

UVM Staff Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2026
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: Jennifer Jorgenson, Samantha Dickey, Bob Bolyard, Adam Boothe, Sam Chambers, Chelsea Lynn Chu, Richard Cohen, Corinne Cooper, Monika Donlevy, Amanda Duling, Skye Ellicock, Maureen Jennings, Cindy Lee, John Lovelette, Karyn McGovern, Jennifer “JP” Payne, Jon Reisenweaver, Emily Press, Perri Schodorf, Susan Sobczak, Douglas Stewart, Heather Winther,

Staff: Alan Shashok, Staff Council Administrator

Guest:

Call to Order: Jennifer called the meeting to order at 12:09 PM

Approval of Minutes: April 2026 minutes were approved.

Public Comments: None

Committee Updates

Community Engagement

Chelsea, Co-Chair reported

- Wednesday Walks continue
- Brainstorming and housekeeping discussion
- Return to volunteerism topic
- Crafting monthly group gathering
- Research a possible presenter on community non-profits
- CSA offer research
- UVM Garden Toru research
- Horsebarn tour on 4/28 well attended, 20 +

Social Committee

Susan, Co-Chair reported

- Lake Champlain Chocolates sold out in 2 days
- Golf Tournament registration up and running
- Fair ticket research continues
- Frozen tickets sold out all but 1, looking at the Fall ‘26 and spring ‘27 shows
- Cocktail on the Rails offer coming soon

Personal & Professional Development Committee

Amanda, Co-Chair reported

- Mentorship L&L was a success
- L&L on 6/5 regarding communication tools for non-communicators
- FY27 CatChat set for 11/5/26 and 3/18/27
- OE survey work continues

Compensation, Benefits & Budget Committee

Perri, Co-Chair reported

- Survey to NR-Staff and retirees has been distributed
- 737 responses to date
- Addressed a question regarding the survey process

Officer's Report

Jennifer reviewed the report as submitted. A lengthy conversation on Dr. Tromp's Townhall. Jonathan D'Amore was able to answer and address much of the feedback in the meeting. There was some brainstorming on best practices for constituent communication

Staff Council 55th Anniversary observance

There may be recognition at the EOY Luncheon. May be an item in Inside UVM. Karyn offered to produce a Wordle or similar for Staffline.

Council Member Concerns and Comments

- Jennifer announced the Our Common Ground Award application process will be sent out to campus today
- Reminder regarding the EOY Luncheon
- Jonathan offered the commencement team is still shy 45 shifts for commencement and encouraged signing up

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM