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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](#).



**Staff Council President's Report to The Board of Trustees**  
 Members of the Board,

Staff Council continues to serve as a key advisory and communication body, working collaboratively with senior leadership to support the University's mission, strategic direction, and commitment to transparency, shared governance, and staff engagement.

[Full Report Here](#)



**Summer Events - All Invited**

- Vermont Lake Monsters 25 cent Hot Dog Night - 6/22/26 [Click For Details](#)
- Vermont Lake Monsters Star Wars & Fireworks Night - 7/11/26 [Click For Details](#)
- 19th Annual Golf Outing. Register Early For Reduced Rate - 8/7/26 [Click For Details](#)
- Essex Family Fun Mini Golf Passes - [Click For Details](#)
- Wednesday Campus Walks - [Click For Details](#)
- Community Crafting Hour - [Click For Details](#)



**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.



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 Staff Council

### 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



**Recap: UVM Campus Update – April 29, 2026**

UVM leaders delivered a campus update to employees on Wednesday, April 29, during a one-hour virtual event, sharing progress on new leaders joining the university, academic affairs, finance and operations, enrollment management, research, athletics, government affairs, safety initiatives, IT, and the implementation of the university's new [strategic plan, Green, Gold, and Bold](#). If you were not able to attend the townhall, [read the recap for updates](#).



**Bike Month**

In celebration of Bike Month, the Office of Sustainability and Transportation & Parking Services are offering two opportunities for UVM employees. Current bike commuters are invited to get their bike tuned up and ready for the season. Tune-ups will be held behind the Osher Center on May 19 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. for the largely discounted price of \$25 (80% off). Spots are limited! [Sign up by May 11 to snag your spot](#). Aspiring bike commuters can take advantage of a [50% discount to Local Motion's Smart Cycling Workshop](#) which will equip participants with the knowledge and skills to ride confidently and safely on the road and in traffic.



**UVM AI Team**

The emergence of artificial intelligence (AI) has revolutionized industries by enhancing decision-making, automating complex processes, and driving innovation across sectors like healthcare, finance, and technology.

As AI continues to evolve, it becomes crucial for UVM to establish a dedicated team focused on advancing AI research, education, and application, allowing UVM to stay at the forefront of technological advancements.

[Click Here For Details Or Learn How To Get Involved](#)



**Summer Parking**

With the end of the academic year quickly approaching, we are reaching out to share parking and transportation guidance for the upcoming summer break. Summer parking begins on Monday, May 18 and will end on Friday, August 13.

As always, permits are required and [parking regulations](#) remain in effect throughout the summer break. Modifications in effect for summer 2026 include:

- Zone Red and Purple Lots will be available to all permit holders.
- The Fleming Museum Lot will be designated as a Zone Green Lot during summer break only.
- All designated Park Mobile pay-by-app spaces will be available for paid parking sessions regardless of affiliation. Posted time restrictions remain in effect.

Watch for signs throughout campus this summer indicating temporary lot closures due to maintenance & construction or for campus events. Keep in mind that the Converse Lot will remain a restricted lot, available to Summer Resident permit holders with a Zone Black permit only. Our [Interactive Campus Map](#) illustrates all of these zones.

In many circumstances, parking a motor vehicle on campus may not be necessary. Check out our [Commuter Choices](#) page for available resources/benefits, and the [CATS Bus Shuttle](#) page for our summer hours. As always, please reach out with any questions.



**UVM Research Studies Seeking Volunteers**

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

## TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



**Safety & Compliance Training**

The Division of Safety and Compliance is dedicated to modernizing campus safety and security. Our efforts focus on three areas: teams, tools/technology, and training. Below are details on our training initiatives and links to UVM departments and organizations offering safety and security training.

[Click For Details Or To Request Training](#)

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES



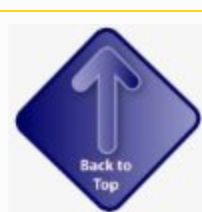
**Camp Hochelega opportunity**

YWCA, the organization that runs Camp Hochelega, is offering **10% off summer camp** for families connected to our local community partners.

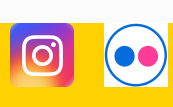
We know child care, especially in the summer. We're cost, available, and just the day-to-day juggling, **especially in the summer**. We're trying to make camp a little more within reach for families and to help some kids have a memorable camp experience at Hochelega.

Camp Hochelega is a long-standing YWCA program focused on building confidence, connection and outdoor experience for kids in a supportive environment.

You can find details and register here  
<https://ywcavt.org/2026-registration>  
 The 10% discount code is **CAMPFORALL10**



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