

Minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting Thursday, December 12, 2013, APPROVED by the Board Thursday, February 20, 2014.

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees conducted a Board meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, Vermont.

The following were present:

Trustees: Lynn Dickinson, Kraig Hannum, Tim Jerman, Karen Luneau, Chris Macfarlane, Jim Masland, Gary Moore, Heidi Pelletier, Colin Santee

Absent: Jerry Diamond, Michelle Fairbrother, Bill Lippert, Linda Milne, Martha O'Connor

Presidents: Joe Bertolino, Phil Conroy, Joyce Judy, Barbara Murphy, Dave Wolk

Office of the Chancellor:

Tim Donovan, Chancellor

Tom Robbins, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dan Smith, Director of Community Relations and Public Policy

Elaine Sopchak, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor

Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and introduced Lyndon State College President Joe Bertolino.

A. PRESENTATION

1. Presentation by Jay Peak Resort President Bill Stenger

President Bertolino introduced Bill Stenger, President of Jay Peak Resort. Mr. Stenger gave a presentation on the economic development projects underway at Jay Peak, Burke Mountain and in Newport, Vermont. Recent development efforts at both ski resorts have made them significant economic drivers throughout the year, with an emphasis on job creation and year round employment. In downtown Newport revitalizations efforts will include a facility that features first floor retail and upper floor accommodations, and on the waterfront will be the Marina Hotel and Conference Center. At the Newport Airport lightweight airplanes will be manufactured and distributed. Mr. Stenger explained that all the current redevelopment relates to what he calls the TEAM economy: travel, education, agriculture, and manufacture of which Education is a core. So far the projects

have created 1,500 jobs at Jay Peak, with several hundred more to come. The project's relationship with the VSC is exemplary and appreciated. ANC Bio VT is a Korean bioscience company; currently they are finalizing their \$100M plant to be used for manufacturing and distributing medical devices; stem cell research and product development; and 50 clean rooms that will be made available to bioscience companies and universities around the world to who need a USFDA-approved facility in which to do their work. Mr. Stenger's group is raising \$500M to implement all these projects. The bottom line is the economic health, diversity, and growth of this entire region of Vermont. They have raised money from 74 countries around the world and expect to create 10,000 jobs directly and indirectly. The VSC is the best possible source of education for students who will do this work. Trustee Macfarlane asked what kinds of jobs will be created. Mr. Stenger replied that the jobs created will include culinary, IT, accounting, and many other year round jobs. Trustee Dickinson asked what role representatives from CCV and LSC have in the process. Mr. Stenger replied that they are meeting frequently and discussing curriculum development for all the job levels. Within two years ANC Bio will open, and recruiting will occur in advance of that. Vermont Tech and Lyndon State have been very collaborative in the process. President Murphy noted that for travel and tourism, much of the market for Jay Peak is Vermont and Quebec. Chancellor Donovan responded to Trustee Dickinson's question that a year ago he assigned Penne Ciaraldi of CCV and Ann Nygard of Lyndon State to work on Northeast Kingdom workforce development. They work with the Department of Labor, Agency of Commerce and the VSC to focus on what labor markets will require as they emerge. Trustee Masland asked if the manufacturing in the Northeast Kingdom will eventually spread down to the St. Johnsbury area. Mr. Stenger replied that opportunities will be possible as components develop, with natural evolution southward. Trustee Masland stated he is impressed with the diversity of employment. Mr. Stenger stated that EB-5 is a federal program available to anyone. Chancellor Donovan explained that Vermont is the only state with its own EB-5 center. There are over 350 other competitive programs in the country but Vermont's is the only one administered by the state government, which gives a tremendous advantage when investors see that a program is endorsed by the state. Chair Moore thanked Mr. Stenger and said the VSC is happy to work with him for benefit of Vermont.

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Approval and Presentation of Professor Emeritus Status

President Bertolino introduced Provost Kellie Bean and Professor Emeritus nominee Jon Fitch. Professor Fitch came to Lyndon State in 1974 as a member of

the behavioral sciences department. His personal education philosophy of the “ability of a teacher to be attuned to student needs and also attentive to himself as a learner” has informed his entire career. Professor Fitch is retired since 2005 but still teaches part time. He is a caring, thoughtful, and inclusive educator. His entire department as well as many students he mentored recommended him for emeritus status.

Trustee Pelletier moved and Trustee Luneau seconded the resolution Emeritus Status for Professor Jon Fitch. The resolution passed unanimously. Chair Moore read the resolution aloud and presented a plaque to Professor Emeritus Fitch, who thanked the Board and pledged to take this affirmation forward to his students.

