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Subject: Message from Dean Rick Page: UVM Statement on Our Common Ground and Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping

Dear Larner Community,

I have received questions regarding the recent executive order from the President of the United States regarding “race and sex stereotyping.” Please see the UVM statement below, distributed this week to research principal investigators, post-docs and grad students. Consistent with this message, our College affirms our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Stay well and stay safe,

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UVM Statement on Our Common Ground and Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping

The University of Vermont is committed to [Our Common Ground](#), which holds that respect, integrity, innovation, openness, justice, and responsibility are fundamental values that underlie our community and mission as an educational institution. These values recognize that a diversity of perspectives is fundamental to inquiry, amplifying our impact across fields from science to medicine, and education to humanities. We understand that a commitment to ethics and openness, and a responsibility to truth are as fundamental to the work of science and discovery as research instruments and laboratories.

In view of recent confusion regarding the university’s ability to engage in training that conforms to Our Common Ground, we reaffirm our commitment to open investigation, and to respectful and clear-eyed discussion of the past and present, including discussion of racism, ethnocentrism, and sexism where these have muddled those paths and harmed progress in science, medicine, and humanist education. As an institution, we stand on our common ground.

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