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## STAFF COUNCIL NEWS



**CatChat Call For Presenters**  
 Do you have a hobby or interest outside of work that might interest other UVMers? Be part of our bi-annual CatChat, where UVM staff share 10-minute tales of passions that have enriched their lives.

We have had presentations from a hot air balloon pilot, an indigenous flute player, a mother who shared life lessons from her neurodivergent teenager, dog agility, ski instructor, Executive Chef in France and many more, all staff right here at UVM.

We'll have two CatChat's this coming FY, October 2026 and March 2027. [Click here](#) for more information and submit your interest to present.



**CatChat Recording 3/13**  
 If you missed the most recent CatChat on 3/13, not to despair. The event was recorded and is available on our website as are the two CatChat's prior to 3/13.

At the recent event, you will hear from a hooked rug designer, former Executive Chef from the French Embassy and Fan Fiction in rural Africa.

All recordings can be found [here](#). Scroll down to CatChat.



**Staff Council Book Club - 4/2/26**  
 The Staff Council Community Engagement Committee's Book Club will next meet **Thursday, April 2nd** from noon to 1pm in the Williams Family Room (403 Davis) We will be discussing the 2026 [Vermont Reads](#) pick, [The Light Pirate](#) by Lily Brooks-Dalton

This is a hybrid meeting, with the option to join via Teams and cookies if you join in person. Thanks to the generosity of the Vermont Humanities Council, we have a limited number of free books available for folks who can attend. Please email [skye.ellicock@uvm.edu](mailto:skye.ellicock@uvm.edu) to RSVP and inquire about getting a book.



**Wednesday Walks**  
 Are back baby!  
 Staff Council's Community Engagement Committee is hosting, "**Wednesday Walks**" beginning **4/15 and every Wednesday thru 8/26**. We will meet in front of the Howe Library to go on a 30-minute walk around campus. We will try to mix up different routes to freshen things up. We be looking for route ideas and walk leaders to participate. We will meet at this location every Wednesday at the same time.

Contact [Amy Vile](#) or [Monika Donlevy](#) with any questions. More details [here](#).



**UVM Horse Barn Tour - 4/28/26**  
 The Staff Council Community Engagement Committee welcomes you to join in for a 1-hour tour of the Ellen A. Hardacre Equine Center, also known as the UVM Horse Barn. Please wear closed toe shoes suitable for walking on wet or uneven ground. Attendance will be limited to 25 participants, so registration is required to reserve your spot.

[Register Here](#)



The application period for Q4 is now open .

**All non-represented staff are eligible to apply.**  
[Eligibility, Information, & Application \(PDF\)](#)  
[Rubric \(PDF\)](#)  
[Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

**Q4 Deadline is April 31st!**

## GET INVOLVED

**Be A Staff Council Representative!**

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

- Lerner College of Medicine
- Extension
- Division of Enrollment Management
- 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)

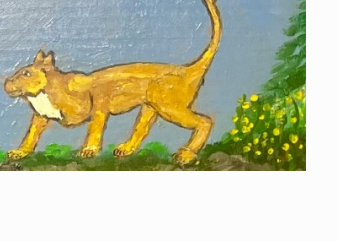
## CAMPUS NEWS



**The UVM Board of Trustees Budget, Finance and Investment (BFI) Committee Representative**  
 BFI has 2 seats for staff representation. One seat was currently vacated. The Staff Council President and Vice President appoint representatives to this seat from a pool of nominations.

- BFI shall have responsibility for overseeing the development of strategic, long-range institutional financial plans and related plan objectives. It shall engage in ongoing assessment of the current and long-range financial status of the institution.
- The Committee shall oversee the formation and approval of annual budgets. It shall oversee the creation, implementation, and periodic review and revision of financial, treasury, investment and debt management policies.
- The Committee shall review and make recommendations to the Board regarding student tuition and fee rates.
- The Committee will exercise its charge in a manner consistent with University governance, including the Board's reserved rights and delegations of authority.
- For more information about Board of Trustees Budget, Finance and Investment Committee, [can be found here](#).

If interested, submit your nomination form [found here](#) by 4/3/26.



