SUMMARY OF THE UVM STAFF COUNCIL MEETING – December 2, 2014

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

**Presentation and Q&A with Laurel Cameron**

Laurel Cameron spoke about services and how ACCESS (Accommodation, Consultation, Collaboration and Education Support Services) works with the UVM Community. Staff and Faculty are a small portion of the clients but students are the primary consumers. This office works with over 1,000 students per semester. This is the number of students that actually use ACCESS, the number of those students that are eligible are even higher. Services can begin at any time and all incoming students require documentation by ACCESS. There are 4 ½ full-time staff to support all students 1:1 with the active client load. The range of diagnosis can run the gamut and spectrum. Some services include e-books, proctoring, captioning, ASL, note-taking, data management. ACCESS works closely with Residential Life, Physical Plant, Registrar, Admissions as well as individual academic units to meet the needs of the students. A brief question and answer period followed.

**Presentation and Q&A with Jes Kraus and Caryn Gronvold**

Jes Kraus and Caryn Gronvold came to answer questions about the Vermont Labor Relations Board Election scheduled December 16 & 17, 2014. In September 2014 the Vermont Labor Board was petitioned by Vermont State Employees’ Association (VSEA) to represent administrative support or clerical employees (C Family) Technical Support (T Family) and Specialized (SP Family). The election will take place over two days, December 16 & 17, 7am-5:30pm each day in Marsh Lounge, Billings Center. All eligible staff are encouraged to vote, so that the voice of staff is heard and the outcome of the election represents the majority of those eligible to vote. A brief Question/Answer period followed.

**Officer’s Update**

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

Staff Council President Renee Berteau attended The President’s Advisory Council Meeting on December 1, 2014. The discussion was around academic excellence and creating a culture of excellence. Renee handed out the results of the Staff Council’s summary about Staff Impact on Student Success.

**Staffline:**

The submission deadline for the January edition of Staffline is Friday, December 12, 2014. This edition will be distributed on Monday, January 5, 2015.

**Staff Council Meeting:**

The next Staff Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 from 12:05pm – 1:30pm in the Livak Ballroom, Davis Center.