



The University of Vermont

Office of the President

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From: Daniel Mark Fogel, President
Jane Knodell, Provost and Senior Vice President

To: UVM Community

RE: **Dean of School of Business Administration Appointment - Dr. Sanjay Sharma**

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Sanjay Sharma as Dean of the School of Business Administration at The University of Vermont, effective July 1, 2011. Dr. Sharma is currently Dean of the John Molson School of Business at Concordia University.

Dr. Sharma is one of the most respected business school leaders in North America, and his expertise will be a great addition to the University of Vermont community. His rare combination of practical experience, extensive research, and leadership skills within higher education was extremely compelling and will serve us well. Dr. Sharma's scholarly record and leadership achievements will help us further strengthen our quality and reputation, not only in the School of Business Administration, but across the University as a whole as we work to fulfill UVM's vision as one of the nation's premier small research universities.

Sanjay Sharma comes to UVM with a unique background in both the private sector and academia including 16 years of senior management experience with international corporations and more than a decade of proven leadership within higher education. During his four-year tenure at Concordia, the sixth largest university in Canada with more than 45,000 students, JMSB established itself as one of the top business schools globally with its MBA program ranked among the top 100 in the world by *The Economist* and its EMBA program ranked amongst the top 100 by the *Financial Times*. For a more detailed articulation of Dr. Sharma's extensive professional background, please look for the press release on his appointment on the UVM home page: <http://www.uvm.edu/>.

We wish to thank the faculty, staff, students, and alumni who served on the Search Committee, so ably Chaired by Dr. Abu Rizvi, for their outstanding efforts to bring this search to such a positive conclusion. We hope all members of our community will give Dr. Sharma a warm welcome to UVM when he begins his work as Dean over the summer.

Cc: University of Vermont Board of Trustees