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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: VSC Finance & Facilities Committee

M. Jerome Diamond

J. Churchill Hindes, Chair

Tim Jerman Bill Lippert

Christopher Macfarlane, Vice Chair

Linda Milne

Martha O'Connor Michael Pieciak

FROM: Steve Wisloski

DATE: November 21, 2017

SUBJ: Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting on December 1, 2017

The Finance and Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Castleton University, in the 1787 Room in Campus Center.

The meeting will include a number of discussion and approval items, including carryover fund spending requests from CCV and Vermont Tech, along with Castleton University's request to reallocate its Stafford Fund, and the State "money bill" requests including the FY2018 Budget Adjustment Act, and FY2019 Appropriations Bill and Capital Bill.

The next agenda items are a discussion of a proposed amendment to Policy 301, Determination of Residency for In-State Tuition, and both discussion and requested approval of a new Policy 504, Campus Safety Policy. The proposed amendment to Policy 301 would offer in-state tuition to all students who graduated from a Vermont high school, regardless of where they live currently. Policy 504 requires the adoption of policies and procedures "to ensure that college buildings, grounds, facilities, and equipment are safe for students, employees, and visitors."

The meeting will also include a review of a simple four-year enrollment projection, and a three-year budget projection, both initially at the System level. A key take-away from this discussion is that, owing to the sharp drop in admissions (i.e., entering classes) this year, level admissions next

year are likely to result in continued enrollment declines, which in turn would have material implications for FY2019 and later years' budget development.

The meeting will also include a review of cash, investments and the System's endowment. As part of this review, we will continue the discussion of the System's four "GASB" funds – unrestricted, plant, restricted expendable, and restricted non-expendable – and will attempt to correlate these at a high level with the System's three primary cash and investments vehicles: the concentration account at TD Bank, the intermediated fixed-income investments with TD Wealth, and the endowment invested with Morgan Stanley.

Finally, the meeting will conclude with a discussion of Fossil Free VSC's petition from last May, for which purpose I have included a memorandum reviewing each of the four specific requests.

Should you have any questions regarding the upcoming meeting or any other matter, or any requested additions to the agenda, please contact me at <a href="mailto:stephen.wisloski@vsc.edu">stephen.wisloski@vsc.edu</a> or (802) 224-3022. Thank you.

#### Attachments:

- 1. Agenda
- 2. Meeting Materials

cc: VSC Board of Trustees, Council of Presidents and Business Affairs Council
Lisa Cline, President, VSC Faculty Federation
David Beatty, Vermont Department of Finance & Management
The Honorable Douglas Hoffer, Vermont State Auditor

#### Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting December 1, 2017

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Consent agenda and approvals:
  - a. Minutes of October 25, 2017 meeting
- 3. CCV and VTC FY2017 carryover, and Castleton Stafford Fund reallocation requests
- 4. FY2018 Budget Adjustment, FY2019 State Appropriations and Capital requests
- 5. Discuss proposed amendment to VSC Policy 301, Determination of In-State Residency for Tuition
- 6. Discuss and approve new VSC Policy 504, Campus Safety Policy
- 7. Discussion of FY2019-2021 enrollment and three-year budget projections
- 8. Cash, investments and endowment update
- 9. Update regarding Fossil Free VSC requests
- 10. Other business
- 11. Public comment
- 12. Adjourn

#### **MEETING MATERIALS**

- 1. Consent agenda
- 2. Carryover and fund repurpose requests
- 3. State appropriations requests
- 4. Proposed Amended Policy 301, Determination of Residency for In-State Tuition
- 5. Proposed New Policy 504, Campus Safety Policy
- 6. Three-year System-level enrollment and budget projections
- 7. Reformatted cash and investments summary
- 8. Endowment report as of September 30, 3017
- 9. Fossil Fuel VSC discussion materials
- 10. FY2018 Finance & Facilities Committee meetings schedule

Item 1: Consent Agenda Items

# UNAPPROVED Minutes of the VSC Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee held Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at the Office of the Chancellor, Montpelier, VT

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 Wednesday, October 25, at the Office of the Chancellor, Montpelier, VT.

Committee members present: Church Hindes (Chair), Jerry Diamond, Tim Jerman, Linda Milne, Mike Pieciak, Bill Lippert

Other Trustees present: Karen Luneau, Lynn Dickinson

Absent: Chris Macfarlane

Presidents: Elaine Collins, Joyce Judy, Pat Moulton

Chancellor's Office Staff: Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor

Steve Wisloski, Chief Financial Officer

Tricia Coates, Director of External & Governmental Affairs Sheilah Evans, System Controller & Senior Director of Financial

Operations

Sophie Zdatny, Legal Counsel

Todd Daloz, Associate Legal Counsel Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer Harriet Johnson, Executive Assistant

From the Colleges: Scott Dikeman, Dean of Administration, Castleton University

Laura Jakubowski, Chief Budget & Finance Officer, Castleton University Barbara Martin, Dean of Administration, Community College of Vermont

Sharron Scott, Dean of Administration, Johnson State College Lit Tyler, Dean of Administration, Vermont Technical College

Lisa Cline, President, VSC Faculty Federation

Maurice Ouimet, Dean of Enrollment, Castleton University

Toby Stewart, Controller, Johnson State and Lyndon State College

Other: Lucas Seelig, Director, Business Development, Apogee

1. Chair Hindes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### 2. Consent agenda

- a. Approve minutes of August 23, 2017 meeting
- b. Approve *The Marie Augustin '58 Fund* for Lyndon State College

President Collins provided a brief summary of the Marie Augustin story. Trustee Hindes moved and Trustee Jerman seconded the approval of the minutes and of the Marie Augustin Fund. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.

- 3. Review final Fall 2017 enrollments
- 4. Review 1<sup>st</sup> quarter FY2018 financial reports, projections and action plans
- 5. Review 1<sup>st</sup> quarter FY2018 financial reports, projections and action plans

Chief Financial Officer Steve Wisloski combined Agenda items 3, 4, and 5 and provided a systems level overview of enrollments with an executive summary review of financial results through the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of unrestricted funds.

Trustee Lippert asked CFO Wisloski to provide a detailed description of "Other – Designated" unrestricted funds at a future meeting.

Chair Hindes asked CFO Wisloski to provide a summary of other GASB funds in addition to unrestricted funds, and also how those funds tie to the System's cash, investments and endowment.

CFO Wisloski answered questions from Committee members on the FY2017 reserves as a percentage of budgeted expenses, and system loans outstanding as of June 30, 2017.

The Committee then heard follow up discussion from each President or Dean who gave a more detailed overview of their institution's financial projections and steps they are taking to reduce deficits and strategies for revenue growth.

CFO Wisloski advised the Committee that Colleges would be presenting preliminary three-year enrollment and budget projections at the December 1 meeting, which will serve as a starting point for FY2019 budget development and FY2020 tuition during the Committee's spring 2018 meetings.

#### 6. <u>Discuss FY2019 State Appropriation and Capital Projects proposals</u>

This agenda item was not discussed at the meeting due to time constraints.

#### 7. Other business

Associate General Counsel Todd Daloz distributed a draft Safety Policy for discussion at the December Board of Trustees meeting.

#### 8. Public comment

There were no comments from the public.

#### 9. Adjourn

Chair Hindes moved to adjourn. Chair Hindes adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Item 2: Carryover and Fund Repurpose Requests



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TO: Jeb Spaulding

FROM: Joyce Judy

DATE: October 18, 2017

SUBJECT: FY 2017 Carry Forward

CCV ended Fiscal Year 2017 with \$28k available unrestricted net assets. I therefore request approval to carry the following funds forward into Fiscal Year 2018 to be used for the following purpose:

Strategic plan – CCV will complete our strategic planning process in the next couple of months. We request permission to use our carry forward funds to support initiatives outlined in the strategic plan.

TO: Jeb Spaulding

FROM: Pat Moulton

DATE: November 20, 2017

SUBJECT: Vermont Tech FY2017 Carryover Request

Vermont Tech ended Fiscal Year 2017 with \$1,220,246 of available unrestricted net assets. I therefore request approval to carry these funds forward into Fiscal Year 2018 to be used for the below stated purposes:

\$ 820,246 Strategic Reserves

Capital Projects:

125,000 Williston Planning

125,000 Master Planning & Deferred Maintenance

150,000 Farm Planning & Capital Costs

\$1,220,246 Total



#### **Stafford Fund Reallocation**

In 2002, we received a \$1,000,000 congressional earmark sponsored by Senator James Jeffords in honor of Senator Robert Stafford. The funds were intended for the support, study and advancement of the community. The funding required that the funds be endowed for only one year and were self-endowed by the college upon receipt. They were eligible to be spent one year from the date of the grant.

According to the grant documents, the Stafford grant was specifically intended to provide opportunities for students and the college alike to develop and practice their individual and corporate citizenship. Its programs are to be rooted in service learning, community service, internships and community partnerships.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, the Board unanimously approved our use of the Stafford funds for the construction of the Spartan Dome. The Board Resolution states "That the Vermont State College Board of Trustees hereby approves the distribution of the Stafford Community Grant to fund the installation of the Spartan Dome at the Spartan Arena Complex." The resolution explains that the grant was intended for the support, study and advancement of the community and the Spartan Dome will be used by both CU and the region's population.

To date, we have spent \$131.3K of the Stafford funds in our efforts to develop the dome. Of that, \$64.8K was related to the permitting process. The balance has paid for storage. There is an available balance remaining in the endowment of \$1.41M.

At this point, our intent would be to forego the dome project. Alternatively, the funds would be used to cover costs in those areas that meet the funding criteria and have a beneficial effect to the community at large. These areas are:

- Spartan Arena
- Castleton Polling Institute
- Center for Civic Engagement
- Center for Entrepreneurship
- Mentoring Program
- S.H.A.P.E. Pool

It is anticipated that the funding could be used to fund these programs over a two-year period (FY'18 and FY'19). We would seek the approval for this proposal from the Chancellor and the Board.

Item 3: State Appropriation Requests CASTLETON UNIVERSITY
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October 16, 2017

Susanne R. Young Secretary of Administration State of Vermont Pavilion Bldg., 109 State St., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Montpelier, VT 05609-0201

Re: Vermont State Colleges System FY2019 Budget Proposal

Dear Secretary Young,

On behalf of the Vermont State Colleges System (the "System"), comprising the Community College of Vermont, Castleton University, the new Northern Vermont University, and Vermont Technical College, I look forward to our meeting on October 23. We understand from David Beatty that your instructions dated September 21 were intended for State agencies only, to get a sense of pressures on personnel expenses, however we wanted to provide a brief description of our FY2019 budget proposal in advance of our meeting.

