

Staff Council Officer's Report

July 2022

SC LEADERSHIP WITH HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES

No meeting held with HRS due to their reorganization, will reboot in August beginning on 8/9

SC LEADERSHIP WITH VP OPERATIONS & PUBLIC SAFETY

No meeting held with Senior Leadership Liaison, will reboot these meetings to begin on 8/3 with Jonathan D'Amore, Special Assistant to the President, serving as the new liaison.

SC LEADERSHIP WITH PRESIDENT GARIMELLA

On July 11, 2022, Jon, Katherine, and Alan met with Suresh Garimella, President.

- Jon provided an update on CBB 2.0 and the solicitation process for members. The President let it be known he wishes to elevate the status of HRS with the various personnel changes, reporting to the President's Office. It was his opinion that in general, HRS in Higher Education is not offered the importance it deserves in support of a university, and he would like to see that change at UVM.
- The Grant Application for a staff garden space was reviewed. At the time of this meeting, there had been no determination from Senator Sander's office, however, it has since been learned the grant was denied. The President cautioned to be mindful and not position a staff garden as the solution to any food insecurity issue, but part of a bigger picture. He also wished to see it as a community building project as well.
- The Staff Council office staffing and reporting were discussed. Due to the many changes in senior staffing and new perspectives, The President wished to see us wait a few more months until the dust settles on how best to staff the office. The reporting of the office was discussed with no clear determination as yet. The President offered his assurances that these topics will be revisited in the short term.