



The University of Vermont
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

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RE: City of Burlington and University of Vermont Memorandum of Agreement Re: 2009 Zoning Amendments

Dear President Shannon and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to update UVM's June 30, 2013 report on the University's progress and activities regarding the 2009 Memorandum of Agreement Re: 2009 Zoning Amendments. In this letter, I am providing updates on the following two items:

- **1:1 Match in Housing for Enrollment Increases**
- **Identification of Number and Location of Off-Campus Students**

The information below provides these updates.

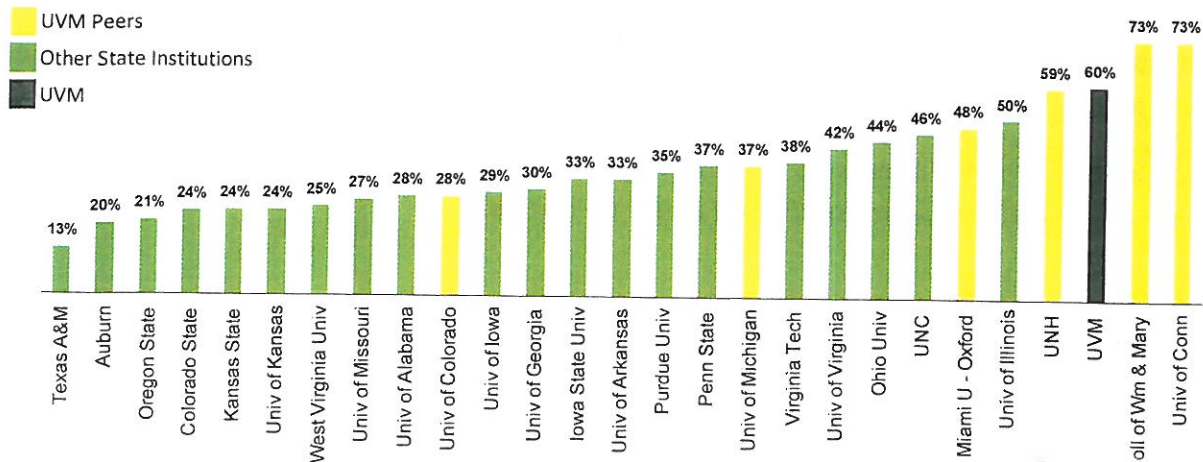
1:1 Match in Housing for Enrollment Increases

"After Fall 2009 and continuing throughout the duration of this agreement, UVM agrees to provide, by its own means or by working with a third party developer, student housing within the institutional districts defined in the City zoning ordinance in effect on March 9, 2009, or outside the boundaries of the City of Burlington on a 1:1 basis relative to increased enrollment of undergraduate students beyond the number enrolled in Fall 2009.

- a. For the purposes of this agreement undergraduate students are defined as those who are enrolled in an undergraduate degree program for at least 9 credit hours per semester and have not yet earned a baccalaureate degree.*
- b. The City agrees that the 1:1 requirement would be applicable over a two-year timeframe. For example, in the Fall of 2011 UVM would certify that the total increased enrollment of undergraduate students between Fall 2009 and Fall 2011 has been matched by the same number of new student beds as described above."*

The Fall 2013 undergraduate enrollment as defined by this agreement is 9,764. **This represents a decrease of 392 students from the Fall 2009 enrollment of 10,156.** Therefore, the 1:1 requirement is not a factor for this year.

Percent of Undergraduates Housed On-Campus



*2012 Enrollment & Housing Figures Provided by Biddison-Hier for UVM Student & Faculty/Staff Housing Master Plan

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Identification of Number and Location of Off-Campus Students

“UVM agrees to identify the number and where UVM students live off-campus based on information reasonably available to UVM, to enable the City and UVM to work together to address impacts in the neighborhoods.”

UVM gathers local address information from students at the outset of their time here. We request that all students update this information at the start of each semester. Each year we do an analysis of this information to calculate how many students are living in Burlington. This fall, 1,187 students reported an off-campus address in Burlington.

Because we know the self-reported data is not 100% accurate, we do make assumptions based on information we know to be true, such as our on-campus housing capacity. Based on this information, we estimate about 400 more students are likely living in Burlington, bringing our total estimate of students living off-campus in Burlington to be **approximately 2,200**, or about 23% of the undergraduate student population. **This represents a decrease of approximately 300 students living in Burlington from fall 2012.**

**2012 vs 2013 Percentage Comparisons of Students Reporting
Burlington Addresses by Ward**

Ward	2012	2013	Percentage Change
Ward 1	24.0%	22.5%	-1.5%
Ward 2	46.0%	48.0%	2.0%
Ward 3	11.0%	11.0%	0.0%
Ward 4	1.0%	2.0%	1.0%
Ward 5	3.0%	4.0%	1.0%
Ward 6	13.0%	11.0%	-2.0%
Ward 7	2.0%	1.5%	-0.5%

The City and UVM are continuing to see positive gains in lowering the number of students living in the City of Burlington due to the additions of Redstone Lofts in 2012 and the moderate decline in enrollment over the past three years. We look forward to continuing work with the City on housing issues, particularly as we look towards finalizing the Student and Faculty/Staff Housing Master Plan which will guide our housing efforts through 2026.

Please let me know if you have questions about this update.

Sincerely,



Thomas Gustafson
Vice President for University Relations & Administration

cc: President E. Thomas Sullivan
Mayor Miro Weinberger

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