Given the challenges facing institutions of higher education across the region, the critical importance of our Colleges' mission to the state of Vermont, and our urgent need to move proactively to improve our own financial position, I recommend a continued push by the Governor to strengthen the System's budget.

As part of this continued effort, the System proposes a FY2019 budget increase totaling an estimated \$1,840,014, that I am confident will continue to strengthen our Colleges and System and help us deliver on our mission. This increase has two components:

- \$1,000,000 increase to the System's base budget appropriation, from \$28,000,464 to \$29,000,464. In FY2018, the Governor proposed a \$4,000,000 increase to the System's base appropriation, of which the General Assembly provided \$3,000,000. This amount represents the final \$1,000,000 of VSCS' FY2018 budget request, and helps to close the System's structural deficit that arose as a result of essentially level State funding from the FY2008-2009 Great Financial Crisis through FY2017.
- An annual cost-of-living increase to the System's base appropriation; assuming a 3% increase to the System's \$28,000,464 FY2018 appropriation, this would be an additional **\$840,014**. Approximately two-thirds of the System's expenses are personnel-related, and almost three-quarters of the System's full-time employees belong to one of our five (5) collective bargaining units and thus contractually receive annual pay increases. As such,

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an annual inflationary increase will help to ensure that the State appropriation does not resume shrinking as a percentage of the System's overall revenue, further pressuring our Colleges' tuition and fees and increasing our costs to Vermonters.

The System also plans to request \$350,000 in one-time funds, representing the third of three installments totaling \$2,000,000 to help launch Northern Vermont University. The General Assembly provided \$770,000 in Act 3 of 2017 (FY2017 Budget Adjustment), and an additional \$880,000 in Act 85 of 2017 (FY2018 Big Bill), Sec. C.100(i); this latter amount was "to pay the second of three installments to support the unification of Johnson and Lyndon State Colleges into the new Northern Vermont University." This is the System's most important strategic initiative to both enhance the quality of our educational mission, and to permanently reduce structural expenses, and the State's one-time support has been critical toward creating a new brand and aggressively marketing to incoming students.

Taken together, these funding requests will provide critical additional support to augment the aggressive steps that the Colleges and System have completed and are pursuing to create permanent structural savings. Key initiatives include:

- 1. Creation of Northern Vermont University. Planned unification of Johnson State and Lyndon State realized almost \$1 million in annual savings in senior personnel costs in FY2018; projected to realize an additional \$1 million of permanent operating savings.
- **2. High Deductible Health Plan.** Optional for current employees, mandatory for new employees as of January 1, 2017. Targeted savings of \$1 million annually by FY2022 (full time faculty expected to be added in FY2019).
- **3.** Reduced Employer Contribution to 403(b) Plan. Contribution lowered from 12% to an average of 9% as of July 1, 2017. Targeted savings of almost \$900,000 annually in FY2018, and \$1.3 million in FY2019 with inclusion of full-time faculty.
- **4. Debt Restructuring.** New AA/Aa1 (S&P/Moody's) rated, State-appropriation backed bond program through Municipal Bond Bank refinanced private loans and interest rate swaps, and provides \$8 million of total debt service relief from FY2018-2021.
- 5. System Consolidations. Consolidated accounts payable and accounting functions in the System office, and are working with external consultant to consolidate payroll, benefits and human resources functions. Total target savings of \$1 million annually by FY2019.
- **6. Overall reduction in personnel, salaries and benefits.** Total reduction of \$3.6 million annually from FY2014 to FY2016, and reduction in headcount by 216 employees from FY2013 to FY2016.

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Because of the State's timely assistance last year, the System's Board of Trustees was able to approve a balanced budget in FY2018 for the first time in over five years. Unfortunately, unfavorable demographics in Vermont and the northeastern U.S., coupled with New York State's "Excelsior Scholarship" free college program, have conspired to reduce enrollments for fall 2017, and the System now projects a \$3 million deficit. A further unfortunate development is that these negative consequences have disproportionately affected Castleton University, owing to its geographic proximity to New York and its large share of New York students – approximately 10% of the student body – relative to our other colleges.

However, because of structural changes the System has pursued over the past year, we are confident that we can bring our System-level budget back into balance. The State's assistance in funding our FY2019 budget proposal would greatly increase the likelihood of that outcome.

As we work to confront challenges, we keep our Colleges' and our System's mission foremost in mind: to provide access to quality post-secondary education for Vermonters across the state. We appreciate the Governor's strong support, and we look forward to working with you as you develop and promote your FY2019 budget proposal.

Sincerely,

Jeb Spaulding Chancellor

cc: Adam Greshin, Commissioner of Finance & Management

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October 27, 2017

Susanne R. Young Secretary of Administration State of Vermont Pavilion Bldg., 109 State St., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Montpelier, VT 05609-0201

Re: Capital Budget Adjustment Response for FY2019

Dear Secretary Young,

On behalf of the Vermont State Colleges System (the "System"), comprising the Community College of Vermont, Castleton University, the new Northern Vermont University, and Vermont Technical College, we would like to express our gratitude for the Administration's and the General Assembly's support in increasing the System's base appropriation from \$1.4 million to \$2 million in each of the two years of the FY2018-19 capital bill, for a total increase of \$1.2 million during the biennium.

Per your instructions dated September 27, we do not propose any adjustments to the System's \$2 million appropriation for FY2019, nor do we plan to introduce new projects or to request additional funds at this time, and as such have not completed Form A or Form B accompanying those instructions.

We have included a list of the System's planned capital projects for FY2019, by college and with dollar amounts and descriptions for your information. Please contact Steve Wisloski, CFO at <a href="mailto:stephen.wisloski@vsc.edu">stephen.wisloski@vsc.edu</a> or 224-3022 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeb Spaulding Chancellor

Attachment

cc: Brad Ferland, David Beatty and Nick Foss

# VERMONT STATE COLLEGES FY 2019 CAPITAL APPROPRATION REQUEST - STATE FUNDED PROJECTS -

#### **Community College of Vermont**

<u>Academic Facility Site Improvements: \$250,000</u> CCV owns or leases twelve academic facilities. Therefore, the burden for interior maintenance and improvement falls within CCV's responsibilities, either through lease agreements or ownership. Significant increases for contract work necessitate an increase in requested funds. Examples of candidate projects for FY19 site improvement funds are:

- Adaptation of facilities for new and revised programmatic offerings.
- Adaptation and expansion of facilities, and equipment for changes in enrollment.
- Addressing workplace safety and accessibility issues.
- Continued fit-out of site-based science and art rooms, computer labs, libraries, and other non-standard classroom facilities.
- Replacement/upgrade of building support systems (HVAC, EMS, etc.)

#### **Castleton University**

Coolidge Library Lighting and Circulation Upgrade Project: \$90,000 The Library lighting system utilizes over 900 fluorescent bulbs. A number of years ago the lighting fixtures were upgraded to T-8 tubes and electronic ballast. Since the last upgrade, lighting systems have evolved and we now have LED lighting technology. In the never-ending quest for energy savings, it makes sense to convert to a LED lighting system, which will yield significant energy savings. In addition to the lighting upgrade, we would like to make improvements such as creating more study spaces throughout the library and make improvements to the service desk area.

Science Window Replacement Project: \$75,000 The Science Building was constructed in 1969 and still has the original windows. These window units are aluminum frames with single pane glass that are not thermally broken and are difficult to operate. These single pane non- thermally broken units allow the cold and heat to infiltrate the building during the winter and summer months. New energy efficient replacement windows would reduce heating and cooling costs by eliminating air infiltration.

**Roofing Replacement Projects \$80,000** There are four small buildings on campus in need of roof replacements. The four include the Reinfurt Yellow House, Wooldridge House, the Public Safety Porch and the Superior Boiler plant. Reinfurt, Wooldridge and Public Safety's porch are all asphalt shingle roofs, 20+ years old and very close to the end of their design life. In a number of areas the shingles are starting to show signs of disintegration. The Superior Boiler Plant has a membrane roof that was installed in 1991 and has recently developed many leaks therefore needs replacement.

Admissions & Reinfurt House Exterior Repaint Project \$35,000 Both building are prominent properties on campus and are in need of exterior repairs. Both of the building exteriors have peeling paint and exposed wood, which is leading to deterioration of the siding and trim. This project would allow for the repair of the deteriorated trim and repainting of the structure.

<u>Fine Arts Foundation Repairs Project \$45,000</u> The building foundation near the South elevator has developed a significant crack and has also seen some inward movement thus causing interference with the elevator. This foundation movement has caused the elevator to be unusable until the situation is resolved. This project would provide funding for the excavation and repairs to the foundation.

Stafford A/C Project Phase I: \$225,000 When Stafford was remodeled in 1998, air conditioning was removed from the project, with exception of the computer labs and Herrick Auditorium. Stafford Academic Center houses the Nursing program and the Center for Schools and is extensively used during the summer months. It is proposed that cooling coils be added to the HVAC roof top unit to provide the necessary cooling for the classrooms and offices.

<u>Public safety Renovations Project \$45,000</u> The Public Safety building is one of our Historical buildings on campus. It serves as Public Safety, campus information, dispatch, campus switchboard, processes student ID's and Parking registration. The interior is in its original configuration and needs to be remodeled to better accommodate the many uses.

<u>Fine Arts Roof Replacement Project \$175,000</u> In 2015 the north half of the rubber membrane roof on the lower level was replaced. At that time, funding was not available to complete the south section of roof so it was repaired as needed. As part of the FY19 funding cycle, we would like to replace the balance of the lower roof that was installed in 1981.

<u>Boiler Replacement Engineering Design Project: \$42,500</u> The campus boilers are approximately 50 years of age and Ithough in relatively good condition, there are increasing signs of aging and maintenance required. Yearly, a significant amount of work is done to maintain these units. Replacing the boilers with newer energy efficient units in conjunction with possible alternative fuel boilers would reduce our energy use. We are proposing to fund a project to evaluate the condition of existing boiler plants, estimate remainder of useful life, explore replacement options including alternative fuels and generate with cost estimates.

#### **Northern Vermont University – Johnson Campus**

<u>Dewey Window Replacement Project: \$150,000</u> Dewey Hall was constructed in 1964 and still has the original windows. These window units are single pane glass with aluminum frames that are not thermally broken, thus allowing the cold and heat to infiltrate the building during the winter and summer months. Funding of this project would allow us to release the construction documents create in the A&E project to install energy efficient windows units that would eliminate air infiltration thus reduce draft and conserve energy and reduce heating and cooling costs.