President Bertolino introduced Professor Emeritus nominee Richard Portner. Professor Portner came to Lyndon State in 1977 as an assistant professor of theater and interpretive arts. While teaching at LSC he pursued and received an additional Master’s in broadcasting at Boston University, and became a part of the television studies department. Professor Portner rehabilitated the LSC theater into a vibrant part of the arts community. His community involvement extended to many years of local summer theatrical productions in New Hampshire. He and his wife Terry established the Portner Prize, an annual financial award given each year to a junior or senior student with interest and achievement in fine and performing arts.

Trustee Pelletier moved and Trustee Luneau seconded the resolution Emeritus Status for Professor Richard Portner. The resolution passed unanimously. Chair Moore read the resolution aloud and presented a plaque to Professor Emeritus Portner, who thanked the Board, his students, and his wife Terry.

2. Presentation in Honor of Former Trustee Nick Russo

Chair Moore introduced former Trustee Nick Russo and shared that he earned everyone’s respect for his careful attention to all business items, and looked at the bigger picture beyond LSC. He represented the VSCSA very well. Chair Moore stated the Board is sorry to see him step down and thanked him for his service. Trustee Jerman enjoyed working with Nick, and apologized for having to break up the LSC dynasty of student trustees. Trustee Pelletier stated he was a pleasure and inspiration to work with. Trustee Luneau stated that the Board has had exemplary student trustees, with each one better than the last. She stated that Nick was outstanding, and that he shows great promise for the future. Trustee Hannum echoed Trustee Luneau’s comments and commended Nick on his hard work and dedication. Chancellor Donovan shared that it is a tribute to the students and the

Board that in his long time with the VSC at no time has a student trustee been student first and trustee second—Nick was always a trustee first. He recalled meeting Nick for trustee orientation, and his probing, deep questions to learn more perspectives; it is a mark of a great trustee and will serve him well. Trustee Russo thanked the Board and shared that Lyndon State means everything to him. He felt a real sense of collaboration here, and received support and attention he did not get in high school. He believes the programs at Lyndon really do teach real life skills. He said he believes the leadership at the college will move it forward and will impact students for years to come. Trustee Russo introduced parents and thanked them for their support.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 31, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting
Trustee Luneau moved and Trustee Jerman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Reports of the College Presidents

Lyndon State College President Bertolino introduced his leadership team: Provost Kellie Bean; Dean of Administration/CFO Loren Loomis Hubbell; Dean of Institutional Advancement Bob Whittaker; Dean of Students Jonathan Davis; Associate Provost/Dean of Faculty Alison Lathrop; Director of IT Mike Dente; Chair of Faculty Assembly David Johnston; Executive Assistant to the President Darcie Miles; President's Office Assistant Brett Santo. Other LSC attendees included student Aaron Bellomo; Acting Associate Dean for Enrollment Management/Director of the Leahy Center for Rural Students Heather Bouchey; Director of the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship Ann Nygard; Professor Tim Lewis; Tess Conant, Chair, VSC-UP; Director of Technical Services Aaron Young; student Tyler Kittleman.

President Bertolino announced that the Electronic Journalism Arts program has been named one of the top 25 journalism programs in the country by *NewsPro Magazine*. The college recently signed an MOU with QBurke for instruction and experiential learning opportunities with paid internships. The Atmospheric Sciences program is now a full member of the National Center for Atmospheric Research. Membership in this premier organization for atmospheric science indicates that LSC's Atmospheric Sciences program is one of the best in the country. The donated solar panels from Sticks & Stuff have arrived. LSC's men's cross country team won the NAC title for the fifth time in the last six years, and two LSC students went to NCAA national tournament.

LSC continues to work on enrollment management. Enrollment for spring looks stable, and they may see growth in retention. There may be a decline in new students, though it is too soon to tell at this time. They are reaching out to commuters to encourage enrollment sooner than the last minute. LSC debuted its new website recently. Currently they are focused on several external reviews. Last year IT was reviewed; this year athletics and advancement programs will be reviewed. This information is helpful as they are beginning to develop a 10-year plan for strategic transformation. LSC is continuing to face the challenge of meeting the needs of current students in current programs. Programs that started out as small have grown but resources have not, and it is difficult to keep up with the demand for those programs. Retention is up 4% over last year, and is trending the same way for spring.

