

**Minutes of the VSC Board of Trustees meeting Saturday, March 25, 2017—APPROVED  
June 20, 2017**

The VSC Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Saturday, March 25, 2017 in the Stearns Performance Space at Johnson State College.

Board Members present: Martha O'Connor (Chair), Jerry Diamond, Lynn Dickinson, Morgan Easton, Church Hinds (by phone), Tim Jerman, Bill Lippert, Karen Luneau, Jim Masland, Linda Milne, Mike Pieciak, Aly Richards

Absent: Kraig Hannum, Chris Macfarlane

From the Chancellor's Office: Tricia Coates, Director of External & Governmental Affairs  
Todd Daloz, Associate General Counsel  
Sheilah Evans, System Controller/Senior Director of Financial Operations  
Elaine Sopchak, Administrative Director  
Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor  
Stephen Wisloski, Chief Financial Officer  
Sophie Zdatny, General Counsel  
Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer

College Presidents: Nolan Atkins, Elaine Collins, Joyce Judy, Patricia Moulton, Dave Wolk

From the colleges:

Hannah Burnham, Student, Johnson State College  
Lisa Cline, Associate Professor of History, Johnson State College  
Leah Duckett, Student, Johnson State College  
Arielle Farrell, Student, Castleton University  
Barb Flathers, Vice President, VSCUP  
Loren Loomis Hubbell, Dean of Administration, Lyndon State College  
Brendan Lalor, Professor, Castleton University  
Marty McMann, Veterans and Military Resource Advisor, CCV  
Cecila North, Executive Assistant to the President, Johnson State College  
Sharron Scott, Dean of Administration, Johnson State College  
Danielle Spring, Conferences & Events Director, Johnson State College  
Toby Stewart, Controller, Johnson State College  
Julie Theoret, Professor of Math, Johnson State College  
Sharon Twigg, Interim Academic Dean, Johnson State College

Beth Walsh, President, VSCUP  
Brendan Walsh, Student, Castleton University

Guests: Dr. Andrew Egan

Chair O'Connor called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Trustee Jerman made the following motion:

I move the Board enter executive session, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. sec. 313(a)(3), for the purpose of interviewing a candidate for, and discussing the appointment to, a public office—namely the Presidency of Vermont Technical College. The Board will make any final decision or otherwise act in an open meeting where the reasons for the decision or action shall be explained. Along with the members of the Board, in its discretion, the Board invites the Chancellor, the candidate being interviewed and the members of the Council of Presidents to attend.

Trustee Milne seconded the motion to enter executive session. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 8:36 a.m. The Board exited executive session at 10:46 a.m. and took no action.

At this time, Trustee Jerman made the following motion:

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Trustee Milne seconded the motion to enter executive session. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 10:50 a.m. The Board exited executive session at 12:30 p.m. and took no action. The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened and Chair O'Connor called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Trustee Diamond moved and Trustee Pieciak seconded the addition of the following agenda items: appointment of the president of Vermont Technical College, and a legislative update. The agenda additions were approved unanimously.

1. Approval of November 30, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Trustee Milne moved and Trustee Jerman seconded the approval of the minutes. Chancellor Spaulding inquired as to the correct date of the minutes. The date on the minutes was correct but the date on the meeting agenda was incorrect. No amendments to the minutes were needed. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Appointment of President of Vermont Technical College

Trustee Jerman moved and Trustee Hindes seconded the following motion:

I move that the Board appoint Patricia Moulton as the next president of Vermont Technical College under terms and conditions agreed upon between the Chancellor and Ms. Moulton. Based on discussions in this morning's executive session, the Board believes Ms. Moulton is the best candidate to lead Vermont Tech forward in the coming years.

The Board approved the motion unanimously. President Moulton thanked the Board for the honor of the appointment.