<u>Campus Security Surveillance System project: \$145,000</u> Over the years JSC has installed 3 completely different video surveillance systems that do not communicate with each other. As a result of the non-communication issue, it is very cumbersome for Campus Security to review and follow up on incidences. It is proposed that a new centralized system be installed, one that will integrate as much of the existing hardware as possible including expanded coverage. This will allow Public Safety to retrieve data and monitor the campus more efficiently.

**LLC Window Replacement project: \$75,000** The LLC building was built in 1996 and we now have a situation where the windows have been losing their thermal seals thus decreasing their energy efficiency. A number of units have been replaced over the years but at this time we have approximately 70 windows that require replacing. Replacement of these failed windows will help JSC's efforts to reduce campus energy costs.

South Lawn Improvement Project \$135,000 The south lawn on the Johnson campus is used as a venue area to host events such as graduation, and other large gatherings. Because of the contour of the lawn and the soil, this area has a tendency to very wet thus causing issues during these events. A solution to this problem is to remove a couple feet of soil, install subsurface drainage built up the area with gravel, sand and topsoil. This would allow moisture to drain for the subsurface and create a stable surface to setup functions. It would also be the opportune time to install permeant utilities such as power and communications.

<u>Visual Arts Building Siding Replacement Project: \$25,000</u> The Visual Arts building has marine plywood on its exterior in a number of locations. This plywood siding has turned out to be very maintenance intensive and expensive to maintain. Approximately every 18 months it has to be scraped and sealed with a new polyurethane finish. It is proposed that the sections of siding be replaced with a product that is more durable and able to withstand the elements.

McClelland Fasica Repair project: \$25,000 The McClelland Fascia is in need of repairs due to its exposure to the elements. This Fascia is not protected by the roof, it is attached directly to the building exterior and is totally exposed to the elements. This project would fund the repair or replacement of the fascia as needed.

<u>Campus Electrical Energy Upgrades Project: \$85,000</u> Many of the campus building systems are original and by today's standards do not operate efficiently. This project would enable us to start updating these systems by installing energy efficient equipment that work reduce energy consumption, improve reliability and reduce maintenance repair costs.

Bentley Parking Lot / Drive Repave Phase I Project: \$172,500 The main drive and the Bentley parking lot have deteriorated to the point where cracks, pot holes, and heaved portions can no longer be effectively "spot" repaired. We are proposing to reclaim the existing asphalt, repair the base and repave with 3½ inches of asphalt.

#### Northern Vermont University – Lyndon Campus

Stonehenge Steam Tunnel Repair Project: \$45,000 The Stonehenge steam tunnels were constructed in 1985 and at this time are in need of minor repairs. This project would allow us to replace some damaged piping between Arnold and Whitelaw, repair damaged piping insulation, allow for an upgrade of the sump pump system and the installation of new access covers.

Wheelock Parking Lot Reconstruction Project: \$220,000 This parking lot has deteriorated to the point where cracks, pot holes, and heaved portions can no longer be effectively "spot" repaired. We are proposing to reclaim the existing asphalt and reconstruct the base with 3" of additional gravel, and repave with 3½ inches of asphalt. All storm drains will be repaired and manhole covers will be adjusted accordingly, parking spaces, crosswalks, and HC markings will be repainted.

<u>Vail Lower Parking Lot Repair and Repave Project: \$65,000</u> The lower parking lot has developed pot holes and cracks which are allowing moisture to penetrate the base material thus causing frost heaving. These areas would be repaired, the balance of the parking lot shimmed and repaved to prevent further deterioration.

<u>Vail Hall Restroom Upgrade Project: \$210,000</u> a number of the restrooms in Vail Hall have worn-out fixtures and finishes as well as infrastructure problems. This project would allow us to significantly improve the appearance and functionality of all of the restrooms in Vail Hall. The infrastructure issues would be addressed, the wall, floor, ceiling surfaces and fixtures will be replaced, giving the bathrooms a much-needed upgrade.

<u>Campus Walkway Improvement project: \$40,000</u> Sections of the Campus Walkways are deteriorating and are in need of repair or replacement. This project would allow us to repair or repave sections of walkways and implement landscaping improvements that were identified in the campus landscape master plan.

<u>Campus Boiler Assessment & Upgrade Project: \$60,000</u> The Campus boilers are 50 + years of age, and are in good condition given their age. Our boiler inspector is suggesting that we perform a non-destructive test to identify any possible defects in the boiler. This test will give us insight as to their actual condition and life expediency. Upon completion of the testing, we would like to upgrade the burners with the latest technology in fuel metering and combustion controllers, which will reduce fuel consumption and improve boiler efficiency.

<u>Veterans Park and Pond Repair Project: \$85,000</u> The pond which contains the fountain located in the center of campus has developed a leak and requires periodic addition of water to maintain its water level. This is a manmade pond that has been part of the campus culture for decades. This project would provide the funding to reduce the size of the pond, and the installation of a new membrane liner, fountain and seating.

Alumni House Roof Replacement Project: \$38,000 The asphalt roofing shingles on the Alumni House are 19 years old, very close to the end of their design life. In a number of areas, the shingles are starting to show signs of disintegration. This project would allow us to replace the existing roof with new architectural fiberglass shingles. In addition to the roof replacement, there are a number of areas where the exterior trim will require repaired or replacement.

Activities Water Heater Replacement & Upgrades Phase I Project: \$49,500 The Activities Building domestic hot water needs are supplied by a 1000 gallon water heater. This heater is oversized and needs replacement. This project would fund the replacement of the existing water heater with a much smaller energy efficient model. Also as part of this project, we would also like to upgrade the boiler condensate return tank as part of this project; the existing is in very poor condition.

#### **Vermont Technical College**

Site Lighting Improvements, Final Phase: \$80,000 The site lighting system on the Randolph Center campus is approximately 20+ years old. The funding received from prior Capital requests has enabled us to replace the existing lighting system in phases. At this time, we are requesting funding to complete the final phase of this project. This phase would allow for the replacement of approximately 35 of the high-pressure sodium lights with LED fixtures, new poles and underground electrical.

<u>Nutting Parking Lot Repave Project: \$55,000</u> The Nutting parking lot is developing potholes and cracks, which allow moisture to penetrate the base material thus causing frost heaving. This parking in in need of resurfacing to prevent further deterioration. It is proposed that this parking lot be shimmed to fill low areas and promote drainage, existing cracks filled, then repaved with 2 inches of asphalt.

Roadway & Concrete Walkway Repair Project: \$90,000 The Campus roadways and walkways are showing many signs of deterioration (large cracks, missing asphalt). The damaged areas can be repaired by installing new asphalt in addition to employing an infrared asphalt repair technology that blends the new asphalt with the existing to allow for a seamless repair. This technology allows for seamless crack repairing to occur, thus inhibiting water from entering (and then freezing) cracked areas, and thus creating further damage. We also have sections of concrete walkways that have deteriorated due to salt damage and the harsh winter conditions, these areas will be evaluated and be replaced or repaired as needed.

<u>Conant Classroom Upgrade Project: \$45,000</u> The finishes in the Conant classrooms are dated and are in need of being upgraded. This project would fund the replacement of the ceiling tile, the installation of new flooring, new energy efficient lighting and the repainting of these spaces.

<u>Central Boiler Plant Upgrades Project: \$180,000</u> The Central Heating Plant's stone lined condensate return tank and associated piping is 32 years old. This tank was relined approximately 15 years ago, and now needs major repair or replacement. It is proposed that we replace this tank, including all associated piping to the boilers, with a deaerator condensate tank that would allow us to deaerate the boiler feed water without the use of chemicals. This would save on chemical operations costs, as well as eliminating one chemical from the feed system.

<u>Williston Building 200 Roof Replacement Project: \$155,000</u> The EDPM membrane roof on this building is 29 years old. When the building underwent an interior renovation approximately 9 years ago, the roofing was not replaced. Leaks have become more commonplace and, as this building houses a newly renovated interior, it is recommended that the roof be replaced with a .060 EDPM membrane system.

#### Conant / Morrill Window Replacement Project: \$207,500

Conant: We would like to replace the existing original (1964) single pane hopper windows in this building. There are 36 total windows in this building, and we would like to replace these windows with energy efficient Dual Pane/Low E model units. The storefront windows and entry doors have been replaced and are in good condition; hence, they are not included in this project.

Morrill/Morrill Annex: We would like to replace the existing original (1964) single pane hopper windows in this building, as well as several original wood doors. There are 26 windows in Morrill, 18 windows in Morrill Annex, as well as two storefronts and 6 exterior doors that we would like to replace. All windows will be replaced with a double pane Low E models and the doors would be replaced with energy efficient units.

#### **Vermont State Colleges System**

Emergency Maintenance: \$200,000 As in previous years, this is annual funding to provide the college system with a contingency that will be used to fund unplanned needs that inevitably arise across VSC's more than 100 buildings (approximately 1,7000,000 sq ft) and over 1,400 acres of property, which combined have a replacement value approaching \$250,000,000.

**Roof Repair and Replacement: \$300,000** To address the most serious roofing concerns as assessed from annual review of all structures throughout the college system.

# Item 4: Draft Amended Policy 301, Determination of In-State Residency for Tuition Purposes



## **Manual of Policy and Procedures**

POLICY ON DETERMINATION OF IN-STATI RESIDENCY FOR TUITION PURPOSES	Date	March 2	
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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, 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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) Notwithstanding paragraphs 1-5, effective July 1, 2018, a student shall be considered a resident for in-state tuition purposes if:
  - a. The student previously earned:
    - i. a high school diploma from a Vermont public school or a Vermont approved or recognized independent school, as defined in Title 16 of the Vermont Statues Annotated, including a public or independent school in another state that is designated as the public school for the student's district of residence at the time the diploma was earned, or from the Community High School of Vermont; or
    - ii. a high school equivalency certificate from the Vermont State Board of Education; or
    - <u>iii.</u> a secondary school equivalency certificate based on successful completion of General Education Development tests;

and

- b. At the time the student earned a diploma or certificate under subsection
   (a), the primary legal residence of the student, or the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) if the student was under age 18, was in Vermont; and
- c. The student is and remains domiciled in Vermont at the time the student enrolls at the Vermont State Colleges. 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.

Eligibility for in-state tuition under this paragraph shall not necessarily constitute in-state residency for any other purpose within or outside the VSC system.

- 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.
- 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)10) Changes in residency status for tuition purposes shall become effective for the semester following the date of reclassification.
- 10)11) 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)12) 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.

42)13) 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	

Item 5: Draft Policy 504, Campus Safety Policy



Campus Safety Policy	Number <b>504</b>	Page <b>1 of 2</b>
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#### **PURPOSE**

It is the purpose of this Policy that each member institution of the Vermont State Colleges (VSC) adopt and maintain sufficient policies and procedures to ensure that college buildings, grounds, facilities, and equipment are safe for students, employees, and visitors.

