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STAFF COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 8/5/25 from 12:05-1:30**

All members of the UVM community are welcome.

The meeting is offered in-person and via [Teams](#) at the Chittenden Bank Room -413 - Davis.

Meeting agendas, minutes, and video recordings are also available [on our website](#).



Message From Staff Council Leadership

Welcome Back

As we begin a new academic year, we want to extend a warm welcome to all staff, especially our newly elected Staff Council representatives. It's an honor to step into our new roles as President and Vice President for the next two years, and we are filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve this incredible community.

Even over the summer, your Staff Council has been hard at work—meeting regularly with the President's Office, Human Resources, and Strategic Communications—and we're eager to connect directly with President Tromp soon. These conversations lay the groundwork for a strong year of collaboration and shared commitment to making our campus a more inclusive and supportive place for all staff.

Our priorities remain clear: we are committed to advancing inclusive excellence by fostering a culture of equity, belonging, and representation. This means continuing to advocate for policies and initiatives that uplift and include underrepresented staff voices in institutional decision-making. We look forward to working closely with university leadership, affinity groups, and you—our colleagues—to expand opportunities for recognition, development, and connection.

Please know [your representatives](#) and both of us, Jennifer and Samantha, are always open to your feedback, questions, and concerns. Hearing directly from you helps us better understand and elevate the issues that matter most to our campus community. Together, we can ensure that all staff feel seen, heard, and valued.

Here's to a great year ahead!

- Jennifer Jorgenson - Staff Council President
- Samantha Dickey - Staff Council Vice President



Committee Events - All Invited

- Wednesday Walks will be on hiatus for the month of August
- Annual Holiday Bazaar, Save The Date 12/3/25, Details in the weeks to come
- Fall CatChat Save The Date 10/8/25, 12:15 - 1, Details in the weeks to come.

GET INVOLVED

Be A Staff Council Representative!

Staff Council is currently seeking staff to fill a few vacant representative seats from:

- College of Arts and Sciences
- Larner College of Medicine
- Extension
- Grossman School of Business
- Strategic Communications
- Division of Finance and Administration
- OVPR

If you are feeling the itch to serve on Staff Council or know of someone you think would be a great representative, [click here](#) for more details or contact staff.council@uvm.edu

CAMPUS NEWS



Retiree HR Website

Whether you recently retired or have been part of the UVM retiree community for years, this site is your go-to resource. Here, you'll find access to benefits information, university news, and opportunities to stay involved with the community. We're honored to continue supporting you in this next chapter. [Click Here To Access The Site](#)



UVM Employee Affinity Groups

Embracing commonalities with other employees at UVM is key to a fulfilling work experience. UVM provides the opportunity for employees to form and participate in affinity groups that connect employees through a common purpose, background, or interest. An affinity group's mission and purpose must be compatible with Our Common Ground Values, and are generally open to all UVM employees.

UVM affinity groups are hosted by [Human Resources](#) in collaboration with [Staff Council](#), [Faculty Senate](#), and the [Division of Intercultural Excellence](#). [Click Here for details and application process.](#)



National Emergency Management Month

In August we celebrate Emergency Management! Emergency managers are problem solvers - 24/7/365, when an incident requires coordination across multiple services, agencies, or disciplines, even beyond traditional public safety. To learn more, check out [this news post all about Emergency Management](#).



New Electric Vehicle Charging Opportunities

It's exciting for Transportation and Parking Services to give our fellow employees something other than a parking ticket! TPS has activated 12 point-of-sale EV charging stations at Wheeler House - 133 South Prospect Street. These stations are exclusively available to UVM employees with any valid parking permit (Green, White, or Brown, Annual, Monthly, or Daily) from 7:00 AM-3:30 PM Mon-Fri.

Outside these hours, anyone with a valid UVM parking permit may charge a vehicle. Users must start a paid charging session and have a valid parking permit. This first of it's kind, on campus, employee-first opportunity is made possible in part by a state workplace charging grant. We are excited to offer this highly desirable EV charging location, and keep our campus moving forward **For People and Planet**.



Ride the Bus with the Ride Ready by GMT App

UVM employees who would like to continue to ride the GMT buses fare free are required to formally *Opt-In* and transition to the Ride Ready by GMT App for fare passes. To do so and learn more, please visit the [Transportation and Parking Services website](#).



UVM Research Studies Seeking Volunteers

- [Nutrition Study](#)
- [Dengue Fever research](#)
- [Asthma Research Studies](#)
- [Evolution of lung disease ages 25 - 35](#)

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



Lunch & Learn Series

Mental Focus in the Workplace

How does your brain work? How do you prepare it to function well? In this session we'll explore ways to train your brain to focus and develop skills to cope when things go wrong. These strategies will help you improve and protect your mental focus so you can keep your brain in the game even when you're overwhelmed and feeling stress. You'll leave with practical skills you can put to use immediately.

Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Date: 8/15/25

In-Person: 427 Waterman (Classroom)

Registration Link: [Mental Focus](#)

Remote: [Meeting Link](#)

Food: Pizza!

Organizing Best Practices

Too much to do and not enough time? Drowning in Email? This session is designed to put you back in charge of your day so you can get more done with less stress. We'll explore why certain list and calendar tricks work, and the keys to staying on top of email. You'll leave this session better able to keep track of your commitments, get work done on time, and communicate your capacity to others.

Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Date: 8/22/25

In-Person: 427 Waterman (Classroom)

Registration Link: [Best Practices](#)

Remote: [Meeting Link](#)

Food: Pizza!

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Vermont Community Action Partnership

Incorporated in 1978, the Vermont Community Action Partnership (VCAP) is the state association for Vermont's five Community Action Agencies. These Agencies operate through federal, state and private funding to provide programs and services to Vermonters with low or moderate income. We were established through the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 by President Lyndon Johnson and came into being in 1965 through the first state Office of Economic Opportunity in the nation created under Governor Philip Hoff. We continue to work hand and hand with the Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity and the Vermont Legislature.

Through our strong partnership with federal, state agencies, community based organizations and other mission minded partnerships, we work to address the causes and the conditions of poverty in Vermont.

On the front line of poverty, through short and long term strategies, VCAP and the Vermont Community Action Agencies are recognized leaders in providing individuals, families and communities with the tools, skills and vision for needed economic, racial, social and environmental justice. [Click Here For Details](#)



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