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# STAFF COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 1/6/26 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 - Davis

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



### Lyric Theater - Frozen - 4/11/26 - 6pm

Disney's Frozen: The Broadway Musical makes its Vermont theatrical premiere! Step into the enchanted world of Frozen, the spectacular Broadway musical based on the beloved Disney film! With dazzling costumes, breathtaking special effects, and unforgettable songs like "Let It Go," this heartwarming story of love, courage, and sisterhood comes to life on stage. Follow Elsa and Anna on their epic journey through a snow-covered kingdom where magic, danger, and true love await. Perfect for the whole family, Frozen is an unforgettable theatrical experience that will melt even the coldest hearts.

**We will have 60 reduced price tickets on sale after break. Watch for the next edition of Staffline in January**



### Staff Council Book Club - 2/17/26

The Staff Council Book Club will be meeting at the Fleming in February! Please join us for a discussion of the art-themed book [My Friends](#) by [Frederik Backman](#), followed by some time to look around the museum. We will meet at noon in the lobby. Please email [skye.ellicock@uvm.edu](mailto:skye.ellicock@uvm.edu) to RSVP and to get information on borrowing the book. [Additional Details Here](#)



### Main District Energy Plant Tour - 1/13/26

**Join the Staff Council Community Engagement Committee for an exclusive tour of the University's Main District Energy Plant (MDEP) and the STEM building's mechanical penthouse.**

At the MDEP, you'll explore a highly efficient central facility where massive boilers, chillers, and heat-exchange systems generate and distribute thermal energy to multiple buildings through an underground pipe network. You'll also visit the control room, featuring real-time monitoring screens that showcase the scale of campus-wide heating and cooling.

Next, the tour continues to the STEM mechanical penthouse. Here, you'll see air-handling units, pumps, and ventilation systems that deliver fresh air, heating, and cooling throughout the building. While learning how these systems work, you'll also enjoy unique views of the surrounding area.

**Free - Registration Required**

**When:** January 13, 2026, 12:00pm-1 pm

**Where:** The tour will begin at the "Cage" or the backside of the Royall Tyler Theater

[Additional Details Here](#)



### UVM Cancer Center Tour- 2026 - 2/10/26

Brought to you by the Staff Council Community Engagement Committee, a walking tour of the University of Vermont Cancer Center with the Director, Dr. Randall Holcombe. Dr. Holcombe will give an overview of the four pillars of the UVM Cancer Center - community outreach, research, clinical care, and education. The tour will include an overview of the cancer center labs in LCOM HSRF/Firestone and the clinical outpatient clinics (Hematology/Oncology, Breast Care, and Radiation Oncology) at UVMHC. This will include a ten minute walk (all inside) from the Larner College of Medicine to UVM Medical Center Main Campus. The tour will include an overview of the cancer center funding - including NIH funding, and there will be time for questions and answers with Dr. Holcombe.

**Free - Registration Required**

**When:** February 10th, 12:00pm-1 pm

**Where:** Given Entrance

[Additional Details Here](#)



The application period for Q3 is now open .

**All non-represented staff are eligible to apply.**

[Eligibility, Information, & Application \(PDF\)](#)

[Rubric \(PDF\)](#)

[Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

**Q3 Deadline is February 28th!**

## 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
- 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](mailto:staff.council@uvm.edu)

# CAMPUS NEWS



### Strategic Planning Updates & Survey

To date, the process has engaged over 1,000 participants across more than 50 listening sessions and opportunities to complete surveys. These figures do not include the numerous hallway conversations, Teams messages, emails, and other interactions the committee has engaged with. Drawing on iterative analyses of this feedback, the committee met bi-weekly to revise and refine the plan to make it more actionable, inclusive, and aligned with UVM's core values and strengths. Collectively, your feedback has helped to shape a plan that sets a vision for the future based on the needs and perspectives of our campus community.

The [most recent version of the plan](#) is now available on the [Strategic Planning website](#) and can also be accessed at [go.uvm.edu/strategicplancurrentdraft](https://go.uvm.edu/strategicplancurrentdraft).

We invite you to engage with the final stages of the plan's development by [participating in a short survey](#). The survey will be open until December 23, 2025. During the month of January, we will make final changes to the plan ahead of a presentation to and a vote by the Board of Trustees on February 7, 2026.