#### **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all VSC member institutions. Public Safety Directors, Deans of Students, Facilities Managers and Deans of Administration are all responsible for implementing this policy.

#### STATEMENT OF POLICY

The mission of the VSC is to provide affordable, high-quality, student centered, accessible education for the benefit of Vermont. In order to accomplish this mission, the member institutions of the VSC must be reasonably safe and secure and free from crime, violence, and hazardous conditions. While no policy can ensure absolute campus safety, each member institution shall establish procedures for identifying, assessing and remedying safety concerns, and for providing regular and ongoing trainings.

#### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. Each VSC member institution and the Office of the Chancellor shall adopt and implement policies and procedures to ensure that the buildings, grounds, facilities, and equipment are reasonably safe and secure. Further, each member institution shall provide table-top and on-the-ground training at least annually as may be necessary for the effective implementation of these policies and procedures.

- B. The policies and procedures shall address, at minimum:
  - 1. Student, employee, and visitor safety including electronic access control, security cameras, campus lighting, panic alarms, and emergency phones;
  - 2. Security of property, facilities, and equipment;

- 3. Hazardous conditions;
- 4. Emergency procedures including emergency notification systems and formal agreements with local and state law enforcement authorities;
- 5. Training and/or drilling of employees and students; and
- 6. Recordkeeping.

#### CHANCELLOR'S MODEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Chancellor shall develop and, with input from the member institutions, update from time to time model policies and procedures for use by the member institutions.

#### **REPORTING**

In addition to the annual reporting required under the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, each VSC member institution shall prepare an annual report detailing for the previous calendar year the number of Clery-reportable offenses, employment- and student-related accidents, VOSHA citations, and any other regulatory agency's safety citations. The report shall be prepared on a form developed by the Chancellor and shall be presented to the VSC Board of Trustees or to a specific committee of the Board, at the Chair of the Board's discretion.

#### Relevant Legal Authorities

- 20 U.S.C. §1092(f); Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act
- 34 C.F.R. §668.46; Clery Act regulations

Signed by:	
Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor	<del></del>

Date	Version	Revision	Approved By
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			Trustees

Item 6: Simple Enrollment and Budget Projection Scenarios (to be reviewed at Meeting) Item 7: Cash and Investments Summary

## VERMONT STATE COLLEGES CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT: As of 10/31/2017

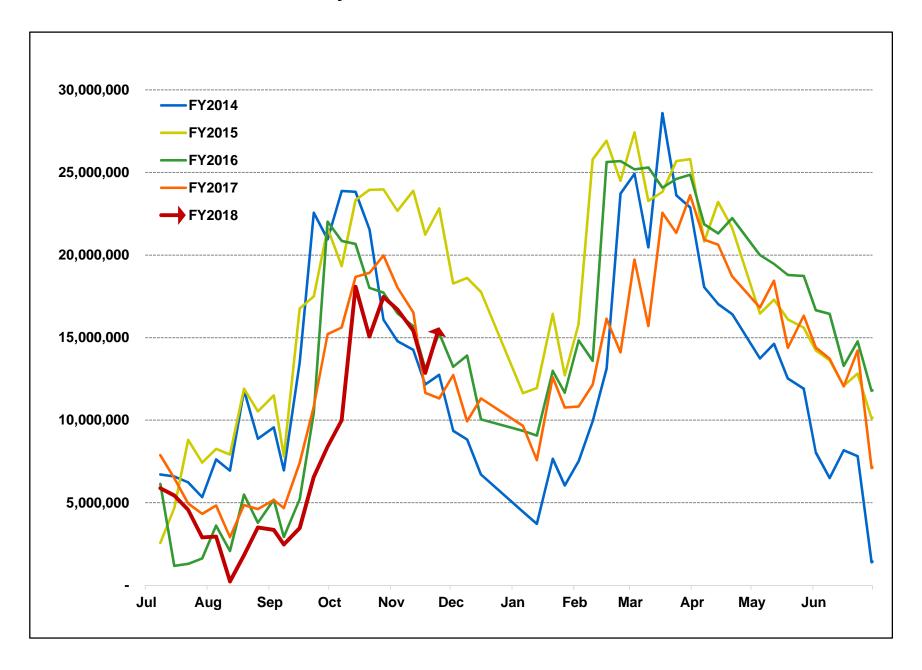
(Excludes non-operating/non-endowment investments made by VSC capital bond trustees)

		FY2016		FY2017			FY2018			
	CASH Avg Daily <u>Balance</u>	INV'MT Avg Daily <u>Balance</u>	CASH&INV'MT Avg Daily <u>Balance</u>	CASH Avg Daily <u>Balance</u>	INV'MT Avg Daily <u>Balance</u>	CASH&INV'MT Avg Daily <u>Balance</u>	CASH & MMKT FUND <u>Balance</u>	TD WEALTH <u>Balance</u>	MORGAN STANLEY <u>Balance</u>	TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS <u>Balance</u>
JULY	3,355,541	46,380,924	49,736,465	5,802,598	48,252,972	54,055,570	9,925,153	19,746,418	27,045,158	56,716,729
AUGUST	4,592,608	46,127,004	50,719,612	4,771,979	48,240,933	53,012,912	8,135,046	19,831,367	27,109,575	55,075,988
SEPTEMBER	11,165,432	45,681,768	56,847,200	10,524,995	48,953,239	59,478,234	12,006,402	19,770,063	27,478,524	59,254,988
OCTOBER	20,198,716	46,848,645	67,047,361	19,921,855	48,422,041	68,343,896	23,397,501	19,773,797	27,865,448	71,036,746
NOVEMBER	15,282,537	46,770,232	62,052,769	14,272,286	48,583,595	62,855,881				
DECEMBER	11,965,241	46,325,445	58,290,686	11,656,241	48,920,191	60,576,432				
JANUARY	12,107,286	45,698,086	57,805,372	10,474,838	49,436,478	59,911,316				
FEBRUARY	22,520,132	45,771,201	68,291,333	15,537,918	50,060,833	65,598,751				
MARCH	25,540,713	47,312,657	72,853,370	21,394,047	50,181,763	71,575,810				
APRIL	22,137,233	47,488,459	69,625,692	19,400,018	50,499,834	69,899,852				
MAY	18,899,541	47,627,944	66,527,485	16,577,913	50,877,230	67,455,143				
JUNE	14,118,440	47,984,522	62,102,962	11,517,369	50,956,847	62,474,216				
Cash & Inv Avg thru 4 months	9,828,074	46,259,585	56,087,660	10,255,357	48,467,296	58,722,653	13,366,025	19,780,411	27,374,676	60,521,113

#### Summary of October Average Daily Balances

Cash & Money Market Funds	
TD Bank Concentration Account	17,312,782
TD Wealth Medical	255,262
TD Bank Enterprise Money Market	4,752,667
Remainder of money at local college banks	1,076,789
Subtotal:	23,397,501
TD Wealth Investments	
Intermediate	880,068
Long-Term	18,893,729
Subtotal:	19,773,797
Morgan Stanley (Endowment)	27,865,448
Total Cash & Investments:	71,036,746

### Weekly Concentration Account Balance July 1, 2013 to November 20, 2017



Item 8: Endowment Report as of September 30, 2017

# Morgan Stanley

## 3rd Quarter 2017

Prepared on October 31, 2017

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Account Name and Address	Account Type/Manager Name	Account Number	Advisory/ Brokerage	Date Opened	Date Closed
RONWOOD PO BOX 7 MONTPELIER	Alternative Investments Advisory	383-020918	Advisory	09/17/14	-
SKYBRIDGE PO BOX 7	Alternative Investments Advisory	383-020919	Advisory	09/17/14	-
VERMONT STATE COLLEGES ATTN STEPHEN WISLOSKI PO BOX 7 MONTPELIER	Consulting Group Advisor	383-108872	Advisory	12/20/02	-
	Delaware Intl ADR -London	383-108874	Advisory	12/20/02	-
	Anchor Mid Cap Value	383-108918	Advisory	02/06/03	-
	AAA	383-108920	Advisory	02/06/03	01/25/17
	ClearBridge Multi Growth	383-110533	Advisory	04/19/06	-
	AAA	383-110534	Advisory	04/19/06	-
	ThomasPartners	383-122584	Advisory	03/07/12	-

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Introduction

As of 3Q 2017

- Risk markets globally continued to gain in the third quarter of 2017. Led by international markets, it appears we are in the midst of the most synchronous global economic upturn since 2009. Our bullish global equity outlook assumes earnings estimates will continue to move higher as the global economic recovery persists, and that valuations can expand further as market participants become more comfortable with the self-sustainability of this recovery. As monetary policy fades as the only driver of market outcomes, we see the re-emergence of volatility that's associated with real interest rates tracking real economic growth.
- For the quarter, US equities posted strong performance, especially the Information Technology sector of the S&P 500, which returned 8.65%. Consumer Staples (-1.35%) and Consumer Discretionary (0.84%) were clear laggards as markets discount more potential downside than upside ahead. While the US had solid performance (4.5%), the largest returns for the quarter actually came from abroad with Europe registering 6.5% total return and emerging markets 8.0%, with China's 14.8% return a clear standout. For the one-year period ending September 29, 2017, global equities rallied with double-digit returns exceeding 20% in most regions. Commodities and managed futures lagged for the one-year period.
- The Dow Jones Industrial Average increased 5.6% in the third quarter. The NASDAQ Composite Index was up 6.1% for the quarter. The S&P 500 Index increased 4.5% for the quarter.
- Ten of the 11 sectors within the S&P 500 generated positive returns in 3Q17. The top-performing sector was Information Technology, which was up 8.7%. Energy and Telecom rose 6.8% and 6.8%, respectively, and were also among the top-performing sectors. The biggest laggards were Consumer Staples, which decreased -1.35%, and Consumer Discretionary, which rose 0.84%.
- The bond market registered slightly positive returns during the third quarter. The Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index, a general measure of the bond market, increased 0.8% for the quarter.
- Morgan Stanley & Co. economists expect US real GDP will be 2.2% in 2017. They forecast global GDP growth to be 3.6% in 2017.
- Commodities rose into the third quarter; the Bloomberg Commodity Index increased 2.5%.

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley & Co. Research, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC

### **US Equity Markets**

As of 3Q 2017

The Dow Jones Industrial Average increased 5.6% in the third quarter. The NASDAQ Composite Index was up 6.1% for the quarter. The S&P 500 Index increased 4.5% for the quarter.

Ten of the 11 sectors within the S&P 500 generated positive returns in 3Q17. The top-performing sector was Information Technology, which was up 8.7%. Energy and Telecom rose 6.8% and 6.8%, respectively, and were also among the top-performing sectors. The biggest laggards were Consumer Staples, which decreased -1.35%, and Consumer Discretionary, which rose 0.84%.