Chancellor Donovan asked President Bertolino to describe what a campus master plan entails. President Bertolino explained that LSC brought in a consultant to review the entire campus in terms of space, infrastructure, and needs for the future. The consultants reviewed documentation and data, and had conversations with constituencies on and off campus. The goal is to develop a blueprint for the college's needs in 10, 15, and 20 years. They asked the consulting group to formulate a master plan that was flexible and did not lock the college into a particular building or infrastructure. The result has been a plan that outlines different expansions of facilities, and shifting campus areas to meet demands over time. The consultants also provided information on how best to utilize the space LSC currently has. The college may not have the financial capacity to build right now, so the plan helps them look for better ways to use resources they have, and can whether they can do so at low cost or minimal impact to budget. They developed a master plan in a series of phases based on cost and need. The grand picture is something exciting to reach for, excites the community, and provides a future vision internally and externally.

Trustee Pelletier noted that a master plan is a big effort and expense and wondered whether the Board should integrate all five colleges' master plans into the strategic inquiry process. Chancellor Donovan responded that a master plan is a physical campus plan, and though the colleges also have strategic plans, they are generally of a 5-year duration. It is important that the Board does not interrupt those planning activities; the Board's future direction will inform those plans and will also be informed by them in the long term. Trustee Dickinson asked about enrollment management and why commuters are often the last to register. President Bertolino answered that of the students who register at the last minute, the majority are commuters. His staff are looking deeper into data and learning

more about these students. Historically, they transfer, drop out or have financial issues; students will often decide to register at the last minute after learning exactly what it will cost. They are also balancing school with their work lives.

Community College of Vermont President Joyce Judy asked the Board to become knowledgeable about the college scorecard being developed by the Obama Administration. She explained that it is designed for the traditional student: an 18-year-old attending an elite college full-time and finishing in 4 years. This impacts community colleges because that is not their population at all. The scorecard measures graduation rates. But there is a need for metrics that make sense for community colleges. A first-time/full-time cohort is used to measure graduation rates. For CCV this cohort is small: this fall 2,000 students registered, but only 100 were first-time/full-time. Transfers are not considered in the measure of success, or any data mix. If the scorecard becomes a significant thing President Judy said she will ask the Board to reach out to our legislators because the data is not representative.

President Judy described a new CCV initiative called directed self-placement. CCV has used Accuplacer for years to place students. There has been national pressure for community colleges to think about where students start. Accuplacer is not diagnostic and doesn't measure motivation. The college has moved to directed self-placement to empower students to be more a part of the placement process. It has been shown to increase student success and retention. CCV is not abandoning Accuplacer. Along with Accuplacer, students take surveys aimed at behavioral considerations that contribute to success in college, and then work with an advisor to determine placement. Students tend to be more conservative when placing themselves in courses than if they are placed based on test scores. President Judy will report back with an update later in the year.

President Judy also reported that a donor will fund a second staff member to support CCV's veterans services in southern Vermont. Trustee Hannum informed the Board that he had heard CCV ad on local radio and thought it was excellent.

Johnson State College President Barbara Murphy commented regarding commuter students often local students grow into the notion that they are getting a good education and sometimes need to convince themselves they're attending a good school. JSC is studying the possibilities of creating living learning communities; one exists for commuters that incorporates field trips and encourages engagement. JSC is in year 4 of its college plan. President Murphy's recent "state of the college" address is now available on their website and

includes an update on the plan. Goals of strengthening JSC's ties to county and Vermont and being of service are the current focus. JSC's Dean of Students Dave Bergh is now the Dean of Student Life and College Relationships. He is involved in developing public/private sector partnerships. President Murphy hosted the first President's Roundtable and will do so once a semester. Many sectors were represented and there was good conversation about what they are looking for in hiring, and suggestions for preparing graduates. JSC is focusing on enrollment and student success, and they are learning from their most promising programs. The TRIO program is one successful model. They are reviewing programs to see what needs updating. They are also looking at new partnerships in Lamoille County to increase the number of high school graduates who continue to college. JSC is considering a pilot project with VSAC for students in Lamoille County. They are repackaging the career center to be a career internship hub and have hired a new staff person. The External Degree Program has hired a consultant to perform an external review with the purpose of jumpstarting the program and looking to capture some of the more than 75,000 Vermonters who have started but haven't completed a degree.

Vermont Technical College President Phil Conroy shared that the nursing program is increasing clinical placements around the state by 27—they have added nine at Porter Hospital in Middlebury, nine at Northwestern Medical Center in St. Albans, and nine at Springfield Hospital. President Conroy will be meeting in January with Rutland Regional Medical Center to restore placements there. There needs to be statewide discussion among nursing programs about how placements are allocated throughout state.

