

**Minutes of the VSC Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting Monday, March 9, 2015 APPROVED by the Committee May 4, 2015**

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Executive Committee conducted a Committee meeting on Monday, March 9, 2015 at the Office of the Chancellor in Montpelier, Vermont.

The following were present:

Trustees: Kraig Hannum, Tim Jerman, Karen Luneau, Linda Milne, Martha O'Connor, Heidi Pelletier (by phone)

Absent: Chris Macfarlane

Office of the Chancellor:

Tricia Coates, Director of External and Governmental Affairs  
Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor

Members of the Public:

Tess Conant, VSC United Professionals

Chair O'Connor called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Timing of Board Meetings

The Committee discussed the value of longer meetings (afternoon, overnight, morning) at college campuses fewer times a year. They agreed on the value of relationship-building and seeing the campuses, and that the present format isn't getting the most out of Board members.

The Committee agreed to take to the full Board a proposal to have five meetings per year, including the retreat, to be held on college campuses with an overnight. They will try this for a year and then review.

2. Executive Committee Composition and Charge

The Committee discussed and agreed to recommend changing the membership to the elected officers of the Board, because it is a small number that will not split the Board into two groups, and the officers are elected by the entire Board. The Committee also reviewed an amended charge for the Executive Committee presented by the Chancellor and agreed to bring it to the Board for consideration. There was recognition that the Board bylaws would need to be amended to reflect these changes.

3. Joining a Board Association

Chancellor Spaulding recommended to the Committee that the Board join the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges to support the Board and provide professional development. The Committee agreed to join, especially if the cost can be offset by a commensurate reduction in the Chancellor's Office budget.

4. Long Range Planning Committee

The Committee considered a proposal and charge to create a new standing committee, known as the Long Range Planning Committee, as presented by the Chancellor. Committee members agreed creating such a committee would provide a forum to explore possible changes to the VSC. Chair O'Connor suggested this new committee could be useful in exploring new ideas and guiding the chancellor. As with other Board committees, the chair would appoint members.

The Committee agreed to take this idea to the full Board.

5. Other Business

Chancellor Spaulding informed the Committee that in the April Board meeting there would possibly be a professional development session. He promised to inform the Board of the date for the retirement party for Johnson State College President Barbara Murphy.

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.