

**UVM Staff Council Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**September 9, 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, Monika Donlevy, Amanda Duling, Skye Ellicock, Maureen Jennings, Meredith Grasso, Cindy Lee, John Lovelette, Karyn McGovern, Jennifer “JP” Payne, Lucie Pecor, Jon Reisenweaver, Billy Rison, Jess Romanelli, Perri Schodorf, Susan Sobczak, Douglas Stewart, Sawyer Zundel

**Staff:** Alan Shashok, Staff Council Administrator

**Guest:** Linda Schadler, Provost and Senior Vice President

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

**Approval of Minutes:** August 2025 minutes were approved.

**Public Comments:** None

**Student Support Center Presentation**

Linda Schadler, Provost, presented on the support center. Changes, goals and initiatives for the center as it repositions itself to be a better student resource.

**Standing Committee Co- Chairs Vote To approve**

Jennifer “JP” Payne, Amanda Duling, Chelsea Lynn Chu, Skye Ellicock, Perri Schodorf, John Lovelette, Susan Sobczak and Maureen Jennigs were unanimously approved as the leadership for the standing committees

**Committee Updates**

**Community Engagement**

**Chelsea,** Co-Chair reported

- Continue with existing events and bring back a few
  - o Farm Tours
  - o Cancer Center Tour
  - o Book Club(s)
- Volunteer and donation initiatives
- Return of the Staff Art show, late winter or early spring

**Social Committee**

**Susan**, Co-Chair reported

- Reviewed summer activities
- Fall Corn Maze discounted tickets
- Upcoming Lyric Theater productions discounted tickets
- Mini golf during appreciation BBQ
- Beginning of Holiday Bazaar planning
- Well-Being Grant update

### **Personal & Professional Development Committee**

**Amanda**, Co-Chair reported

- CatChat set for 10/8
- Occupational Environment discussion
- Jack Dorkey will continue to attend meetings in an advisory capacity

### **Compensation, Benefits & Budget Committee**

**Perri**, Co-Chair reported

- HR was in attendance discussing benefits
- Conversation on FY26 goals including the annual salary letter
- Alternative no or low-cost benefits
- Retreat brainstorm

### **Officer's Report**

Jennifer reviewed the notes as submitted. Highlighted first meeting with Dr. Tromp not on the report. Samantha added volunteerism was discussed in that meeting. Dr. Tromp would like the Strategic Plan ready to go before the Board of Trustees by the February Meeting. Jonathan D'Amore interjected the feedback process to take place for the Strategic Plan

### **Staff Council Retreat**

Ideas currently being considered for the retreat we discussed.

### **Council Member Concerns and Comments**

The cancellation by GMT of the free College Street shuttle was raised and if anything could be done about it. Jennifer offered to bring the issue to Senior Leadership in future meetings.

**Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 PM