3. Report of the Finance & Facilities Committee

Trustee Hindes briefly reviewed the various issues currently being discussed by the Committee, including the upcoming 2019 tuition setting, debt restructuring, unification/consolidation, and other ongoing issues.

a. Consent Agenda

Trustee Hindes reviewed and moved the items on the consent agenda. Trustee Jerman seconded. No items were removed from the consent agenda. The Board approved the resolution unanimously.

b. Discussion of debt restructuring

CFO Steve Wisloski reviewed the debt restructuring conversation to date. The Board authorized restructuring all VSC debt in October 2016. Standard & Poor's affirmed the VSC's A- bond rating in the fall. The bond bank is now working on our new bond issue with a new structure that does not rely on the state's moral obligation but rather would intercept the VSC state appropriation. The tentative date to price bonds is at the end of April, though it could go to early May. The Board will need to approve a series resolution sometime towards the end of April at the earliest. The bond bank is creating a separate pool for the VSC bond. Trustee Lippert

inquired what the net savings to the VSC will be once the bond reissue is completed. Mr. Wisloski responded that with approximately 20 years of level payments there will be about \$5M in debt service savings.

c. Minutes of the January 9 and February 22, 2017 meetings

Trustee Hinds briefly reviewed the business conducted at these meetings.

4. Report of the Audit Committee

Trustee Milne moved and Trustee Dickinson Lynn seconded the resolution appointing O'Connor & Drew as auditors through FY2020. The resolution was approved unanimously.

5. Report of the Nominating Committee

a. Update on appointment of members to the Board of Trustees

Trustee Diamond reported that the Committee met three times to consider recommendations to the Board to fill two open seats for 4-year terms; by statute the Governor also makes one appointment. The Committee had been waiting for the Governor to make that appointment. Governor Scott has chosen to nominate Janette Bombardier of Global Foundries, and she has accepted. The Nominating Committee therefore recommends that the Board reappoint Martha O'Connor and Karen Luneau to 4-year terms.

Trustee Diamond emphasized that these reappointments do not set a precedent for future reappointments—trustees should not assume that incumbents will be renominated. Trustee Diamond moved the slate of nominees for reappointment. Chair O'Connor turned the leadership of the meeting over to Trustee Diamond as she is a nominee under consideration. Trustee Milne seconded the slate of nominees. Trustee Lippert expressed appreciation to Trustee Kraig Hannum for his service to the Board. The Board approved the slate of nominees unanimously. Trustee Diamond returned leadership of the meeting to Chair O'Connor. Chair O'Connor thanked General Counsel Sophie Zdatny and Associate General Counsel Todd Daloz for their guidance in the process.

b. Preparation of nominations for officers to be chosen at annual meeting

Trustee Diamond stated that at this time the Board needs to elect three members to serve on the Nominating Committee for the upcoming year. The Committee's next responsibility is to recommend a new slate of officers for the Board to elect in June.

Trustee Lippert moved to nominate Trustees Diamond, Dickinson, and Jerman to continue constituting the Committee. Trustee Luneau seconded. There were no other nominations. The Board approved the slate unanimously.

c. Minutes of the December 6, 2016 and February 20, 2017 meetings

Trustee Diamond stated that the minutes of the February 20th meeting were approved during yesterday's Committee meeting.

6. Report of the Education, Personnel & Student Life Committee

Chair O'Connor asked Chief Academic Officer Yasmine Ziesler to review the business of the EPSL Committee with the Board.

a. Revisions to Policy 301

Dr. Ziesler handed out the resolution "Revision of Policy 301: In-State Residency for Tuition Purposes" and explained that the changes to the policy have been made to comply with new Veterans Administration requirements. Trustee Masland moved and Trustee Dickinson seconded the resolution. The Board approved the resolution unanimously.

b. Recommendations for Emeritus Faculty

President Wolk and President Atkins praised the emeritus nominees from their institutions.

Trustee Jerman moved and Trustee Dickinson seconded the approval of emeritus status for Castleton University Professor Robert Gershon. The Board approved the resolution unanimously.

Trustee Luneau moved and Trustee Dickinson seconded the approval of emeritus status for Castleton University Professor John Gillen. The Board approved the resolution unanimously.

Trustee Dickinson moved and Trustee Jerman seconded the approval of emeritus status for Castleton University Professor Robert Johnson. The Board approved the resolution unanimously.

