

UVM Staff Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2022
12:05-1:30 PM
Microsoft Teams & Jost Foundation Room – Davis Center

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](#).

Chair: Jon Reisenweaver

Attending: April Berteau, Bob Bolyard, Carol Brakenwagen, Kristen Cella, Monika Donlevy, Ashley Eaton, Jenna Emerson, Krysta Gingue, Stephanie Glock, Cheryl Herrick, Sarah Mell, Katherine McGinn Hall, Garaun McKenzie, Lindsey Moore, Jennifer O'Donnell, Lucie Pecor, Jon Reisenweaver, Carri-Ann Rock, Allison Spain, Joe Speidel

Ex Officio: Alan Shashok

Staff:

Call To Order

Jon called the meeting to order at 12:06pm.

Minutes Approval

Meeting minutes from February 2022 were approved.

Public Comment Period

No public comments were made.

Cara Hancy – Wellness

Cara provided a very complete and concise presentation on all the wellness initiatives and offerings available to the UVM community, most of them at no cost. View the recording of the meeting on our website for additional details

Committee Updates

Personal and Professional Development Committee (PPD)

One of the co-chairs will be out for the next two months. Exploring how to get involved and engage with the new hire onboarding process. Re-engaging with a former proposal of a peer mentoring program. SCPDF proposal to include represented staff was sent to administration, waiting for a response. 6 staff members were awarded SCPDF monies for the 3rd quarter. 4th quarter applications will open on March 1.

Community Engagement Committee (CE)

The book club wrapped up with 7 – 8 staff members in consistent attendance. There will be a new summer club, may be May or June. Some of the meeting time was used for wellness practices for those that wished to participate. Staff vegetable garden options are being explored.

Social Committee

The committee met on 2/15. Activities planned or ongoing activities included:

- Kahoot Black History Month trivia quiz to all staff resulted in 45 participants, hoping to do something similar for Women's History Month in March

- Smuggs Winter Staycation has not happened as the Smuggs contact has not returned multiple attempts to coordinate
- Lake Monsters Staff Game Night being planned
- Champlain Valley Fair Tix being planned
- Trip to a Red Sox game being planned
- Lake Champlain Cruise for staff to coincide with Staff Appreciation week being planned
- Skate Night set for 3/25

Officers' Report

Jon focused on his wish to create an ad hoc committee to explore alternatives and original ways to recognize and reward staff. A call for members/volunteers to serve will go out shortly.

Other Business

- There was a suggestion by a member that there may be better ways for Staff Council to utilize Teams to organize engagement and document collaboration. Jon suggested this to be an Executive Board agenda item for its next meeting and for the representative to provide a presentation at that meeting.
- Sarah Mell gave information on the Campus Climate Survey as well as a save the date heads up for the Inclusive Excellence Symposium later in March (Formerly Blackboard Jungle)

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 PM.