

# MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

## CREATION OF THE VERMONT HIGHER EDUCATION FOOD SYSTEMS CONSORTIUM

We, the undersigned leaders of Vermont institutions of higher education, join together in creating the Vermont Higher Education Food Systems Consortium, dedicated to advancing our collective efforts in making Vermont the national epicenter of community-based food systems education.

The goal of the Consortium is to contribute to the vitality of the local food movement in Vermont by drawing more students to educational pathways that support the state's food system movement and to help seed the next stage of entrepreneurial activity. Together, we will also educate students who will advance the development of resilient food systems beyond our borders, nationally and internationally.

To carry out this goal, we will engage in activities that serve our collective interests and benefit the state by bringing more students to Vermont and providing them superior and diverse learning experiences.

With Vermont as our classroom, we can offer rich learning opportunities and place-based experiences in food system development. Working together over time we will add to the growing list of inter-program partnerships, agreements, and collaborations.

By broadening the awareness of our collective offerings of courses, services, and learning experiences as well as our unique institutional cultures, to potential students throughout the United States and the world, we can create pathways for students to engage in the creation of community-based food systems through a unique array of cross-institutional experiences.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013 by:



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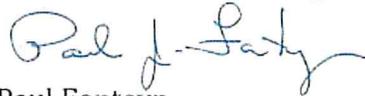
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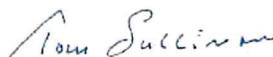
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