

UVM Staff Council Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2026

12:05-1:30 PM

Chittenden Bank Room or MS Teams

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: Vice President Samantha Dickey, Melissa Baker, Hanna Blankenship, Bob Bolyard, Adam Boothe, Sam Chambers, Chelsea Lynn Chu, Corinne Cooper, Jim Court, Monika Donlevy, Amanda Duling, Martha Hinchman, Aakash Karki, Kayla Johnson, Madeline Larson, Cindy Lee, Gretchen Loft, Karyn McGovern, Angus Robertson, Laura Selin, Perri Schodorf, Susan Sobczak, Deborah Tursi, Heather Winther

Staff: Alan Shashok, Staff Council Administrator

Guest:

Call to Order: Samantha called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM

Approval of Minutes: June 2026 minutes were approved.

Public Comments: None

New Representative Introductions

New representatives, Angus, Laura, Jim, Maddi, Deb, Kayla, Hanna, Aakash and Martha introduced themselves and gave a brief bio.

Representative Duties and Responsibilities

Alan reviewed the document outlining the expectations of representatives. Ideas were also solicited on how representatives communicate with their constituents.

Parliamentarian Appointment

In the absence of the President, VP Samantha Dickey appointed Amanda Duling to serve as Staff Council Parliamentarian for FY27.

Call For Two Staff Council Representatives to Serve on The Executive Board

There were three nominees for the two seats. A ballot will be sent out to all Staff Council Representatives to vote for the two seats.

Call For Members to Serve on the Staff Council Professional Development Fund for Non-Represented Staff Review Committee

Laura, Martha, Heather, Cindy, Adam, Sam and Kayla volunteered to serve. As VP, Samantha Dickey will chair the committee.

Officer's Report

Samantha reviewed the report as submitted. There was additional discussion about Staff Appreciation Week.

Staff Council Retreat

Brainstorming on ideas for the annual retreat

Other Business

Collaboration with SGA during week of kindness and staff appreciation.

Question on PT employee contribution to retirement

Question about what is considered Full-Time vs Part-Time

Question regarding Class & Compensation, especially the classification of staff

The Monthly Crafting Group was discussed

Welcome Back Students Door Decorating contest was discussed

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 PM