President Conroy noted that continuing education and workforce development students are not frequently mentioned but they make up a large number of VTC's student base. In addition to VTC's 1500+ degree seekers, there are 790 continuing education and workforce development students. About 400 are in plumbing and electrician apprenticeship programs. Others are in embedded programs throughout the state. The current number of students is an increase of over 200 students from last year. Throughout FY13 VTC served 2650 students through its continuing education office who are not counted towards enrollment figures. These figures will soon be rolled into Colleague. These figures also include the Institute for Applied Agriculture. Students are looking for "just in time" education: they want to learn certain skills when they need them and will use them, and they will come back when they need to learn more new skills.

Vermont Tech's CubeSAT launched and is one of only four of the 17 satellites that were launched in November that is actually working. This is the precursor of the next CubeSAT, which is going to be sent to the moon in a few years.

VTC is updating its 2008 master plan by conducting an internal review led by the in-house expertise of the architectural engineering program. Senator Sanders visited the Randolph campus and discussed the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act; President Conroy emphasized to him the necessity that financial aid programs remain intact.

VTC is experiencing challenges with math and English placements. The Common Core requires high school students to take math courses up to Algebra II (three years of math), but VTC requires applicants to take up to Precalculus (four years of math). They are working with tech centers and high schools statewide to address this gap. VTC is creating a pilot program with Stafford Tech next year that uses dual enrollment and VTC prep courses to obtain fast track credits that will allow students to enter VTC's engineering program. This program is modeled on a manufacturing program that exists around the state. VTC is also holding a series of workshops on STEM preparation for high schools and tech centers to discuss the kinds of preparation students need for STEM careers. Research is starting to show that teens are losing interest in STEM careers.

VTC is looking at programs needing change or updating. Enrollment numbers are trending up, with BA programs being more popular than associate's degree programs. The college recently received a gift that now funds a position in the Center for Academic Success to support students who are on the Asperger's spectrum. Trustee Jerman asked who determines how many clinical slots are given. President Conroy answered that this is negotiated with each hospital and is often based on demand. Chancellor Donovan shared that the Governor appointed him to a blue ribbon commission on nursing and that it is a concern across the state and profession. The VSC has three colleges in Vermont doing nursing education and medical facilities across the state have a vested interest in a full pipeline; this needs to be addressed strategically.

Trustee Jerman shared his observation that IBM (for example) needs employees able to do the math, and not so much the science, technology and engineering, and that this is a frustrating mismatch because they cannot fill this need with Vermont students. President Conroy stated that math a huge issue both for workers, who without it cannot progress to the next levels, and for students who are not coming in with needed skills. VTC is working hard to bring up the basic skill level of its

students. Trustee Jerman asked whether Internet-ready devices are preventing students from learning skills that they could easily look up. President Conroy stated that instructors are requiring students to look at the work classically and fundamentally, but also need to understand how to use those devices to enhance what they are teaching. Trustee Masland observed that students start in STEM coursework but often end up doing something else, so maybe it would be better to have more students be better at math; he commended VTC for trying to address this. Chancellor Donovan observed that society may too focused on STEM career fields rather than how essential math, science, and technology are to nearly every field. Trustee Dickinson observed that people cannot enter corporate college programs because they don't have the skills. President Conroy confirmed that VTC is providing remedial math instruction within businesses. They are now expanding corporate math courses and adjusting methods to meet the needs of students, so they can progress to the next set of skills. Trustee Macfarlane asked how such adjustments are made and whom they affect. President Conroy explained that external programs are embedded in companies, and adjustments to methods in the business world can be applied to campus courses. VTC students are motivated and have a path, but we need to adjust how these students are taught, keeping in mind that they don't need remediation but rather need prep courses that they did not take in high school. VTC is assuming that in the future all new students will come to them with some college credits; they are trying to develop how those credits fit into rigorous academic programs.

Castleton State College President Dave Wolk shared that retention is at an all time high. The college has an intervention team and there is a high focus on retention. This year's enrollment is 70% Vermonters, the highest yet. Applications for next year are up. President Wolk cautioned that while this is exciting, Castleton is now very crowded. The college completed its 10-year master plan last year and is now into its second plan. Plans are more strategic this time, with incremental increases to the undergraduate population up to 2500 and an increase in graduate programs. Castleton will also extend beyond campus boundaries. More entrepreneurial ventures are necessary; current ones include the Center for Schools; expansion of graduate programs (including a new program for school psychology); Spartan Arena and Dome; conferences and events; the Polling Institute; and investments in Rutland and external partnerships. In the area of service learning, the college is applying for Carnegie certification for civic engagement. Trustee Jerman noted Castleton's recent work with Green Mountain Power in Rutland.