The Russell 1000 Index, a large-cap index, increased 4.5% for the quarter, with large-cap growth (5.9%) outperforming large-cap value (3.11%).

The Russell Midcap Index increased 3.5% for the quarter, with mid-cap growth (5.3%) outperforming mid-cap value (2.1%).

The Russell 2000 Index, a small-cap index, increased 5.7% for the quarter, with small-cap growth (6.0%) outperforming small-cap value (4.6%).

Key US Stock Market Index Returns (%) for the Period Ending 9/29/2017								
INDEX IN USD	Quarter	12 Months	5-Years (Annualized)	7-Years (Annualized				
S&P 500	4.5%	19.6%	14.2%	14.3%				
Dow Jones	5.6%	26.6%	13.6%	13.8%				
Russell 2000	5.7%	22.1%	13.8%	13.5%				
Russell Midcap	3.5%	16.2%	14.2%	13.8%				
Russell 1000	4.5%	19.5%	14.3%	14.3%				

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC

### **Global Equity Markets**

As of 3Q 2017

In the third quarter, emerging markets (EM) and international developed regions both delivered positive returns (in USD). The MSCI EAFE Index (a benchmark for international developed markets) increased 5.5% for US-currency investors and increased 3.4% for local-currency investors, as the US dollar significantly depreciated in relation to the currencies of many nations in the index.

For the third quarter, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index increased 8.0% for US-currency investors and 7.7% for local-currency investors. The MSCI Europe Index increased 6.5% for US-currency investors and increased 3.5% for local-currency investors during 3Q17.

The S&P 500 Index increased 4.5% for the quarter.

Emerging economy equity market indices were up in the third quarter. The MSCI BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India and China) Index rose 13.9% for the quarter in US dollar terms and 13.2% in terms of local currencies. For the third quarter, the MSCI EM Asia Index was up 7.2% in US dollar terms and 7.2% in local terms.

Key Global Equity Market Index Returns (%) for the Period Ending 9/29/2017							
INDEX IN USD	Quarter	12 Months	5-Years (Annualized)	7-Years (Annualized)			
MSCI EAFE	5.5%	19.3%	8.9%	6.8%			
MSCI EAFE Growth	5.0%	15.8%	9.3%	7.3%			
MSCI EAFE Value	5.9%	22.8%	8.4%	6.2%			
MSCI Europe	6.5%	23.2%	9.0%	7.0%			
MSCI Japan	4.1%	13.2%	10.9%	7.2%			
S&P 500	4.5%	19.6%	14.2%	14.3%			
MSCI Emerging Markets	8.0%	21.6%	4.4%	3.0%			

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC

#### The US Bond Market

As of 3Q 2017

The bond market registered positive returns during the third quarter. The Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index, a general measure of the bond market, increased 0.8% for the quarter as the curve continued to flatten.

Interest rates increased during the third quarter, as the yield on the 10-year US Treasury note increased to a quarter-end 2.33% from 2.30% at the end of 2Q17. This came out to a 1.3% increase in rates for the quarter.

Riskier parts of the bond market such as US high yield debt also increased in the third quarter. The Bloomberg Barclays Capital High Yield Index, a measure of lower-rated corporate bonds, rose 2.0%.

Mortgage-backed securities posted slightly positive returns during the third quarter. The Bloomberg Barclays Capital Mortgage Backed Index increased 1.0% for the quarter. During the third quarter, the municipal bond market also increased. As a result, the Bloomberg Barclays Capital Muni Index generated a 1.1% return for the quarter.

Key US Bond Market Index Returns (%) for the Period Ending 9/29/2017								
INDEX IN USD	Quarter	12 Months	5-Years (Annualized)	7-Years (Annualized)				
Bloomberg Barclays Capital US Aggregate	0.8%	-0.2%	2.1%	3.0%				
Bloomberg Barclays Capital High Yield	2.0%	9.0%	6.4%	7.5%				
Bloomberg Barclays Capital Government/Credit	0.8%	-0.4%	2.1%	3.0%				
Bloomberg Barclays Capital Government	0.4%	-2.0%	1.2%	2.2%				
Bloomberg Barclays Capital Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.6%	0.1%	1.6%	2.3%				
Bloomberg Barclays Capital Long Govt/Credit	1.5%	-1.6%	3.9%	6.2%				
Bloomberg Barclays Capital Mortgage Backed Securities	1.0%	0.2%	2.0%	2.7%				
Bloomberg Barclays Capital Muni	1.1%	0.8%	3.0%	3.9%				

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley & Co. Research, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC

# Asset Class Returns: Diversified Portfolios Can Help Mitigate Risk

As of September 29, 2017

Depterriber 2	9, 201/											
											10-Yrs	10-Yrs
											('07-'16) Ann.	('07-'16)
2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD	Return	Volatility
EM Equities	Managed Futures	EM Equities	MLPs <sup>1</sup>	MLPs <sup>1</sup>	REITs	US Equities	REITs	EMD	MLPs <sup>1</sup>	EM Equities	MLPs <sup>1</sup>	MLPs¹
40.2%	13.6%	82.9%	35.9%	13.9%	29.8%	32.4%	14.7%	1.8%	18.3%	27.4%	8.0%	19.0%
Commod.	DM Int'l Debt	MLPs <sup>1</sup>	EM Equities	Inflation-Linked	High Yield	MLPs <sup>1</sup>	US Equities	US Equities	High Yield	DM Int'l Equities	High Yield	REITs
16.2%	11.7%	76.4%	20.2%	13.6%	19.6%	27.6%	13.7%	1.4%	14.3%	21.2%	7.3%	18.4%
MLPs <sup>1</sup>	US Debt	High Yield	REITs	EMD	EM Equities	DM Int'l Equities	Managed Futures	DM Int'l Equities	US Equities	US Equities	US Equities	Commod.
12.7%	5.2%	59.4%	20.0%	9.2%	19.1%	24.0%	12.3%	0.9%	12.0%	14.2%	6.9%	17.9%
Inflation-Linked	Inflation-Linked	REITs	Commod.	US Debt	DM Int'l Equities	Diversified Portfolio	EMD	US Debt	Commod.	REITs	EMD	EM Equities
11.6%	-2.4%	41.3%	16.8%	7.8%	18.2%	15.1%	6.2%	0.5%	11.8%	10.8%	6.6%	17.5%
DM Int'l Debt	EMD	DM Int'l Equities	US Equities	DM Int'l Debt	EMD	Hedged Strategies	US Debt	REITs	EM Equities	Diversified Portfolio	US Debt	US Equities
11.2%	-9.7%	33.9%	15.1%	6.0%	18.0%	8.8%	6.0%	-0.4%	10.3%	10.6%	4.8%	15.2%
DM Int'l Equities	Hedged Strategies	US Equities	High Yield	High Yield	US Equities	High Yield	MLPs <sup>1</sup>	Inflation-Linked	EMD	High Yield	Diversified Portfolio	DM Int'l Equities
10.8%	-21.4%	26.5%	14.8%	3.1%	16.0%	7.3%	4.8%	-1.4%	9.6%	9.5%	4.5%	15.0%
Hedged Strategies	Diversified Portfolio	EMD	Diversified Portfolio	US Equities	Diversified Portfolio	REITs	Diversified Portfolio	Diversified Portfolio	Diversified Portfolio	EMD	Inflation-Linked	High Yield
10.3%	-25.7%	25.9%	12.7%	2.1%	12.0%	2.2%	4.7%	-1.9%	7.5%	8.6%	4.4%	11.4%
Diversified Portfolio	High Yield	Diversified Portfolio	EMD	Diversified Portfolio	Inflation-Linked	Managed Futures	Inflation-Linked	Managed Futures	Inflation-Linked	DM Int'l Debt	DM Int'l Debt	Diversified Portfolio
7.9%	-26.9%	23.6%	11.8%	-2.1%	7.0%	0.7%	3.6%	-2.0%	4.7%	7.3%	2.8%	9.9%
Managed Futures	Commod.	Commod.	DM Int'l Equities	Managed Futures	MLPs <sup>2</sup>	EM Equities	Hedged Strategies	High Yield	REITs	Hedged Strategies	EM Equities	EMD
7.6%	-35.6%	18.9%	9.8%	-4.3%	4.8%	-1.9%	3.4%	-2.7%	4.6%	4.3%	2.4%	9.0%
US Debt	MLPs <sup>1</sup>	Hedged Strategies	DM Int'l Debt	Hedged Strategies	Hedged Strategies	US Debt	High Yield	Hedged Strategies	US Debt	US Debt	REITs	DM Int'l Debt
7.0%	-36.9%	11.5%	7.0%	-5.7%	4.8%	-2.0%	0.0%	-3.6%	2.6%	3.1%	1.9%	8.4%
EMD	US Equities	Inflation-Linked	US Debt	REITs	US Debt	DM Int'l Debt	EM Equities	DM Int'l Debt	Hedged Strategies	Inflation-Linked	DM Int'l Equities	Managed Futures
6.5%	-37.0%	11.4%	6.5%	-8.1%	4.2%	-5.6%	-1.4%	-4.4%	2.5%	1.7%	1.5%	6.9%
US Equities	DM Int'l Equities	US Debt	Managed Futures	DM Int'l Equities	DM Int'l Debt	EMD	DM Int'l Debt	EM Equities	DM Int'l Debt	Managed Futures	Hedged Strategies	Inflation-Linked
5.5%	-43.4%	5.9%	6.4%	-12.2%	0.5%	-8.3%	-3.0%	-13.5%	2.1%	0.0%	-0.6%	6.3%
High Yield	REITs	DM Int'l Debt	Inflation-Linked	Commod.	Commod.	Inflation-Linked	DM Int'l Equities	Commod.	DM Int'l Equities	Commod.	Managed Futures	Hedged Strategies
3.2%	-48.9%	3.7%	6.3%	-13.3%	-1.1%	-8.6%	-4.5%	-24.7%	1.6%	-2.9%	-1.0%	5.9%
REITs	EM Equities	Managed Futures	Hedged Strategies	EM Equities	Managed Futures	Commod.	Commod.	MLPs <sup>1</sup>	Managed Futures	MLPs <sup>1</sup>	Commod.	US Debt
-4.7%	-53.6%	-4.8%	4.2%	-19.2%	-1.8%	-9.5%	-17.0%	-32.6%	-3.1%	-5.6%	-5.6%	3.3%

Source: FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC; Indices used: Bloomberg Barclays Capital US Aggregate for US Bonds. Citi 3M Treasury Bill for cash, Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate for US Bonds, Bloomberg Barclays Global Majors ex US for DM Int'l Bonds, Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS for Inflation-linked securities, Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield for global high yield, JP Morgan EMBI for EM Bonds, S&P 500 for US Stocks, MSCI EAFE IMI for Int'l Stocks, MSCI EM IMI for Emerging Market Stocks, FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global for REITs, Bloomberg Commodity Index for commodities, HFRX Macro/CTA Index for Managed Futures, Alerian MLP Index for MLPs, and HFRX Global hedge Funds for hedged strategies. Diversified portfolio is comprised of 25% S&P 500, 10% Russell 2000, 15% MSCI EAFE, 5% MSCI EME, 25% Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate, 5% 3 mo. T-Bills, 5% HFRX Global Hedge Funds, 5% Bloomberg Commodity Index, and 5% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Index. MLP data begins on January 1, 2007. Standard deviation (volatility) is a measure of the dispersion of a set of data from its mean.