### Catamount Safety Award Nominations

**Consider Nominating Someone for a Catamount Safety Award!**

As we transition into the new year, consider those who have contributed to the safety, security, health and wellbeing, and our culture of safety on the UVM campus. Nominations for the Catamount Safety Awards are open until March 3rd, but don't wait to recognize students, faculty, staff, and other members of the UVM community who make a difference!

<https://www.uvm.edu/dsc/catamount-safety-awards>



### Well-Being Grant

**NOW accepting applications for a Well-being Grant [APPLY HERE](#)**

This Grant is made possible in partnership with UVM Staff Council and UVM Employee Wellness.

This Grant includes 3 elements to optimize the health and wellness outcomes for the recipient.

**3 elements of this grant:**

[UVM Campus Rec Group Fitness Unlimited Class Pass for Spring 2026](#)

[Boost program with UVM Campus Rec](#)

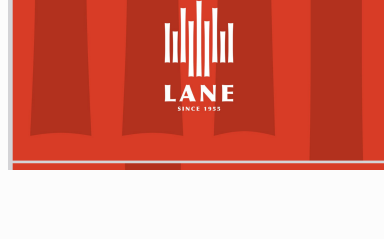
[Integrative Health and Wellness Coaching](#)

Please review all policies and expectations listed in the application before submitting.

Four Staff members will be awarded grants per semester.

Application period for Spring 2026 ends Wednesday 1/14 at 8pm.

Try it out [Free Week at UVM Campus Rec begins Monday 1/12/26 and ends Sunday 1/18/26](#)



### UVM Lane Series Discounts

The George Bishop Lane Series was established by a generous gift from the Lane family and has been presenting the finest in live performing arts since 1955. We have approximately twenty-five events per academic year, primarily in the comfortable, intimate, and acoustically superb UVM Recital Hall on Redstone Campus. We enjoy an international reputation as presenters of classical, jazz, folk/traditional, chamber, and choral music as well as theater and film. As a program of the University of Vermont School of the Arts, we are also dedicated to providing educational outreach to students of all ages, both on and off campus.

Serving as a link among many constituencies, the Lane Series finds its audience, volunteers, and advisors from the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of UVM as well as the community at large. In addition to the presentation of performances, the Lane Series enables students and the general public to interact directly with performers through master classes, workshops, residencies, lectures, and receptions. We also offer reduced ticket prices to students and University of Vermont faculty and staff.

The Lane Series offices are located at in the Music Building, 384 South Prospect Street in Burlington. Our mailing address is 392 S. Prospect St., Burlington, VT 05405.

[Spring 2026 Events and discounts](#)



### Reduced price Staff Athletic Tickets

All faculty and staff can get two tickets to a number of UVM Athletic events at discounted rates by using the link below and the code below:

- 1/9/26 - Men's Hockey vs Northeastern
- 1/3/26 - Women's Basketball vs New Hampshire

Link: <https://uvmathletics.venue.net/promotions/STAFF>

Promo code: **STAFF**



### UVM Research Studies Seeking Volunteers

- [Nutritional and physical activity habits of Vermonters](#)
- [Long Term Dining Study](#)
- [Asthma Research Studies](#)
- [Evolution of lung disease ages 25 - 35](#)

# TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



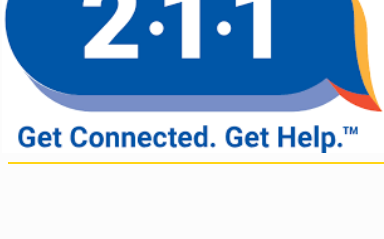
### Leadership Development

Effective leadership is about more than managing tasks—it's about inspiring and supporting people.

At UVM, we provide resources to help supervisors and team leaders build strong, inclusive, and high-performing teams.

[Follow this link for more information on available leadership development opportunities](#)

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES



### Vermont 211

*Vermont 211* provides all people in Vermont with free access to community resources information and referral (I&R). This access includes personal assistance by telephone by dialing 211, by text, and through an online, searchable database of services. [Click Here For More Details](#)



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*Staff Council for all serving as a voice and advocate*

*for all staff at UVM since 1971*

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