

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting Tuesday, October 6, 2014
APPROVED by the Committee May 4, 2015**

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees conducted an Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2014 at the Office of the Chancellor in Montpelier, Vermont.

The following were present:

Trustees: Tim Jerman, Karen Luneau, Chris Macfarlane, Linda Milne, Martha O'Connor (Chair), Heidi Pelletier

Absent: Kraig Hannum

Office of the Chancellor:
Tim Donovan, Chancellor

Members of the Public:
Tess Conant, VSC United Professionals
Linda Olson, FT Faculty Federation

Chair O'Connor called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

A. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Approval of the Minutes of the July 17, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting
2. Approval of the Minutes of the September 9, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting

The minutes of the July 17, 2014 and September 9, 2014 Executive Committee meetings were approved 5-0-1.

3. Chancellor Transition

The Chair and the Chancellor briefly discussed the timing and logistics of the transition from Tim Donovan to Jeb Spaulding as Chancellor. Mr. Spaulding will be on the job no later than January 15.

4. Personnel Matters

Trustee Jerman moved that the Committee go into executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(3) to consider the employment of a public officer of the Vermont State Colleges. In addition to the Committee, attendance in executive session included Chancellor Donovan. Trustee Luneau seconded. The Committee entered executive session at 2:10 p.m. The Committee exited executive session at 2:39 p.m. No action was taken.

5. Johnson State College Presidential Search

The Committee discussed the presidential search at Johnson State College. Chair O'Connor informed the Committee that Trustee Diamond would chair the search committee and Trustee Dickinson would serve as vice-chair; other members include Trustee Moore, Trustee Slaimen, Chair O'Connor (*ex officio*), Castleton State College President Wolk, and Chancellor Donovan. Chair O'Connor will ask Trustee Diamond to commence the process and name the balance of the committee, to be comprised of five members from the Johnson community, representing the perspectives of faculty, staff, and students, plus one community member or alumna.

6. Appropriations Request

Chancellor Donovan reported to the Committee that he would be presenting a proposal for consideration by the Finance and Facilities Committee and approval by the Board of an FY2016 appropriations request of a \$5M increase in order to be able to freeze tuition for the corresponding academic year. During the discussion, he affirmed that the increase, if adopted in the state budget, would be distributed proportional to tuition income.

B. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

1. Date and Place of Next Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2014
VSC Office of the Chancellor, Room 101
Montpelier, VT

Chair O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.