

Minutes of the VSC Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee held Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at the Office of the Chancellor, Montpelier, VT – APPROVED August 23, 2017

Note: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at the subsequent meeting.

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee met on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at the Office of the Chancellor, Montpelier, VT.

Committee members present: Jerry Diamond, Church Hinds (Chair), Tim Jerman, Bill Lippert, Chris Macfarlane, Mike Pieciak

Additional Trustees: Martha O'Connor, Shavonna Bent and Aly Richards participated via conference call

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

Chancellor's Office Staff: Tricia Coates, Director of External & Governmental Affairs
Kevin Conroy, Chief Information Officer
Todd Daloz, Associate General Counsel
Sheilah Evans, System Controller & Senior Director of Financial Operations
Harriet Johnson, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor's Office
Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor
Steve Wisloski, Chief Financial Officer
Sophie Zdatny, General Counsel
Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer

From the Colleges: Scott Dikeman, Dean of Administration, Castleton University
Laura Jakubowski, Director of Finance, Castleton University
Lisa Cline, Johnson State College, Faculty Federation President
Barbara Flathers, Dean of Students, Johnson State College
Barbara Martin, Dean of Administration, Community College of Vermont
Toby Stewart, Controller, Johnson State College
Lit Tyler, Dean of Administration, Vermont Technical College

1. Chair Hinds called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Chair Hinds addressed the Trustees and gave a brief overview of the agenda.

2. Approve minutes of May 31, 2017 meeting

Trustee Jerman moved and Trustee Pieciak seconded the approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Discuss FY2019 tuition request using multi-year budgeting model

Chair Hindes made brief comments on the topic of tuitions and the complexity of it. Chancellor Spaulding reported on the proposed FY 19 maximum tuition rate increase of 2.9% versus the Chancellor's previous recommendation of 3%. The Chancellor indicated that presenting this increase now allows VSC to help with awarding financial aid. Chancellor Spaulding also indicated that he'd spoken with the Governor, who indicated that the 2.9% maximum tuition increase is acceptable.

CFO Steve Wisloski reviewed a list of 15 questions that he had compiled from the meeting of May 31, 2017, and invited the Trustees to amend these and add others if they wished. He then updated the Trustees on several of the questions that related to tuition and multi-year budgeting, and said he would address the remaining questions at upcoming Committee meetings.

Trustee Diamond asked, does "maximum" in the resolution apply only to the tuition or does it also apply to the fees? Mr. Wisloski responded that it applies to all.

4. Review and approve FY2019 maximum tuition, fees, room and board
5. Review follow-up items from May 31 meeting
6. Discuss additional topics for FY2018 Committee meetings

Mr. Wisloski combined the above agenda items and presented his tables for FY19 tuition, fees, room and board and showed the Trustees variations of what the figures would look like with a 2.9% tuition increase.

Chancellor Spaulding noted that even with a 2.9% increase, the colleges will still need to push on operational efficiencies at the system level and at the institutional level. The 2.9% increase and the appropriation from the legislature does not take the pressure off.

Trustee Diamond suggested talking to the investment managers, Morgan Stanley to be prepared in the event VSC needs to pull \$1 M from their portfolio in the next year, and to learn how this would affect their portfolio. Mr. Wisloski stated he would add this as an additional item to his list of questions.

Mr. Wisloski continued his presentation on net tuition price and in and out of state burden using a web data base called "Scorecard" which provides data from the US Department of Education. At the end of the presentation Chair Hindes asked Mr. Wisloski to send the "Scorecard" web link to the Trustees, along with the tables he was discussing.

Trustee Diamond moved and Trustee Jerman seconded the resolution for the 2.9% tuition increase found on page 50 of the material along with the tables attached. The resolution was approved unanimously. Trustee Macfarlane abstained.

7. Other business

Mr. Wisloski reviewed upcoming meetings and offered to take comments from anyone to compile for the next meeting.

Chair Hindes thanked the committee members for their dedicated work and expressed thanks for the Education, Personnel & Student Life Committee, the continuation of the Long Range Planning Committee, and how beneficial it is that these committees overlap with the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Trustee Dickinson requested listing Board members who are present at meetings regardless if they are on the committee or not.

8. Public comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

Trustee Jerman moved to adjourn. Chair Hindes adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.