# S&P 500 Sector Returns

As of September 29, 2017

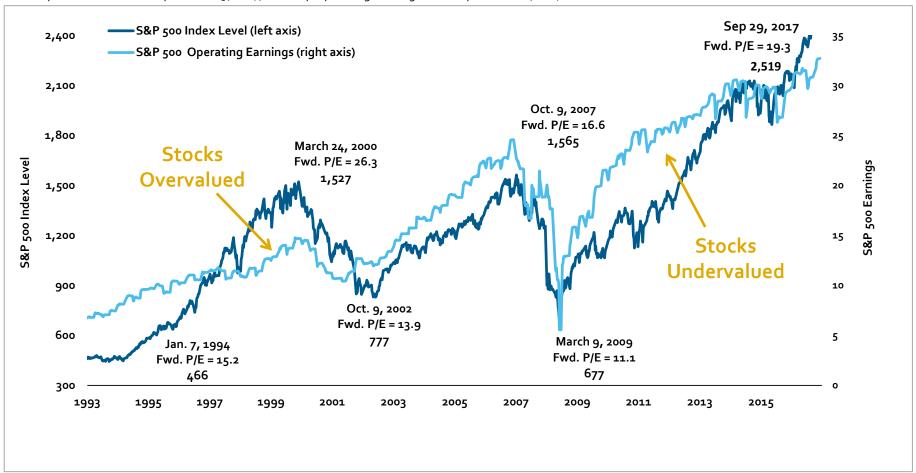
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2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD	10-Years ('07-'16) Ann.
Energy	Consumer Staples	Info Tech	Consumer Discretionary	Utilities	Financials	Consumer Discretionary	Utilities	Consumer Discretionary	Energy	Info Tech	Cons. Staples
34.4%	-15.4%	61.7%	27.7%	19.9%	28.8%	43.1%	29.0%	10.1%	27.4%	27.4%	10.1%
Materials	Health Care	Materials	Industrials	Consumer Staples	Consumer Discretionary	Health Care	Health Care	Health Care	Telecom	Health Care	Info Tech
22.5%	-22.8%	48.6%	26.7%	14.0%	23.9%	41.5%	25.3%	6.9%	23.5%	20.3%	9.9%
Utilities	Utilities	Consumer Discretionary	Materials	Health Care	Telecom	Industrials	Info Tech	Cons. Staples	Financials	Materials	Consumer Discretionary
19.4%	-29.0%	41.3%	22.2%	12.7%	18.3%	40.7%	20.1%	6.6%	22.8%	15.8%	9.6%
Info Tech	Telecom	Industrials	Energy	Telecom	Health Care	Financials	Consumer Staples	Info Tech	Industrials	Industrials	Health Care
16.3%	-30.5%	20.9%	20.5%	6.3%	17.9%	35.6%	16.0%	5.9%	18.9%	14.1%	9.6%
Consumer Staples	Consumer Discretionary	Health Care	Telecom	Consumer Discretionary	Industrials	Info Tech	Financials	Telecom	Materials	Financials	Industrials
14.2%	-33-5%	19.7%	19.0%	6.1%	15.3%	28.4%	15.2%	3.4%	16.7%	12.5%	7.8%
Industrials	Energy	Financials	Consumer Staples	Energy	Materials	Consumer Staples	Industrials	Financials	Utilities	Consumer Discretionary	Utilities
12.0%	-34.9%	17.2%	14.1%	4.7%	15.0%	26.1%	9.8%	-1.5%	16.3%	11.9%	7.0%
Telecom	Industrials	Consumer Staples	Financials	Info Tech	Info Tech	Materials	Consumer Discretionary	Industrials	Info Tech	Utilities	Telecom
11.9%	-39.9%	14.9%	12.1%	2.4%	14.8%	25.6%	9.7%	-2.5%	13.8%	11.9%	6.4%
Health Care	Info Tech	Energy	Info Tech	Industrials	Consumer Staples	Energy	Materials	Utilities	Consumer Discretionary	Cons. Staples	Materials
7.2%	-43.1%	13.8%	10.2%	-0.6%	10.8%	25.1%	6.9%	-4.8%	6.0%	6.6%	6.1%
Consumer Discretionary	Materials	Utilities	Utilities	Materials	Energy	Utilities	Telecom	Materials	Cons. Staples	Telecom	Energy
-13.2%	-45.7%	11.9%	5.5%	-9.8%	4.6%	13.2%	3.0%	-8.4%	5.4%	-4.7%	4.3%
Financials	Financials	Telecom	Health Care	Financials	Utilities	Telecom	Energy	Energy	Health Care	Energy	Financials
-18.6%	-55.3%	8.9%	2.9%	-17.1%	1.3%	11.5%	-7.8%	-21.1%	-2.7%	-6.6%	-0.4%

Source: FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Performance based on S&P 500 sector indices; returns in USD. Not pictured: Real Estate Sector which was created as its own sector in 2016.

# Earnings Remain Supportive of US Equities

### S&P 500 Index Level Vs. S&P 500 Operating Earnings

Monthly Index Level as of September 29, 2017; Monthly Operating Earnings as of September 08, 2017



Source: Bloomberg. Stocks Overvalued = equity performance outpaces earnings performance. Stocks Undervalued = earnings performance outpaces equity performance. Fairly Valued = stock performance and earnings performance are in line with one another.

# US Equity Index Performance, Volatility and Valuation

As of September 29, 2017 (performance and volatility in percent form)

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Index in USD		MTD	3 <b>M</b>	YTD	12M	3YR	5YR	12M	3YR	5YR	P/E	P/B	Div Ylo
All Cap													
	Russell 3000	2.4	4.6	13.9	18.7	10.7	14.2	5.8	10.1	9.6	21.8	2.7	2.1
	Russell 3000 Growth	1.6	5.9	20.4	21.9	12.6	15.2	5.8	10.6	10.0	24.8	5.5	1.5
	Russell 3000 Value	3.3	3.3	7.7	15.5	8.8	13.2	7.8	10.3	9.9	19.2	1.7	2.6
Large Cap													
	S&P 500	2.1	4.5	14.2	18.6	10.8	14.2	5.3	9.9	9.4	19.8	3.1	2.0
	Russell 1000	2.1	4.5	14.2	18.5	10.6	14.3	5.4	10.0	9.5	21.2	2.7	2.1
	Russell 1000 Growth	1.3	5.9	20.7	21.9	12.7	15.3	5.8	10.5	9.9	23.9	5.6	1.6
	Russell 1000 Value	3.0	3.1	7.9	15.1	8.5	13.2	7.3	10.2	9.8	18.9	1.8	2.7
Mid Cap													
	Russell Mid	2.8	3.5	11.7	15.3	9.5	14.3	7.2	10.4	10.2	25.2	2.6	1.8
	Russell Mid Growth	2.8	5.3	17.3	17.8	10.0	14.2	7.4	11.0	10.8	27.6	5.3	1.2
	Russell Mid Value	2.7	2.1	7.4	13.4	9.2	14.3	7.8	10.3	10.2	23.0	1.7	2.4
Small Cap													
	Russell 2000	6.2	5.7	10.9	20.7	12.2	13.8	13.3	14.3	13.8	33.5	2.1	1.5
	Russell 2000 Growth	5.4	6.2	16.8	21.0	12.2	14.3	12.2	15.3	14.8	48.2	4.0	0.7
	Russell 2000 Value	7.1	5.1	5.7	20.5	12.1	13.3	15.3	14.0	13.6	25.4	1.4	2.3

Source: Bloomberg, S&P, Russell, FactSet. (1) Standard deviation (volatility) is a measure of the dispersion of a set of data from its mean. Volatility is measured using price only returns.

# US Equity Size and Style Performance

### 2017 YTD Performance

As of September 29, 2017

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	9.0%	14.8%	21.1%
Mid	10.5%	12.4%	14.0%
Small	7.8%	11.9%	16.1%

### 2016 Performance

As of December 31, 2016

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	16.3%	11.5%	6.5%
Mid	20.9%	12.4%	6.4%
Small	25.8%	19.8%	14.0%

### Current Fwd. P/E Vs. 10-year Avg. P/E

As of September 29, 2017

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	Value	Blend	Growth					
Large	15.6	18.1	21.4					
Large	Avg.: 12.3	Avg.: 13.7	Avg.: 15.8					
	15.8	18.7	22.1					
Mid	Avg.: 14.1	Avg.: 16.2	Avg.: 17.8					
Small	20.6	24.0	28.5					
Jillali	Avg.: 18	Avg.: 19.3	Avg.: 21.3					
	Ex	pensive: Above +1	Std. Dev.					
		Neutral						
	Cheap: Below -1 Std. Dev.							

### Performance Since Market Peak (Oct. 2007)

As of September 29, 2017

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	68.9%	100.3%	138.0%
Mid	110.3%	104.1%	98.7%
Small	130.5%	128.8%	130.7%
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### Performance Since Market Low (March 2009)

As of September 29, 2017

_	Value	Value Blend			
Large	306.2%	335.5%	369.4%		
Mid	445.2%	401.7%	368.4%		
Small	456.8%	449.3%	440.8%		

Source: FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Indices used for this analysis include: MSCI US Large Plend, MSCI US Large Growth, MSCI US Mid Value, MSCI Mid Blend, MSCI Small Blend, and MSCI Small Growth. "Blend" indices include both Value and Growth stocks. Standard deviation (volatility) is a measure of the dispersion of a set of data from its mean.

