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Negotiations between United Academics and UVM’s administration going to fact finding. United Academics’ Negotiation Team regrets to report that it has been unable to achieve satisfactory progress towards a contract through the mediation process, and so the negotiations are moving to fact-finding, as provided under Vermont State law. The parties were close together on most issues, yet the administration remains fixed on positions that we find unreasonable in the current budget climate. Our analysis shows that the principle obstacle to proper support for teaching and research at the University of Vermont are the administration’s misplaced priorities, especially overspending on non-academic affairs. We firmly believe that fact finding will lead to a better contract for faculty that serves the interests and goals of the University of Vermont.

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