**The UVM Book Nook**  
 The Book Nook is seeking book donations for Spring 2026! It is my honor to be associated with the UVM Book Nook's mission to offer students opportunities to read the world's best books for free and to keep them. We desire to inspire them to continue after UVM to be lifelong learners.

Your book donations signify that there are no limits to the pleasures and lengths to which knowledge and life can be embraced. A UVM education is not an end by itself. It is meant to inspire students to pursue new knowledge as a way of living. Knowledge that will keep propelling them forward the rest of their lives. Reading books improves the mind at every stage of formal learning. For young adults, they begin to illuminate new pathways to realizing themselves and articulating the world through open dialogue.

Please continue to support the UVM Book Nook in our effort to broaden the minds and hearts of our students. We have a handy drop-box next to Brennan's Pub and Cafe. For bigger donations, I will gladly come to your campus office or place of residence. You are welcome to drop by our home at: D16 Stondheimge Drive, S. Burlington 05403. Email: [jmarton@uvm.edu](mailto:jmarton@uvm.edu) Tel. # (802) 862-1306



**UVM at the Olympics**  
 - Basil Waugh - Media Relation Director:  
 Looking at the numbers, the Vermont brand got a Green Mountain-sized boost during the Winter Games.

Totals for the state will be higher, as the stats below are "University of Vermont" mentions, but they give you a sense of the PR bump:

500+ Olympic news stories, including 5 mentions on NBC's Olympic broadcast, NYT Athletic (6), USA Today, CBS News, Boston Globe (4), US Weekly, Forbes, and many more—plus great statewide coverage.

On UVM channels, our Olympic storytelling reached over 3 million impressions on social media, 97,000 stakeholders by email, and over 50,000 views on [UVM.edu](#).

Legendary headlines: 'In UVM medals, tiny Vermont is right up there with Canada,' 'It's not the maple syrup: How Vermont dominates the Winter Olympics,' 'How skiing at UVM set Paula Moltzan on an Olympic path,' etc.

In total, we saw an approx. reach of over 2.5 billion impressions, worth millions of dollars in exposure for Vermont, our Olympians, and the VT institutions that supported their success.

More details can be found [here](#).



**UVM Research Studies Seeking Volunteers**

- [Long Term Dining Study](#)
- [Asthma Research Studies](#)
- [Evolution of lung disease ages 25 - 35](#)

## TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



**HERS Leadership Institute**  
 The HERS Leadership Institute, part of Higher Education Resource Services (HERS), is a program for higher ed professionals. All HERS programs and services are open to all regardless of gender identity. Founded to fill leadership pipelines with dynamic leaders, participants share their leadership visions and develop skills to achieve them in a supportive, noncompetitive environment.

The info session was held 4/1, but the application period is open until 5/1. All information and details can be found [here](#).

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES



**ReuseApalooza**  
**April 9th** is approaching with speed so [REGISTER NOW!](#)

Senator Welch, a strong supporter of right-to-repair legislation, will join us just before lunch in solidarity with the Reuse VT initiative.

Don't forget the on-site Repair Clinic being offered free of charge by the college students and staff. Bring a small electronic item and see if they can work out a solution while you attend the conference...or hang out with them and try and learn something new!

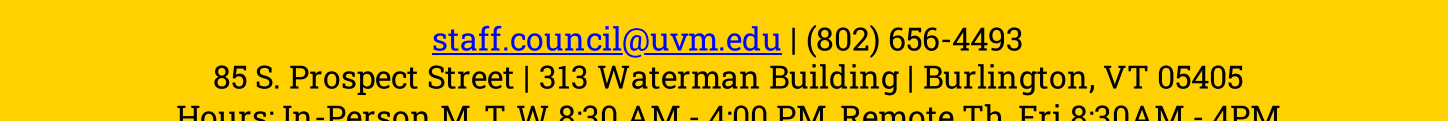
Swap Shop bring a small item and take an item!

We are excited to have Alex Eaves providing keynote "edutainment" and Tiny House tours will be given throughout the day.

All details and information can be found here: <https://dec.vermont.gov/reusevt-conference>



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