

UVM Staff Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2025
12:05-1:30 PM
Chittenden Bank Room - Davis

Please note that the content below is a summary;
for the full context, the video recording of the meeting must
be referenced, available on the [Staff Council website](#).

Members Present: Bob Bolyard, Sam Chambers, Chelsea Lynn Chu, Richard Cohen, Corinne Cooper, Samantha Dickey, Hannah Day, Monika Donlevy, Amanda Duling, Maureen Jennings, Meredith Grasso, Cindy Lee, John Lovelette, Karyn McGovern, Jennifer “JP” Payne, Patricia Pena, Jon Reisenweaver, Jess Romanelli, Perri Schodorf, Jake M. Spiegler, Sawyer Zundel

Staff: Alan Shashok, Staff Council Administrator

Guest:

Call to Order: Samantha called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM

Approval of Minutes: June 2025 minutes were approved.

Public Comments: None

New Representative Introductions

New representatives present offered a brief introduction.

Parliamentarian Appointment

Richard Cohen was appointed by Samantha Dickey as the Parliamentarian for FY26

Call for 2 At-Large Executive Board Members

2 representatives placed their name into nomination for the 2 seats. Bob Bolyard and Billy Rison were elected by the Staff Council to serve for FY26

Call for Members to the Staff Council Professional Development Fund Committee

Chaired by Samantha Dickey, this committee reforms each FY with at least 6 members. Perri Schodorf, Amanda Duling, Meredith Grasso, Richard Cohen, Maureen Jennings, Jake M. Spiegler and Cindy Lee all volunteered to serve for FY26.

Officer’s Report

Samantha reviewed the notes as submitted. There was also a discussion on the Dependent Audit process and conflicting communication staff are receiving regarding the need to comply. Staff Council leadership will bring this to their next meeting with HR leadership.

Staff Council Retreat

Samantha led a brainstorming session on possible themes, speakers, activities, etc. to take place. Ideas included senior leadership speakers, Board of Trustees engagement, group community service project, art project, holiday cards. The conversation will continue as Jennifer and Samantha narrow down the options.

Council Member Concerns and Comments

A conversation regarding Staff Affinity Groups was had with a takeaway regarding the benefits of being a recognized Affinity Group. This topic will be on the next HR leadership meeting agenda. Alan offered a heads up on the Benefits Fair and Staff Council tabling. A sign-up sheet to cover the table will go out when more details are available.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 PM