

## Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Special Meeting

March 11, 2016

### AGENDA

#### A. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Consent Agenda: Business of the Finance & Facilities Committee March 10, 2016 Meeting
  - a. Grant Approval: VMEC NIST Grant – Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership
  - b. Grant Approval: SBDC Cooperative Agreement
  - c. Establishment of Endowment: JSC Eugene Sapadin Memorial Scholarship
2. Revision to Policy 417: *Tuition Waivers for Senior Citizens*

This meeting will be held via conference call. Accommodations for the public to attend will be provided at the following location:

Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting

Friday, March 11, 2016  
12:30 p.m.

Office of the Chancellor, Room 101  
575 Stone Cutters Way  
Montpelier, VT

Members of the public who wish to call in to the conference call may use the following access information:

Call-in number: 1-800-747-5150

Access code: 9979818



## Manual of Policy and Procedures

Title  <b>TUITION DISCOUNT FOR STUDENTS AGE 60 AND OVER</b>	Number  417	Page  1
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### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to waive a significant portion of the tuition rate to enable individuals aged 60 and older to take undergraduate courses at the Vermont State Colleges (VSC) so that they may increase their knowledge and skills and thereby enhance their quality of life and potential to contribute in new and different fields of work and community service.

### STATEMENT OF POLICY

Any student aged 60 years or older may take VSC courses without limitation, up to and including completion of a certificate or undergraduate degree, at the rate of 50% of the charged tuition. To be eligible, such persons may not take the place of full tuition paying students in courses with enrollment limits. Course specific fees, including registration fees, shall be the responsibility of the student. All other student fees are waived.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESOLUTION

Endorsement of Grant Proposal:

Vermont State Colleges, dba Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center (VMEC)

- WHEREAS, The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), United States Department of Commerce (DOC) is holding a series of open competitions for federal cooperative agreement grant awards to help fund MEP-affiliated centers in every state, plus Puerto Rico; and
- WHEREAS, On January 27, 2016, NIST issued an ANNOUNCEMENT OF FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY Award Competition in their third round of competitions affecting 13 states, including Vermont; and
- WHEREAS, The Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center (VMEC), hosted at Vermont Technical College, has been the MEP-affiliated center since 1995 through a series of successful cooperative agreements between NIST and Vermont State Colleges, dba Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center (VMEC); and
- WHEREAS, For the benefit of Vermont, it is the desire of the Vermont State Colleges to continue offering assistance through VMEC to help Vermont manufacturers innovate, plan, perform, and grow in ways that drive increasing enterprise value and provide good paying jobs; and
- WHEREAS, Section II.2. of the aforementioned NIST Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) specifies competitively awarding a cooperative agreement for an MEP-affiliated center in Vermont for a five (5) year period of performance, in a total amount of \$2,500,000 with an opportunity for awards issued pursuant to the FFO to be renewed by NIST on a non-competitive basis for a subsequent period of up to five (5) years; and
- WHEREAS, The Revised VSC Policy 408 requires Board approval for grants requesting \$750,000 or more per fiscal year, or involve annual matching or cost sharing of \$375,000 or more even though budget changes are not required; 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: Vermont State Colleges, dba Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center (VMEC) NIST Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership grant from the United States Department of Commerce in the amount of \$2,500,000 with a minimum of \$4,625,000 in other funding sources over five (5) years.

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