Trustee Dickinson moved and Trustee Jerman seconded the approval of emeritus status for Lyndon State College Professor Ronald Rossi. The Board approved the resolution unanimously.

c. Recommendations for VSC Faculty Fellows

Dr. Ziesler reviewed the nominations of the two Faculty Fellow nominees.

Trustee Masland moved and Trustee Easton seconded the Faculty Fellow nomination for Castleton University Professor Adam Chill. The Board approved the resolution unanimously.

Trustee Diamond moved and Trustee Easton seconded the Faculty Fellow nomination for Lyndon State College Professor Barclay Tucker. The Board approved the resolution unanimously.

d. Northern Vermont University Mission Statement

Trustee Richards moved and Trustee Jerman seconded the resolution. President Collins briefly reviewed the new NVU mission statement. She and her team added a vision statement for additional context.

Trustee Diamond moved to amend the resolution as follows: in the Resolved clause, after the word “mission,” add “and vision” and pluralize the word “statement.” The motion to amend the resolution was approved unanimously. The Board approved the resolution as amended unanimously.

e. Review and Discussion of Policy 109 Summary Data and Reports

Dr. Ziesler stated that no Board action was needed for this item and thanked EPSL Chair and Trustee Kraig Hannum, who worked with her and the academic deans to create a new way to present summary information about academic programs to the Board. Trustee Richards inquired whether the deans review whether programs are duplicated elsewhere in the state. Dr. Ziesler answered that reporting under both policies 101 and 102 require such a review.

7. Report of the Hall of Fame Planning Committee

Trustee Luneau asked Chancellor’s Office Administrative Director Elaine Sopchak to share the results of the Hall of Fame event. She reported that the event raised \$112,750, which is \$5,750 more than last year’s amount. Turnout for the evening was outstanding. She thanked President Collins and the 15 students from Johnson State’s hospitality and tourism management program who assisted at the event and with the planning.

8. Discussion of schedule of FY18 Board meetings

Chancellor Spaulding asked the Board's preference for scheduling FY18 meetings. The actual dates will be confirmed at the June meeting. The Board expressed a desire to continue with overnight meetings on a quarterly basis. Trustees will review the proposed dates and respond with any changes.

Trustee Diamond reminded the Board that at the June meeting the Long Range Planning Committee will cease to be; it is a two-year ad hoc committee. Chair O'Connor stated she will discuss plans for the Committee with Trustee Diamond and Chancellor Spaulding.

9. Other Business

Director of External and Governmental Affairs Tricia Coates provided a legislative update.

- The House Appropriations Committee finalized the FY18 budget, which contains a \$2M increase for the VSC that is proposed to come from the Higher Education Trust Fund.
- The budget also includes \$880,000 for funding of year two of the NVU unification. Ms. Coates thanked in particular Representatives Kitty Toll, Butch Shaw, and Bob Helm for their significant support.
- A resolution is also included in the budget for the Joint Fiscal Office and Legislative Council to conduct a summer study on the higher education funding formula.
- The capital bill contains \$2M for this fiscal and next fiscal year.
- There is support in the House for universal access to the dual enrollment program, strong support for the early college program, and the House Education Committee recommends a funding increase; Presidents Collins and Judy will testify soon about dual enrollment, particularly about the importance letting enrollment caps sunset.
- Free tuition for students in the National Guard is not going to advance; VSCA has an existing loan program that the Committee wants to make more robust.
- There is a proposal to disallow colleges from charging lab fees to dual enrollment students. Our colleges do not charge registration or other fees, but do charge lab fees and need to continue to do so.
- There is a bill in the Senate to protect freedom of expression for student journalists. Associate General Counsel Todd Daloz testified on our confidence in the VSC's existing policy.
- VSC students submitted a petition about the VSC's great value to the state.

Trustees thanked Ms. Coates for her hard work and success at the State House on behalf of the VSC.

Chair O'Connor reminded the Board the Castleton University President Dave Wolk is retiring at

end of 2017. She, Trustee Jerman, and Chancellor Spaulding will a community forum on March 28th to discuss next steps. Chancellor Spaulding stated the Board may want to have an executive session in the near future to discuss possibilities.