5. Report of the Vermont State Colleges Student Association
Trustee Santee began by recognizing LSC Dean of Students Jonathan Davis, who is also a VSCSA advisor. VSCSA now has an online discussion group set up in the VSC portal; they are using it also to create a document archive. They unanimously voted to become members of the U.S. Student Association, which has two million students from 35 states. The VSCSA is the sole group from Vermont. The benefits of being a member include attending workshops that help with goal setting and encouraging student participation. Dues are \$125, or 2.5% of their budget. The VSCSA is focusing on its students in statehouse project. They have decided their presence in the statehouse should be more precise than a rally and more persistent by coming to the statehouse throughout year. They are working with Director Dan Smith and the Board's legislative trustees on this project. A federal student debt campaign has been launched by Castleton SGA President Tim Mackintosh asking to secure the federal interest rate at a fixed percentage. He hopes to have Vermont students sign an electronic petition and share it with SGAs across the country. Over 185 students have signed so far. There are also Twitter and Facebook accounts for the initiative. Trustee Jerman stated that he liked the idea of diversifying the student lobbying effort. It will be more effective for small groups to have in depth conversations rather than a rally. He also stated that a bottom up approach to student debt is a good thing. Trustee Santee said that the more focused lobbying in the statehouse will be made possible by the VSCSA's new relationship with the Vermont Student Organizing Project, who intend to plan the own statehouse rally. Trustee Masland informed the Board of a legislative committee taking up property tax exemptions and said a student presence in the statehouse will help balance out the argument for taxing exempt organizations. Director Smith stated that he is following the tax exempt issue; a draft bill will be discussed soon. The supposed intent is not to apply it to the colleges.
6. Approval of Education, Personnel and Student Life Committee: Consent Agenda
Trustee Pelletier moved and Trustee Masland seconded the motion to approve the Education, Personnel and Student Life Committee Consent Agenda. No items were requested to be removed from the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Approval of Finance and Facilities Committee: Consent Agenda
Trustee Jerman moved and Trustee Masland seconded the motion to approve the Finance and Facilities Committee Consent Agenda. No items were requested to be removed from the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

C. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

1. Report of the November 20, 2013 Priorities Committee Meeting

Chair Moore stated that no decisions were made at this meeting. The committee discussed how to look at college needs; these were discussed at committee meetings the following week. The committee also heard an update on collective bargaining, which was also discussed at committee meetings the following week.

2. Report of the December 4, 2013 Education, Personnel and Student Life Committee

Trustee Luneau stated that the items discussed were the items the Board just approved. The committee reviewed the status of programs under Policy 101 review in 2013 and commended the committees involved in the process. The committee also approved programs to be reviewed in 2014. The committee postponed discussion concerning changing the name of the Priorities Committee to the Executive Committee until Trustee Diamond was present.

3. Report of the December 4, 2013 Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting

Trustee Jerman stated that there was discussion in committee among the presidents about pricing the many different offerings. The committee learned a great deal about the different situations at each college in terms of competition and how they must look at tuition. No actions were taken at the meeting. Trustee Dickinson stated that the high tuition/high financial aid model has been common for over 30 years, but some colleges are moving away from this model, and she asked for clarification on this trend. Chancellor Donovan explained that none of the VSC have a significant discount rate. A lot of colleges have a 50-60% discount rate. Leslie College, for example, is lowering its tuition and discount rate both by 25%. The average cost to students will be the same as present but there should be less sticker shock. Some ideas under discussion regarding pricing include introducing a small amount of discounting at the VSC. Private schools are not looking to eliminate discounting but it has gone beyond what's sustainable. The VSC is talking about adding 1 or 2% to the discount rate at some of our colleges. Trustee Dickinson noted that parents are starting to reach a limit with tuition levels, and suggested that in addition to discounting perhaps there are other methods to reduce the cost. Chancellor Donovan answered that some institutions where some increase in scholarship aid and a slightly higher tuition rate will be valuable in competing in some markets where they compete. The presidents are also looking at programs that are expensive to deliver and looking for ways to support those programs. Trustee Dickinson observed that parents might be willing to pay more for a high cost program that delivers high results. Trustee

Jerman stated that the high tuition/high aid model is not a VSC policy but, rather, has been the state's perspective further noting that Vermont has not even had the high aid piece for over 20 years. Trustee Dickinson noted that what the market will bear is declining.

