.unitedacademics.org/positiondescriptions.html>. Additional information about the positions can be found in the UA Constitution, posted on the UA website at <http://www.unitedacademics.org/constitution.html> (II. Officers of UA and the Executive Council, and III. The Delegates Assembly).

Please consider nominating yourself or someone else for a position. You may offer a nomination at our fall membership meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Or you may contact the Nominations/Elections Committee by sending a message to the committee chair: [John.B.Forbes@uvm.edu](mailto:John.B.Forbes@uvm.edu). If possible, please contact your nominees before submitting their names to confirm their willingness to stand for election. NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE ON OCTOBER 29.

United Academics--led by faculty for faculty at the University of Vermont--gives us a legal basis for defending faculty rights, strengthening faculty voice in governance and fiscal policy, and negotiating competitive salaries, benefits, and workloads so UVM can attract and retain the very best scholars and teachers for its students and for Vermont. The work of the Executive Council and Delegates Assembly is interesting and critically important. **WON'T YOU HELP?**

Thank you.

David Shiman, President, United Academics

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