Trustee Masland departed the meeting.

#### 10. Presidents Reports

Vermont Technical College President Pat Moulton thanked the Board for their confidence and support. Deposits, inquiries, applications, and acceptances at the college are all up. They hosted a very successful town meeting event with Senator Bernie Sanders. They are projecting a loss but the amount is approximately half the amount that was projected. She is concerned about potential federal budget cuts to TRIO and VMEC. On April 13th from 1-2:30 p.m. they will celebrate the college's 150th anniversary at the State House in the Cedar Creek Room. Long range planning for the Williston campus continues, as do partnerships with CCV.

Castleton University President Dave Wolk shared that they will begin implementing the tobacco free policy starting August of 2017. CCV students are coming to Castleton thanks to approximately twenty articulation agreements. The university ski teams have had their best year ever. They have obtained the wetlands permit and already have a storm water permit for the Spartan Dome; they hope to construct in summer and open in the fall. Downtown housing is expanding to another floor of the Gryphon Building. Entrepreneurial ventures are all helping the bottom line.

Community College of Vermont President Joyce Judy said that schools are actively incentivizing CCV students to transfer. She invited trustees to attend the leadership luncheon on Friday. CCV's commencement speaker is Eben Bayer, a young entrepreneur and inventor.

Johnson State College President Elaine Collins shared that Northern Vermont University—Johnson will host the 2019 annual meeting of COPLAC. They have been granted approval to offer both AA and BFA woodworking degrees by NEASC. NEBHE and out-of-state numbers for fall 2018 are good; in-state numbers are soft but building. Commencement on May 13th will feature Senator Bernie Sanders as speaker.

Lyndon State College Interim President Nolan Atkins shared that the March 11th veterans summit hosted approximately 280 vets. Students in the new climate changes science degree have created a group that visits local schools and are planning to meet with Senator Sanders' staff. The Northern Essex Community College NEASC visit is upcoming. President Atkins thanked the unification transition team for their hard work. Commencement will be May 14th with Senator Bernie Sanders as speaker. Chancellor Spaulding agreed the unification team is doing a



remarkable job.

11. Report of the VSCSA

Trustee Easton reported that the application for student trustee has been posted. The group is working on planning an annual student leader retreat that would rotate to different campuses.

12. Comments from the Public

Beth Walsh, president of VSCUP shared that she enjoyed being involved in supporting the VSC at the State House, and also enjoyed attending the Hall of Fame. Johnson State Math Professor Julie Theoret agreed.

Castleton University Professor Brendan Lalor and a group of students spoke to the Board regarding divestiture and Ethical principles of banking. Students Hannah Burnham (JSC), Brendan Walsh (CU), Arielle Farrell (CU), and Leah Duckett (JSC), as well as Marty McMann, veterans and military resource advisor for CCV northern sites, expressed concern that the VSC does business with TD Bank, which is the seventh largest investor in the Dakota Access Pipeline. They asked the Board to ensure the VSC models the values it teaches. The expressed hope that the Board would see an opportunity for the VSC to take a leadership role by inspiring their institutions and individuals to embrace principles of fossil free banking.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Trustee Jerman noted the next board meeting occurs on Wednesday and Thursday June 21 & 22, 2017, not Friday and Saturday as the agenda states. The meeting will be hosted by Castleton University.

Trustee Diamond moved and Trustee Jerman seconded a motion to adjourn. Chair O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION

VSC Finance and Facilities Committee Business: Consent Agenda

WHEREAS, At its January 9 and February 22, 2017 meetings the VSC Finance and Facilities Committee discussed the business items outlined below; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Committee has voted to approve the items outlined below and recommends them to the full Board:

- Approval of the U.S. Small Business Development Center grant in the amount of \$1,321,111.19.
- Approval of the CCV Urban and Pauline Bergeron Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Approval for the LSC Center for Professional Studies to apply for a USDA Rural Business Development Grant.