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# **US Equity Valuation Metrics**

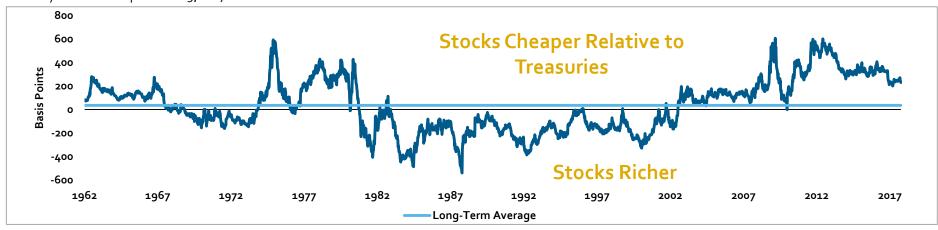
#### Valuation Measures

As of September 29, 2017, Market Cap as a Percent of GDP Data as of June 30, 2017; 1 Year Ago data as of September 30, 2016

Valuation Measure	As of Sep 29, 2017	1 Year Ago	Three-Yr. Average	Five-Yr. Average	10-Yr. Average	15-Yr. Average
Forward P/E¹	17.8	16.6	16.5	15.5	14.1	14.5
Trailing P/E	19.3	17.7	17.7	16.7	15.4	15.9
Price-to-Book	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.6
ROE	16.0%	15.2%	15.7%	15.6%	15.2%	15.6%
Dividend Yield	1.8%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.1%	2.0%
Shiller P/E²	30.7	26.7	27.0	25.6	23.1	24.0
NTM Equity Risk Premium (Bps)	328.2	442.5	392.0	423.1	450.5	370.2
Market Cap as a % of GDP	131.07%	117.12%	120.60%	113.57%	98.90%	95.72%

### Equity Risk Premium: S&P 500 Trailing Earnings Yield Vs. 10-Yr. Treasury Yield

Monthly Data as of September 29, 2017

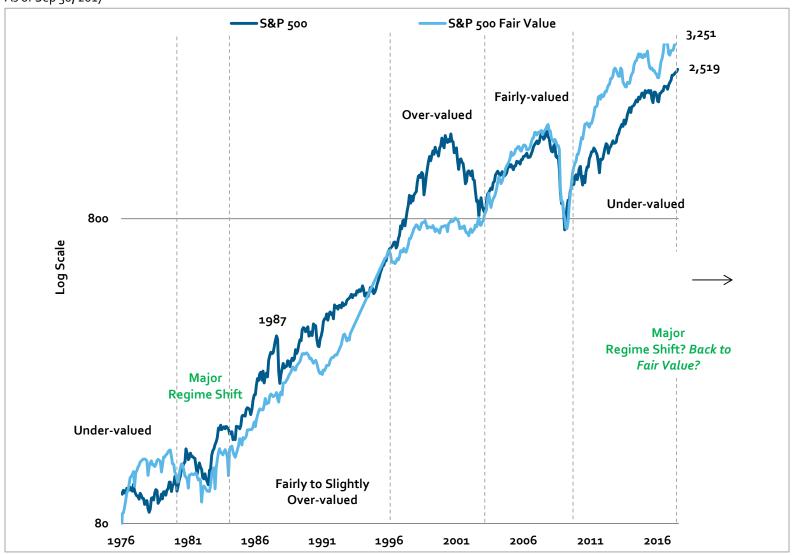


Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. (1) Forward P/E = market price per share / estimated earnings per share (2) The Shiller P/E ratio, also known as the cyclically adjusted P/E ratio, uses a 10-year average of inflation-adjusted earnings to value the stock market. This Shiller P/E Ratio was calculated using the after-tax earnings in the National Income and Product Accounts (NIPA) report published by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. Equity risk premium is the excess return that an individual stock or the overall stock market provides over a risk-free rate. The risk-free rate represents the interest an investor would expect from an absolutely risk-free investment over a specified period of time.

## Fair-Value Metric Shows Stocks to Be Undervalued

S&P 500 "Fair Value" (NTM or next 12 month EPS divided by BAA yield) Vs. S&P 500

As of Sep 30, 2017

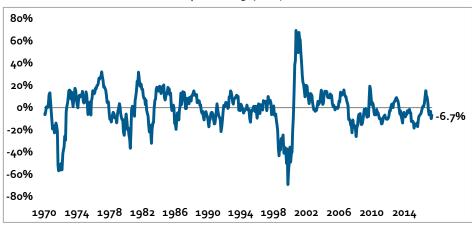


Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Fair value is 12-month forward consensus earnings estimate divided by the Moody's Baa corporate bond interest rate.

# US Equities: Growth Vs. Value

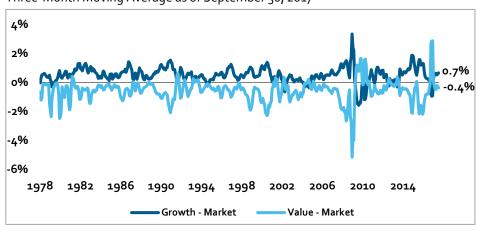
### Value/Growth Performance

12-Month Relative Return as of September 30, 2017



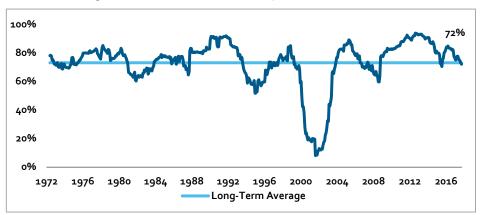
### Growth/Value Earnings Revisions Relative to Market

Three-Month Moving Average as of September 30, 2017



#### Growth/Value Correlation

36-Month Rolling Correlation of Returns as of September 30, 2017



### Growth/Value Betas<sup>1</sup>

Relative to the Market as of September 30, 2017



Source: FactSet, Thomson Reuters, Morgan Stanley & Co. Research. (1) Beta: A measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole.

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# US Equities Snapshot and Sector Breakdown

S&P 500 Sector Performance and Valuation¹

As of October 27, 2017

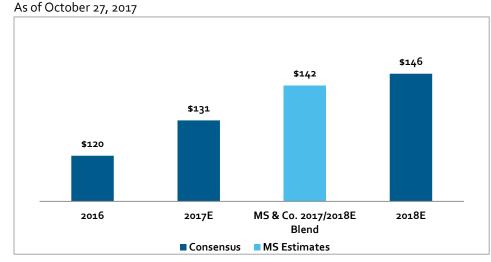
		Total Return				20-Year Avg.	
Index Name	WTD (%)	YTD (%)	1-Year (%)	Div. Yield (%)	Beta	NTM P/E	NTM P/E <sup>2</sup>
S&P 500	0.23	17.16	23.50	1.83		16.0	18.0
Energy	-0.56	-7-94	0.12	2.84	0.91	17.5	27.6
Materials	0.69	20.56	29.27	1.65	1.10	13.9	18.6
Industrials	-1.24	15.68	27.62	1.95	1.08	16.3	18.9
Consumer Discretionary	1.13	14.79	20.17	1.36	0.97	18.0	20.0
Consumer Staples	-1.43	5.16	4-55	2.74	0.52	17.1	18.8
Health Care	-2.09	20.88	20.77	1.56	0.84	17.5	16.6
Financials	0.56	16.63	37-39	1.54	1.37	12.9	14.8
Information Technology	2.87	36.14	37-79	1.19	1.25	20.8	19.2
Telecommunication Services	-3.16	-10.99	-0.61	5-53	0.66	16.6	11.9
Utilities	0.30	16.12	17.91	3.27	0.26	14.1	18.3
Real Estate	-1.62	7.25	10.30	3.13	0.53	15.3	17.7

### Morgan Stanley & Co. 12-Month S&P 500 Target

As of October 27, 2017

EPS Landscape	EPS	Multiple	Price Target	Upside / (Downside)
Bull Case	\$142.00	21.1X	3,000	16.2%
Base Case	\$142.00	19.0x	2,700	4.6%
Bear Case	\$126.50	16.6x	2,100	(18.6%)
Current S&P 500	Price		2581	

### Morgan Stanley & Co. and Consensus S&P 500 Earnings Estimates

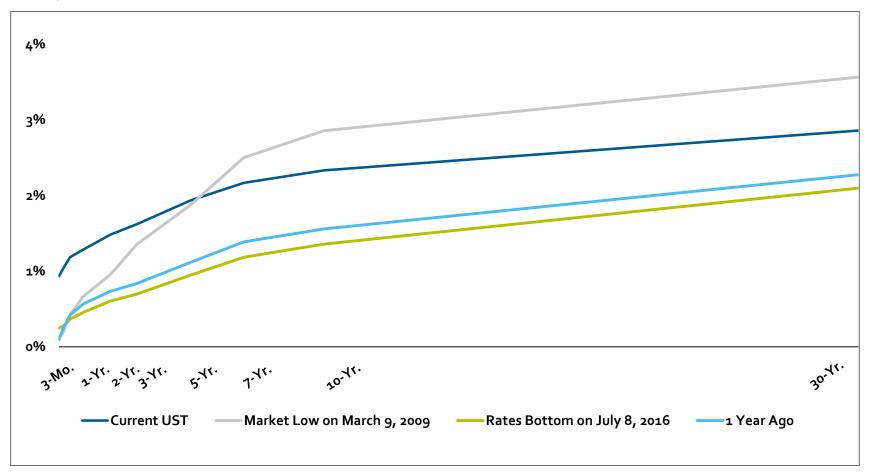


Source: Morgan Stanley & Co., FactSet, Thomson Reuters, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. (1) Green/red text denotes sector total return and dividend yield higher/lower than S&P 500. (2) Dark blue/light blue/grey fill denotes whether current relative NTM P/E is low/neutral/high relative to history. Real Estate is from 10/31/2001 to present.

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# **US Treasury Yield Curve**

### As of September 29, 2017



Source: Bloomberg, US Department of the Treasury.

