SUMMARY OF THE UVM STAFF COUNCIL MEETING – November 4, 2014

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

**President’s Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs Presentation to Staff Council**

Annie Stevens, Vice Provost for Student Affairs, Dr. Jon Porter, Director, Center for Health & Wellbeing, and Patience Whitworth, Asst. Dean, Assessment, Student Learning & Technology addressed the Staff Council on behalf of the President’s Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs (PCAOD) as part of outreach to engage the UVM community on its work and get feedback that will be incorporated with the findings and recommendations the group will provide to President Sullivan at the end of the Fall 2014 semester. A brief Question/Answer period and Public Comment period followed.

**Student Panel on the Student Experience with Staff Council**

A student panel comprised of student leaders was organized in collaboration with Student Government Association to better understand the needs of students at UVM. We hope in the next few months that a staff council panel will present at a Student Government Association so they can better understand staff’s role in regards to students at UVM. A brief Question/Answer period followed.

**Appointed Representative Policy Statement**

Jeff outlined how the current policy around Appointed Representatives relied on the Staff Council President to make appointments to various boards, committees, workgroups, etc. without much guidance around the appointment process. Since Staff Council now is now asked on a more regular basis to make appointments to a broader range of group the policy needed to be updated to reflect the appointment process, increase transparency on criteria used to make determinations about appointments, and the role of the President, Vice President, and Executive Board have in the process itself. A motion was made to adopt the updated Appointed Representative Policy Statement, with no discussion a vote was taken and with all in favor the statement was formally adopted.

**Officer’s Update**

The full Officer’s update is posted online on the President of Staff Council’s webpage.

**Staffline:**

The submission deadline for the December edition of Staffline is Friday, November 14, 2014. This edition will be distributed on Monday, December 1, 2014.

**Staff Council Meeting:**

The next Staff Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 from 12:05pm – 1:30pm in the Livak Ballroom, Davis Center. Laurel Cameron, Director of ACCESS will be our guest.