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VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION

Audit Contract for FY2017 through FY2020

- WHEREAS, The Vermont State Colleges has just ended a three-year contract extension with O'Connor & Drew; and
- WHEREAS, During November, Request for Proposals were advertised for our next four-year audit contract, and five proposals were received; and
- WHEREAS, These five proposals were reviewed and two semi-finalists were invited for phone interviews with the audit services RFP Committee; and
- WHEREAS, Of the two semi-finalists, O'Connor & Drew was unanimously chosen by the committee to be recommended to the Audit Committee and full Board of Trustees; and
- WHEREAS, This four-year audit contract, beginning June 30, 2017 will cover the required annual financial statement and Uniform Guidance single audits; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees hereby authorizes hiring O'Connor & Drew as the VSC financial statement and Uniform Guidance auditors for the fiscal years 2017 through 2020.

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## Manual of Policy and Procedures

Title  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>POLICY ON DETERMINATION OF IN-STATE RESIDENCY FOR TUITION PURPOSES</b></p>	Number  <p style="text-align: center;">301</p>	Page  <p style="text-align: center;">1 of 3</p>
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**PURPOSE**

The Vermont State Colleges charges different tuition rates to in- and out-of-state students. Therefore, criteria and procedures to determine in-state residency for tuition purposes are required.

**STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The following requirements must be met by a student prior to being granted resident status for the purpose of tuition and other VSC charges:

- 1) The student shall be domiciled in Vermont, said domicile having been continuous for one year immediately prior to the date of enrollment. Domicile shall mean a person's true, fixed and permanent home, to which he/she intends to return when absent. Domicile shall not be dependent upon a person's marital status. Although domicile may have been established, a student is presumed to be an out-of-state resident for tuition purposes if he or she moved to Vermont or continues residence in Vermont for the purpose of attending a Vermont institution of higher learning or qualifying for resident status for tuition purposes. Such presumption is rebuttable.
- 2) The student must demonstrate such attachment to the community as would be typical of a permanent resident of his/her age and education. The College's chief admissions officer shall consider in the determination of residency for tuition purposes, among other factors: voter registration, property ownership, payment of income and property taxes, automobile registration and driver's license.
- 3) Receipt of significant financial support from the student's family will create a rebuttable presumption that the student's residence is with his/her family. A student who has not reached the age of eighteen shall be presumed to hold the residence of his or her parents or legal guardian. The presumption shall be rebuttable.
- 4) A student who moves into Vermont within one year of enrollment shall be presumed to have moved to Vermont for the purposes of attending a Vermont institution of higher

learning and qualifying for resident status for tuition purposes. This presumption shall be rebuttable.

- 5) A student who is eligible for tuition purposes to enroll as a resident student in another state shall not be enrolled as a "Vermont Resident." The inability to enroll as a resident student in another state does not by itself establish residency in Vermont for tuition purposes. Additionally, a domicile or residency classification assigned by a public or private authority neither qualifies nor disqualifies a student for in-state residency status at a member College. However, such classification may be taken into consideration by the chief admissions officer.
- 6) Notwithstanding paragraphs 1-5, a student shall be considered a resident for in-state tuition purposes at the start of the next semester or academic period where:
  - a. The student, in accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 2185, is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty who is transferred to Vermont for duty other than for the purpose of education; or
  - b. The student is eligible for in-state tuition and fees, as of July 1, 2017,<sup>1</sup> because the student:
    - i. is a veteran who lives in Vermont (regardless of the student's formal state of residence) and enrolls in a member College within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service of ninety days or more;
    - ii. is anyone using a veteran's transferred benefits, who lives in Vermont (regardless of the student's formal state of residence) and enrolls in a member College within three years of the transferor veteran's discharge from a period of active duty service of ninety days or more;
    - iii. is anyone using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, who lives in Vermont (regardless of the student's formal state of residence); or
    - iv. is anyone using a veteran's transferred benefits, who lives in Vermont (regardless of the student's formal state of residence) while the transferor is a member of the uniformed services serving on active duty.

