SUMMARY OF THE UVM STAFF COUNCIL MEETING – May 5, 2015

This summary provides the most relevant information for staff from Staff Council’s recent meeting.

**Presentation by Transportation & Parking Services and CATMA**

Jim Barr began by talking about new technology Transportation & Parking Services (TPS) offers via the website or free apps. Some of the services include up-to-date info about bus routes, the ability to provide immediate feedback about a safety or security issue at any given UVM parking lot and down the road the ability to pay for your meter on campus by phone or add more money before the meter expires. Jim reminded the group that looking to the future parking on campus will become even more limited and many of us will become more dependent on information and services provided by TPS. Katie Martin gave a very brief overview of the CATMA programs that are available to employees of UVM and the current WAY TO GO Challenge!

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the April 7, 2015 Council minutes. There was no discussion and one abstention. The minutes were adopted.

**Staff Council Election Results**

Jeff reported out this year’s Election Process consisted of appointments made by the various Units/Colleges/Divisions or current Representatives coming forward to serve again. All Units/Colleges/Divisions are represented, but there are just a few vacancies open: College of Engineering & Mathematics – 1 representative for a 2-yr term and Student Affairs – 1 representative for a 3-yr term.

**Vote on Bylaw Change: Staff Council Standing Committee Names**

While a quorum was met for the meeting, the Council was one person shy of having the necessary 2/3 of the Council’s membership present to vote on the Bylaw Change for Staff Council Standing Committee Names at this meeting. This item was tabled for the June 2, 2015 meeting agenda.

**Staff Council FY15 Annual Update**

The Staff Council Annual Update is a document that highlights words of appreciation for university initiatives and developments that address staff concerns or areas of Staff Council advocacy and Staff Council accomplishments. This update is shared with the UVM Board of Trustees, President, Provost and other senior leaders. This document was reviewed by the Executive Board, shared with the Council in advance of the meeting, and updated to reflect new information regarding initiatives in the days leading up to its approval. There was one concern raised about the recent announcement regarding flexibility in setting salary increases which had been incorporated into the “words of appreciation” section. An argument was made to also highlight the challenges with this new approach under “areas of
concern” and a statement was read that would be incorporated into the document. Without further discussion, there was a motion to approve this document with the additional statement, which was seconded, and was approved through a vote.

**Standing Committee Reports**

There were no additional comments made regarding the Standing Committee Reports.

**Officer’s Update**

The full Officer’s update is posted online on the President of Staff Council’s webpage and highlights recent committee work including chairing the selection committee for the President’s *Our Common Ground Award*, reviewing applicants for the Honorary Degree Recipients Advisory Committee, and recent meetings with President Sullivan and Gary Derr, Vice President for Executive Operations. Renee made remarks at the President’s *Our Common Ground* brunch on May 4, 2015.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and adopted. The meeting adjourned at 1:25p.m.