4. Report of the Chancellor

Chancellor Donovan told the group that the VSC has 29 different places from which we serve students, with common data services. The VSC spends \$650,000 a year for network services right now, and our three-year contract is ending. Currently the campuses have a 100MB pipeline that was adequate three years ago. There has been an explosion in the number of devices and Internet use. Lyndon State Director of IT Mike Dente shared that his college had 4,500 unique devices in spring 2013, and as of December 1st that number is up to 11,000 devices for a student body of 1,700. When the VSC's current contract started there was little competition. Due to the investment by the federal government, state government, and the VSC, competition has increased. VSC Network Manager Tom Maguire and VSC Chief Information Officer Linda Hilton have completed contracts with Sovernet, Fairpoint, Level 3, and VTel to deliver network services. The VSC will spend slightly less than \$650,000 per year for ten times the bandwidth, with redundant circuits for each college. This new contract improves VSC business continuity dramatically. The new network services will be in place by fall 2014. Students and faculty throughout the system have been asking for more bandwidth. We have aggregated the need and built on a competitive market that has evolved in the last three years in a dramatic way.

Chancellor Donovan told the Board that his office will send a poll to start choosing dates for upcoming strategic inquiry work.

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public. Trustee Jerman thanked the Lyndon State faculty and staff for attending the meeting. Chair Moore emphasized former Trustee Russo's compliments of Lyndon State and asked that he put them in writing to share with the faculty.

7. Date and Place of Next Meeting:
Thursday, February 20, 2014
Johnson State College, Johnson, VT

Trustee Luneau moved and Trustee Jerman seconded a motion to adjourn. Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION

Emeritus Status for Professor Jon Fitch

- WHEREAS, Professor Jon Fitch retired from Lyndon State College in 2005 and continues to teach as a part-time faculty member; and
- WHEREAS, Professor Jon Fitch provided distinguished and outstanding service to his students, to Lyndon State College, to the larger Lyndon community, and to the Vermont State Colleges for 39 years; and
- WHEREAS, Professor Jon Fitch has earned the highest respect from the Lyndon State College community, is held in the highest regard by students and colleagues, and continues to contribute to the life of the College after retirement; and
- WHEREAS, Professor Jon Fitch meets the criteria established by the Board of Trustees for Emeritus Status; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the VSC Board of Trustees grants the title of Professor of Humanities Emeritus to Jon Fitch as of this date, December 12, 2013.

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VERMONT STATE COLLEGES
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RESOLUTION

Emeritus Status for Professor Richard Portner

- WHEREAS, Professor Richard Portner retired from Lyndon State College in 2006; and
- WHEREAS, Professor Richard Portner provided distinguished and outstanding service to his students, to Lyndon State College, to the larger Lyndon community, and to the Vermont State Colleges for 29 years; and
- WHEREAS, Professor Richard Portner has earned the highest respect from the Lyndon State College community, is held in the highest regard by students and colleagues, and continues to contribute to the life of the College after retirement; and
- WHEREAS, Professor Richard Portner meets the criteria established by the Board of Trustees for Emeritus Status; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the VSC Board of Trustees grants the title of Professor of Humanities Emeritus to Richard Portner as of this date, December 12, 2013.

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VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION

VSC Education, Personnel and Student Life Committee Business: Consent Agenda

WHEREAS, The VSC Education, Personnel and Student Life Committee met on October 23, 2013 to discuss the business items outlined below; and

WHEREAS, The Committee has voted to approve the items outlined below and recommends them to the full Board; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees hereby endorses the approval of the following resolutions:

- “Status of Programs under 2013 Policy 101 Review”
- “Commendation of 2013 Policy 101 Committee Members”
- Approval of Programs for 2014 Policy 101 Review”

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VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

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RESOLUTION

Endorsement of Grant Proposal

WHEREAS, VSC Policy 408 requires Board of Trustees approval of grant proposals involving \$150,000 or more, funds matching, or cost sharing of \$50,000 or more; and

WHEREAS, The VSC Finance & Facilities Committee has appropriately reviewed the current grant proposal and recommends it to the full Board; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees hereby endorses the following grant proposal titled, in the amount, and from the specific granting entity as indicated:

VTC: “VMEC Vermont Training Program” in the amount of \$200,000 from the State of Vermont Department of Economic Development.

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