After the expiration of the three year period following discharge or death, as described in 38 U.S.C. § 3679(c), a student who initially qualifies under subsection (i) and (ii) will continue to be eligible for in-state tuition and fees as long as the student remains continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between

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<sup>1</sup> The students described in sub-sections (i) and (ii), as well as some of those described in sub-section (iii), are eligible for in-state tuition and fees, prior to July 1, 2017, in accordance with Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014.

courses, semesters, or terms) at a member College, even if the student enrolls in multiple programs.

- 7) A student enrolling at the Vermont State Colleges shall be classified by the College's chief admissions officer as a resident or non-resident for tuition purposes. The decision by the officer shall be based upon information furnished by the student and other relevant information. The officer is authorized to require such written documents, affidavits, verifications or other evidence as he/she deems necessary.
- 8) The burden of proof shall, in all cases, rest upon the student claiming to be a Vermont resident for tuition purposes by clear and convincing evidence.
- 9) Changes in residency status for tuition purposes shall become effective for the semester following the date of reclassification.
- 10) A student with resident status for tuition purposes will lose that status if he/she, at any time, fails to meet the above requirements.
- 11) The decision of the College's chief admissions officer on the classification of a student as a resident or non-resident for tuition purposes may be appealed in writing to the College's Dean of Administration. Further appeal of a classification of a student's residency for tuition purposes may be made in writing to the Office of the Chancellor. The decision of the Office of the Chancellor shall be final.
- 12) An applicant for admission or enrollment may obtain a determination of residency status for tuition purposes in accordance with the above criteria and procedures in advance of admission or enrollment.

Signed by:

Chancellor

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESOLUTION

Emeritus Status for Professor Robert Gershon

- WHEREAS, Professor Robert Gershon has taught at Castleton University since 1977;  
and
- WHEREAS, Professor Robert Gershon provided distinguished and outstanding service  
to his students, to Castleton University, to the larger Castleton community,  
and to the Vermont State Colleges for 40 years; and
- WHEREAS, Professor Robert Gershon has earned the highest respect from the  
Castleton University community, is held in the highest regard by students  
and colleagues, and continues to contribute to the life of the University;  
and
- WHEREAS, Professor Robert Gershon 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 Robert Gershon as of the end of the Spring 2017 semester.

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VERMONT STATE COLLEGES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESOLUTION

Emeritus Status for Professor John Gillen

- WHEREAS, Professor John Gillen taught at Castleton University starting in 1970 and retired in 2015; and
- WHEREAS, Professor John Gillen provided distinguished and outstanding service to his students, to Castleton University, to the larger Castleton community, and to the Vermont State Colleges for 45 years; and
- WHEREAS, Professor John Gillen has earned the highest respect from the Castleton University community, is held in the highest regard by students and colleagues, and continues to contribute to the life of the University after retirement; and
- WHEREAS, Professor John Gillen 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 John Gillen as of this date, March 25, 2017.

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VERMONT STATE COLLEGES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESOLUTION

Emeritus Status for Professor Robert Johnson

WHEREAS, Professor Robert Johnson taught at Castleton University starting in 1986;  
and

WHEREAS, Professor Robert Johnson provided distinguished and outstanding service  
to his students, to Castleton University, to the larger Castleton community,  
and to the Vermont State Colleges for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Professor Robert Johnson has earned the highest respect from the  
Castleton University community, is held in the highest regard by students  
and colleagues, and continues to contribute to the life of the University  
after retirement; and

WHEREAS, Professor Robert Johnson 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 Robert Johnson as of this date, March 25, 2017.

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VERMONT STATE COLLEGES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESOLUTION

Emeritus Status for Professor Ronald Rossi

- WHEREAS, Professor Ronald Rossi taught at Lyndon State College starting in 1976 and retired in 2015; and
- WHEREAS, Professor Ronald Rossi provided distinguished and outstanding service to his students, to Lyndon State College, to the larger Lyndon community, and to the Vermont State Colleges for 40 years; and
- WHEREAS, Professor Ronald Rossi 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 Ronald Rossi 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 Ronald Rossi as of this date, March 25, 2017.

