SUMMARY OF THE UVM STAFF COUNCIL MEETING – August 5, 2014

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

This was the first meeting of the 2014-2015 academic year as well as the first under the new leadership of Staff Council President Renee Berteau and Vice President Johanna Brabham.

Approval of Minutes

The May 6, 2014 minutes were adopted.

Public Comment Period

No public comments were made.

Executive Board – Call for Staff Representatives to Serve

Dziyana Aydin and Karmen Swim self-nominated to serve as the two Staff Council Representatives from among the Council’s regular members to serve on the Executive Board in the 2014-2015 academic year. A motion to approve them to serve in these roles was made and they were approved unanimously.

Knowledge Share

Renee introduced the new initiative of holding a Knowledge Share during each Staff Council Meeting. This would be an opportunity for Staff Council Representatives to give a brief 10 minute presentation on the work they do at UVM or in the community to help build connections, raise awareness, and encourage collaboration. The first Knowledge Share will take place at the September 2, 2014 meeting.

Staff Council President’s Update

The full update by Staff Council President Renee Berteau is available here.

Vision, Focus, Issues for the Year

Renee and Johanna shared their overarching vision and focus for Staff Council in the 2014-2015 academic year. These are for Staff Council Representatives to keep in mind as the approach the body of work ahead and are not meant to detract from specific issues, assignments, or tasks already being investigated and discussed by Standing Committees.

Goal 1: To help UVM staff better understand how they as individuals through their professional role at the University and as individuals contribute to student success. Reasoning: To help align the staff community with President Sullivan’s Strategic Action Plan goal of academic excellence.

Goal 2: To build a more inclusive University community through personal and professional development for UVM staff around issues of social justice, diversity and inclusion. Reasoning: To help align the staff community with the values of UVM’s Our Common Ground and to better work with and serve the increasingly more diverse student, employee and Vermont community.
Announcements

Staffline:

The submission deadline for the September edition of Staffline is Friday, August 15, 2014. This edition will be distributed on Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

Staff Council Meeting:

The next Staff Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 from 12:05pm – 1:30pm in the Davis Center, Livak Ballroom. President Sullivan will be our guest and address questions from the Council.