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STAFF COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 5/5/26 from 12:05-1:30**

All members of the UVM community are welcome.

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

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



Lake Champlain Chocolate Sales
 Order up a special treat for yourself, friend, colleague or other special person for the Spring Season. These items are being offered at a 20% discount when ordered through through Staff Council.

- The Spring Selection
- The Spring Truffle Sampler
- Vegan Salted Caramel Flowers

Limited quantities of each. [Place Order Here](#)



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.



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 Hile](#) or [Monika Donlevy](#) with any questions. More details [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:

- Larner 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

CAMPUS NEWS



National Walk At Lunch Day
 Walking is one of the most accessible and effective forms of exercise, but it can often be a challenge to make time to take steps during the workday. [National Walk@Lunch Day](#) encourages us all to get out during our midday break and embrace the countless benefits of walking. We hope you'll join in and help spread the word.

Here are some ideas how:

- Plan to get out for a walk on Wednesday, April 29 with colleagues or on your own
- Join [Wednesday Walks](#) with Staff Council's Community Engagement Committee, meet at Howe Library steps at 12:15
- [Green Up Walk](#) - register for any time during the day to pick up Green Up VT bags from Osher and Green up our community
- Walk on over to the [Spring 2026 Celebration](#) with Employee Wellness for a FREE Smoothie! At the Osher Center for Integrative Health on 184 South Prospect st
- Track your steps in the [Be Well Vermont wellness platform](#). Earn double points when you walk 1,000 steps or more between April 27 and May 1.



Help make Commencement 2026 a great success
 Each May, we come together to celebrate our students and their incredible achievements at the University's pinnacle event: Commencement. It's a time when we welcome their families and friends from near and far, and the campus comes alive with pride, excitement, and smiling faces.

Thousands gather on the University Green for the University Ceremony, while thousands more celebrate at Ira Allen Chapel and the Champlain Valley Expo. Across 13 ceremonies, 4 venues, and 3 unforgettable days, we create an experience worthy of our graduates.

An event of this size doesn't happen by magic. It takes hundreds of dedicated staff working together to run things smoothly. It's a big lift and an even bigger celebration that brings the entire campus together.

That's where you come in! Please join the Commencement Staff Team and help our graduates and their guests make memories that will last a lifetime. It's a chance to be part of something meaningful, joyful, and uniquely UVM. And it's your chance to be a part of the biggest celebration of the year!

This is a paid opportunity. Learn more and sign up at go.uvm.edu/commencement-staff-signup. The deadline to sign up is **Thursday, April 30**. Questions can be directed to Jennifer.Mitiguy@uvm.edu



UVM Surplus Property
 Friends of UVM Surplus, Greetings and Happy Spring! We are excited to announce UVM Surplus Property sales are back! Please join us at our new location: **320 Payne Street in Fort Ethan Allen**.

Browse a wide variety of surplus items including desks, chairs, file cabinets and more! You never know what you might find.

Important Reminders:
 Payment accepted by **cash or check only** (no credit cards or payment apps). State and local sales taxes will apply.
 UVM departments may purchase items using their **departmental chart strings**. Items **cannot be held or saved**. Please plan to take purchases with you at the time of sale and arrange your own transportation.

Looking Ahead:
 Regular weekly sales will resume on Tuesday, May 5 from **12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**.

For more information visit:
[Surplus Property Sales | Recycling and Zero Waste | The University of Vermont](#)



Spring Move Out Day (SMOP)
 If you are new to SMOP - check out go.uvm.edu/smop for some background and fun pics.

Spring Move Out Project (SMOP) is UVM's and Burlington's largest community swap, donate, recycle, and trash event. There is furniture, household items, clothing, and lots of other things for FREE. You don't have to bring anything to swap. You can just take anything for FREE in the swap section.

Every year, it is our volunteers who make the event both fun and successful. Volunteers could be organizing the swap section, helping unload furniture, directing traffic, explaining the SMOP guidelines, or some other cool stuff.

I am reaching out to see if any of you lovely humans are available to help on either or both days. Y'all are so busy (thank you in advance) so even if you can join for an hour or two, it would make a huge difference. We will provide you with tasty snacks, a gift card incentive, and our deepest appreciation. And if you can't volunteer, feel free to stop by and grab some items.

- The information can be found below -**
- Lower Loomis – Thursday, May 14th 11am -2pm
 - Lower Buell – Thursday, May 21st 11am -2pm

Please email me at anhoyt@uvm.edu to sign up.



Smart Cycling Workshop
 Curious about biking to work but not sure where to start? This beginner-friendly bike commuter workshop is designed for anyone who's new to—or just thinking about—bike commuting. We'll cover route planning, bike and gear essentials, safety tips, and practical ways to make commuting by bike fit into your daily routine. Whether your goal is to save money, reduce stress, or choose a more sustainable way to get to work, this workshop will help you feel confident and ready to ride.

As part of UVM's Bike Month celebration, UVM employees and students who sign up for the May or June Smart Cycling Series will receive a 50% discount. Smart Cycling is a three-session workshop series led by Local Motion that builds the skills and confidence needed to ride safely on the road and in traffic. Sessions run from 6–8 p.m. on Monday evenings in May and June. [Sign Up Here](#)



- UVM Research Studies Seeking Volunteers**
- [Long Term Dining Study](#)
 - [Asthma Research Studies](#)
 - [Evolution of Lung disease ages 25 - 35](#)

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



Intercultural Competencies and the Performance Review
 As employees, managers and teams have important conversations around shared goals for the past and current year, the [Division of Intercultural Excellence](#) and UVM Talent Team are excited to offer a new training opportunity to make sure those goals align with larger institutional goals. This course is designed to help UVM employees build shared language and confidence in assessing and discussing Intercultural Competencies as part of the performance review process. Participants will explore how intercultural competencies show up in day-to-day work, and how to use the Performance Review Intercultural Competencies to support thoughtful, growth-focused conversations with supervisors. Designed for employees and supervisors alike, the course emphasizes reflection, dialogue, and alignment with UVM's values—supporting performance reviews as an opportunity for learning, development, and continuous improvement.

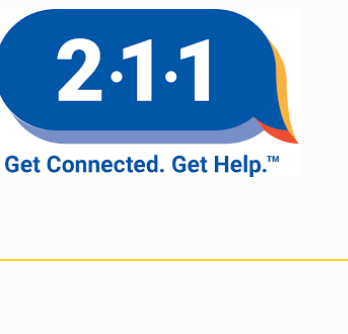
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Date & Times:
 • Wednesday, April 29, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location:
 Davis Center 422 (Jost Foundation Room)

[As a reminder the employee goal setting portion of the 2026 Performance Evaluation will open in PeopleSoft's ePerformance on May 1, 2026.](#) Initially slated to open on April 1, the goal setting period will be delayed a month to allow all staff and supervisors to complete the 2025 performance evaluations. More information and training resources [here](#).

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](#)