March 25, 2017

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION

Vermont State Colleges Faculty Fellowship

- WHEREAS, Article 42 of the current Agreement with the Vermont State Colleges Faculty Federation calls for the Board of Trustees to recognize up to two VSC tenured faculty for “outstanding accomplishments in teaching and learning” by establishing Vermont State Colleges Faculty Fellowships; and
- WHEREAS, The VSC Faculty Fellows committee, comprised of EPSL Committee Chair Kraig Hannum, VSC Chief Academic Officer Yasmine Ziesler, and VSCFF President Andrew Myrick, reviewed the nominations received for VSC Faculty Fellowships; and
- WHEREAS, The committee recommends that Adam Chill, Associate Professor of History at Castleton University be awarded a VSC faculty fellowship for academic year 2017-2018; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That Adam Chill, Associate Professor of History at Castleton University, be awarded a VSC Faculty Fellowship for the academic year 2017-2018 with all the associated rights and privileges.

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VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION

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- WHEREAS, Article 42 of the current Agreement with the Vermont State Colleges Faculty Federation calls for the Board of Trustees to recognize up to two VSC tenured faculty for “outstanding accomplishments in teaching and learning” by establishing Vermont State Colleges Faculty Fellowships; and
- WHEREAS, The VSC Faculty Fellows committee, comprised of EPSL Committee Chair Kraig Hannum, VSC Chief Academic Officer Yasmine Ziesler, and VSCFF President Andrew Myrick, reviewed the nominations received for VSC Faculty Fellowships; and
- WHEREAS, The committee recommends that Barclay Tucker, Professor of Illustration and Graphic Design at Lyndon State College, be awarded a VSC faculty fellowship for academic year 2017-2018; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That Barclay Tucker, Professor of Illustration and Graphic Design at Lyndon State College, be awarded a VSC Faculty Fellowship for the academic year 2017-2018 with all the associated rights and privileges.

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VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, The Northern Vermont University Transition Team, with balanced representation from the Johnson and Lyndon campuses, is guiding the unification process and making decisions that will shape Northern Vermont University; and
- WHEREAS, The group's first tasks are driven by the need to document how Northern Vermont University will meet the NEASC Standards for Accreditation, including the first of these standards, Mission and Purposes; and
- WHEREAS, A revised Northern Vermont University mission statement was approved by the Transition Team after incorporating input and feedback provided by both college communities; and
- WHEREAS, The Northern Vermont University mission and accompanying vision statement encompass and will be used in tandem with the existing campus-specific mission statements; and
- WHEREAS, The Northern Vermont University mission and vision statements are in alignment with and support the Vermont State Colleges System mission and vision; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees approves the mission statement for Northern Vermont University.

March 25, 2017

# NORTHERN VERMONT UNIVERSITY

## Mission Statement

Northern Vermont University fosters the intellectual, creative, and personal growth of every student in a community committed to diversity and inclusion. We provide innovative professional and liberal arts educational experiences that prepare students to be critical thinkers and engaged global citizens.

## The Vision

Northern Vermont University will be recognized for its innovation and creativity, preparing students for success in a global economy. Our students will advance knowledge and positive change in a wide range of liberal arts disciplines and professional programs. As a public, regional university, Northern Vermont University will be the preferred choice for students who seek transformative professional and liberal arts education.

Building on the historical strengths of each campus, our faculty and staff will collaborate to facilitate conversations across disciplines, not only across like disciplines such as the social sciences but across disparate disciplines such as sciences and the humanities, arts and business, social sciences and health sciences, liberal arts and professional disciplines. It is only within this context that students will experience the necessary openness and curiosity for experimentation and inquiry needed to solve today's complex problems.

Students will have the opportunity to learn on our campuses through experiential methods, high impact practices and innovative uses of technology. Extracurricular activities will support growth of the "whole person" including athletic programs that will capitalize on our unique position as a university and eclectic center for learning in the northern tier. Our graduates will continue to be sought after by employers as accomplished experts in their professions and leaders of their local, state, regional, national, and global communities.

Northern Vermont University will contribute to the economic, educational, environmental and cultural well-being of Vermont. Widely known as a leader in multi-disciplinary approaches to solve social, technical, environmental, and health-related challenges, Northern Vermont University will receive strong public and private support, earning a loyal following of its alumni.