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STAFF COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 4/1/25 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](#).

COMING SOON:



Committee Events - All Invited

- [Wednesday Walks](#) - Each Wednesday thru April, 12:15pm Howe Steps
- [Book Club](#) - Wednesday 4/9 Williams Family Room, Noon
- [Doll Making](#) - Thursday 4/10 Allen House, Noon
- [Cancer Center Tour](#) - Monday 4/28 Given Entrance, Noon, [Registration Required](#) limited space
- [Fantasy Book Club](#) - Thursday 5/1 Handy Family Room, 11:30am
- [Friendship Bracelets](#) - Thursday 5/8 Jost Foundation Room, 11:30am
- [CatChat Recording](#) with captions from 3/13 event

THE STAFF COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

...is now accepting FY25 Q4 applications!



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 30th!

GET INVOLVED

Be A Staff Council Representative!

Staff Council is currently seeking staff to fill a few vacant representative seats from:

- College of Arts and Sciences
- Larner College of Medicine
- Extension
- Strategic Communications
- Division of Finance and Administration
- OVPB

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



Our Common Ground Nominations Open

Dear UVM community,

I am pleased to announce the call for nominations for the Our Common Ground staff award. This award recognizes staff members who have made extraordinary contributions to our university and who exemplify the values expressed in [Our Common Ground](#). Each recipient is awarded a \$1,000 prize, and the winners are recorded on a permanent plaque in the Waterman Building.

I encourage faculty, staff, and students to nominate staff members for this important award. This year submissions will be collected on a rolling basis between now and May 2. Please visit the [award webpage](#) for more information.

All nominations should be submitted using the [nomination submission form](#). Questions concerning nominations should be sent to [Liv Townsend](#), Retiree and Employee Engagement Coordinator. Recipients will be announced and celebrated this fall after the start of the new academic year.

Your nominations make these special awards possible. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to recognize a member of our staff for their outstanding service to our university.

Warmly,
Patricia Prelock
Interim President



New UVM President Named

Dear UVM community,

It is with great pleasure that we announce the hiring of Dr. Marlene Tromp as the 28th president of the University of Vermont, following unanimous approval at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees this afternoon.

Dr. Tromp's hiring follows a thorough national search in which the Presidential Search Advisory Committee on which we serve as co-chairs fielded more than 100 expressions of interest and selected more than 10 candidates to interview. From that robust process, Dr. Marlene Tromp emerged—someone whom we felt combined empathy and engagement with the community with deep leadership experience and proven ability to execute a strategic vision at this challenging time. It was important for the Search Advisory Committee and the Board to have an inclusive process through which we collected feedback and engaged on a continual basis with stakeholders throughout the campus community. We want to sincerely thank everyone who provided input to the process, as well as those who served on the committee.

The leader of UVM is also a vital leader for the community and state, and Dr. Tromp brings with her the experience and ability for great success that will benefit all three. She has demonstrated excellence as a leader and a scholar who can foster deep and meaningful connections across the university and beyond. We are thrilled to welcome her to campus later this summer to begin this exciting new chapter for UVM.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Barnhart Chair, Board of Trustees
Ron Lumbra Immediate Past Chair, Board of Trustees
Co-chairs, Presidential Search Advisory Committee
[More details can be found here.](#)



10th Annual UVM WE 5k for Wellness

On April 20th, the Wellness Environment Learning Community will be holding their [10th Annual UVM WE 4/20 5k for Wellness](#). The 5k run/walk is cost-free, substance-free, and open to all UVM students and community members, usually totaling around 1,000 participants from UVM and the greater Burlington area!



UVM Research Studies Seeking Volunteers

- [Dengue Fever research](#)
- [Asthma Research Studies](#)
- [Evolution of lung disease ages 25 -35](#)

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



Division of Inclusive Excellence

DOIE Spring 2025 Staff Training

The Division of Inclusive Excellence (DOIE) promotes a sense of belonging by uplifting Our Common Ground Values. We are thrilled to connect with you in our Culture & Connected Series this Spring 2025.

The Culture & Connect Series is intended to bring foundational awareness to key concepts of identity, culture, and influence. This series has three elements, **What Is Identity? What is Culture? and Everyone is Talking About Influence - Do I Have Influence?** Though not required, we encourage attending all three sessions! We look forward to seeing you. Please complete all three sections of the pre-assessment & RSVP.

Please connect with Carly Duran-Marrero cduran@uvm.edu for any questions, concerns, or accessibility requests.

[Click here for the Spring Flyer Schedule](#)

Resources

- [Tuition Remission](#) - You and your family may qualify for tuition remission at UVM or Vermont State Colleges. Check your employee handbook or bargaining agreement to find out more about your eligibility.
- [Professional Development](#) - HR's Talent Development Center for Excellence brings together opportunities from across campus that expand your knowledge and advance skills, competencies, and careers. Find and register for the events that help you grow.
- [Professional & Continuing Education \(PACE\)](#) - Whether you're planning a career change, looking for personal enrichment, professional development, or preparing for an undergraduate or advanced degree, PACE supports students of all ages and backgrounds continue their education. UVM Employees receive a tuition discount.
- [LinkedIn Learn](#) - UVM employees have access to LinkedIn Learning, a platform that offers video courses taught by industry experts on various skills, including business, tech, and creative fields, to help users advance their careers and personal growth.
- [MindEdge at UVM](#) - MindEdge is available through UVM PACE and provides courses that are timely, relevant, and created for 21st-century business, used by more than two million learners seeking to enhance their professional growth. UVM employees receive a discounted rate for MindEdge courses.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Ebony Booth's Play, Primary Trust

VT Stage is offering a UVM discount for all students and employee to their upcoming run of Primary Trust. Ebony Booth was an English major at UVM (I think graduated in 2005 maybe?) and won the Pulitzer Prize last year for this play.

Winner of the 2024 Pulitzer Prize and written by UVM graduate Ebony Booth, *Primary Trust* revolves around Kenneth, a tenderhearted man who spends his evenings sipping mai tais at the local bar. However, he faces an unknown world when the bookstore where he's worked for twenty years closes. Touching, hilarious, and wildly inventive, *Primary Trust* explores the power of small acts of kindness and Kenneth's courageous journey out of loneliness and into joyful self-discovery. *Primary Trust* runs from March 19 through **April 6**. Showtimes are Wednesday through Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m., with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. at the Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center.

Show ticket: <https://www.vermontstage.org/primary-trust.html>
Direct page link with discount: <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35092/production/1201058?promo=UVMPTTRUST241>



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