## **US Fixed Income Overview**

As of September 29, 2017 (performance and YTW in percent form)

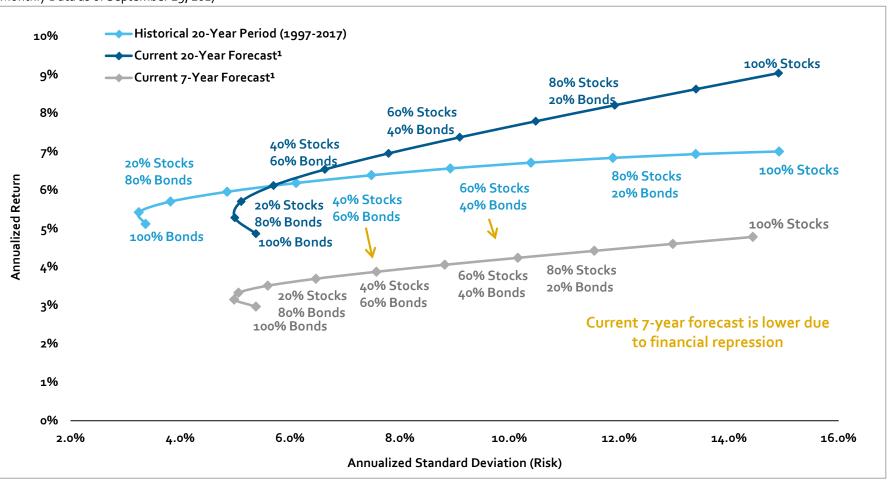
			Characteristics Performance as of 9/29/						29/201	-7	
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ndex in USD			Weight	<b>Duration</b> <sup>1</sup>	YTW <sup>2</sup>	MTD	3M	YTD	12M	3YR	5YR
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate				6.0	2.6	-0.5	0.8	3.1	0.1	2.7	2.1
	Broken down by Quality		100.00%								
		Aaa	71.29%	5.4	2.3	-0.6	0.6	2.3	-0.7	2.2	1.
		Aa	4.13%	6.2	2.6	-0.5	1.0	3.6	0.4	3.2	2.
		Α	10.71%	7.6	2.9	-0.3	1.3	4.8	1.4	4.1	3.
		Baa	13.87%	7.7	3.5	0.0	1.6	6.1	3.2	4.1	3.
	Broken down by Maturity		100.00%								
		1-3 Yr.	20.48%	1.9	1.7	-0.1	0.3	1.1	0.7	1.1	0.
		3-5 Yr.	19.35%	3.7	2.1	-0.4	0.6	2.1	0.4	2.2	1.
		5-7 Yr.	20.88%	4.7	2.6	-0.4	0.9	2.7	0.0	2.5	1.
		7-10 Yr.	23.49%	6.1	2.9	-0.6	1.0	3.2	-1.3	3.0	2
		10+ Yr.	15.80%	15.4	3.6	-1.0	1.5	7.4	-1.0	5.4	3
	Broken down by Sector		100.00%								
		U.S. Treasury	36.98%	6.2	2.0	-0.9	0.4	2.3	-1.7	2.0	1
		1-3 Yr.	12.21%	1.9	1.5	-0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.8	0
		Other	24.77%								
	Government-Related		6.96%	5.4	2.5	-0.5	1.1	3.9	0.6	2.6	2.
		Agencies	3.40%	4.4	2.3	-0.4	0.8	2.9	0.8	1.8	1.
		Local Authorities	0.97%	9.2	3.3	-0.8	2.2	6.5	0.8	5.0	4
		Sovereign	1.00%	8.7	3.4	-0.3	2.3	8.2	1.6	4.3	2.
		Supranational	1.59%	3.5	1.9	-0.4	0.4	1.8	-0.2	1.5	1.
	Corporate		25.56%	7.6	3.2	-0.2	1.3	5.2	2.2	4.1	3.
		Industrial	15.80%	8.1	3.2	-0.1	1.3	5.3	2.1	4.0	3.
		Utility	1.76%	10.0	3.3	-0.8	1.6	5.6	1.2	4.5	3
		Financials	8.00%	6.0	2.9	-0.2	1.3	4.8	2.8	4.0	3.
	Securitized		30.51%	4.5	2.8	-0.3	0.9	2.3	0.3	2.5	2.
loomberg Barclays U.S. Corp. High Yield	ı		100.00%	3.8	5-5	0.9	2.0	7.0	8.9	5.8	6.
		Industrial	88.22%	3.8	5.5	0.9	1.9	6.8	8.8	5.7	6.
		Utility	2.65%	3.8	5.5	1.2	3.6	9.1	8.3	6.1	6.
		Financials	9.13%	4.1	4.6	0.6	1.9	8.2	9.9	7.1	7.
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Municipal Bond			100.00%	6.3	2.2	-0.5	1.1	4.7	0.9	3.2	3.

Source: Bloomberg Barclays Indices, FactSet. (1) For more information about the risks to Duration please refer to the Risk Considerations section at the end of this material. (2) Yield to worst is the lowest potential yield that can be received on a bond without the issuer actually defaulting.

## Diversification Benefits Have Waned: Forecasted Efficient Frontiers

#### Stock and Bond Blends

Monthly Data as of September 29, 2017



Source: FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. For illustrative purposes only. Stocks are represented by the S&P 500 and bonds are represented by the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Index. (1) Forecasts are based on capital market assumptions as published in the GIC's Strategic Asset Allocation Capital Markets Update, March 31, 2017. Standard deviation (volatility) is a measure of the dispersion of a set of data from its mean.

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## Morgan Stanley

**Total All Accounts** 

#### **VERMONT STATE COLLEGES**

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY - ASSET ALLOCATION September 30, 2017

		arge Cap Growth	Lar	ge Cap Value		mall / Mid Growth	Smal	II / Mid Value	Ir	nternational		ternational Emerging		Domestic and igh Yield Fixed	Inte	ernational Fixed	А	Iternatives		Cash		Total	%of Total Portfolio
CG Advisor																							
I shares Russell 1000 Growth	\$	3,469,790																			\$	3,469,790	12.7%
I shares Russell 1000 Value			\$	2,825,160																	\$	2,825,160	10.3%
I shares Trust S&P Mid Cap 400					\$	33,592															\$	33,592	0.1%
iShares Russell 2000					\$	226,641	\$	226,641													\$	453,283	1.7%
William Blair Int Growth									\$	1,590,180											\$	1,590,180	5.8%
Vanguard FTSE Developed Mkts									\$	1,177,844											\$	1,177,844	4.3%
Oppenheimer Developing Mkts											\$	685,885									\$	685,885	2.5%
I shares MSCI EAFE									\$	361,975											\$	361,975	1.3%
Dreyfus Standish GLB Fix Inc I															\$	797,696					\$	797,696	2.9%
Loomis Bond Fund													\$	1,137,804							\$	1,137,804	4.2%
Vanguard Sh Tm Invt Gr Inv													\$	1,227,313					-		\$	1,227,313	4.5%
Vanguard Total Bd Mkt Indx Inv													\$	1,187,369							\$	1,187,369	4.3%
Blackrock Hi Yield Bond													\$	1,578,843					-		\$	1,578,843	5.8%
Guggenheim Total Return Bond													\$	1,188,242					-		\$	1,188,242	4.3%
Lazard Emerging Markets											\$	668,349									\$	668,349	2.4%
Money Funds																			\$	191,667	\$	191,667	0.7%
Ishares Dj US Real Estate																	\$	265,122			\$	265,122	1.0%
Vanguard REIT ETF																	\$	274,612			\$	274,612	1.0%
Ironwood HF																	\$	540,551	-		\$	540,551	2.0%
Skybridge HF																	\$	496,474			\$	496,474	1.8%
Anchor							\$	651,581													\$	651,581	2.4%
Delaware									\$	1,280,589											\$	1,280,589	4.7%
Clearbridge	\$	892,304	\$	633,665	\$	426,754	\$	633,665	Ť	,,									\$	83,530	\$	2,669,919	9.8%
Thomas Partners	\$	718,964		1,120,125	-	80,753		359,482	\$	273,519									\$		\$	2,604,942	9.5%
Total Fund	\$	5,081,058	\$	4,578,950		767,740		1,871,369	Ė	4,684,106	s	1,354,235	\$	6,319,572	s	797,696	\$	1,576,759		-	\$	27,358,782	100.00%
Allocation	Ť	18.57%	-	16.74%		2.81%	•	6.84%		17.12%		4.95%		23.10%	•	2.92%		5.76%	•	1.20%	*	100.00%	. 30.0370
Allocation		10.57%	1	10.74%		2.01%		0.64%	1	17.12%		4.93%		23.10%		2.92%		5.76%		1.20%		100.00%	
Strategic Target Allocation a/o 6.30.11																							
By Percent	\$	12.00%	6	12.00%	ø	6.00%	¢	6.00%		17.00%	0	7.00%	6	28.00%	ø	4.00%	•	8.00%	¢	0.00%	ø	100.00%	
By Dollar	Þ	3,283,054	\$	3,283,054	Ф	1,641,527	φ	1,641,527	\$	4,650,993	Ф	1,915,115	Ф	7,660,459	φ	1,094,351	\$	2,188,703	φ	-	Φ	27,358,782	
Revised Tactical 3.30.2017		18%		18%		4%		6%		15%		6%		24%		3%		6%		0%		100%	
Proposed Tactical 10.31.2017		15%		15%		5%		5%	,	16%		6%		26%		4%		8%		0%		100%	

**Operations Account** 103,190 (common stock) 16,551 (money funds) 119,742

**Basic Asset Allocation:** Stocks 67% 6% Alternatives Fixed Income/Cash 27%

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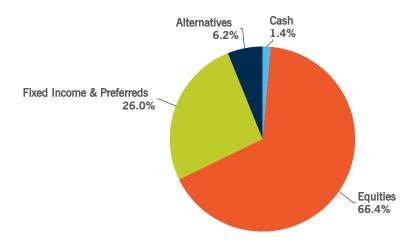
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### **ASSET ALLOCATION**

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### **ASSET ALLOCATION - ASSET CLASS**



ASSET ALLOCATION			
	Total Value 09/30/17	% of Portfolio 09/30/17	
Cash	\$384,694.34	1.4%	
Equities	18,173,756.01	66.4	
Fixed Income & Preferreds	7,117,268.11	26.0	
Alternatives	1,695,038.95	6.2	
Total Portfolio	\$27,370,757.41	100.0%	

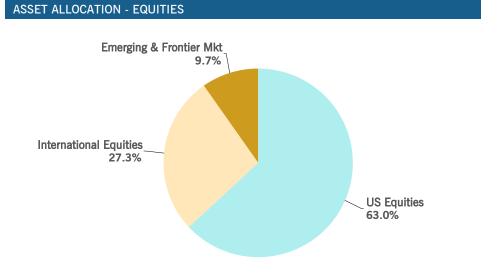
Total Value and % of Portfolio are based on US Dollar values.

### **EQUITIES ASSET ALLOCATION**

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TOP EQUITY POSITIONS BASED ON TOTAL VALUE		
ISHARES RUSSELL 1000 GRW ETF	Total Value 09/30/17 \$3,469,789.70	% of Equities 19.1%
ISHARES RUSSELL 1000 VALUE ETF	2,825,159.89	15.5
WILLIAM BLAIR INTL GROWTH I	1,590,179.56	8.8
VANGUARD FTSE DEVELOPED MKTS E	1,177,843.53	6.5
OPPENHEIMER DEVELOPING MKTS Y	685,885.47	3.8
LAZARD EMERGING MKTS EQ I	668,349.36	3.7
ISHARES RUSSELL 2000 ETF	453,282.62	2.5
ISHARES MSCI EMERGING MKTS ETF	361,975.18	2.0
UNITEDHEALTH GP INC	255,584.25	1.4
COMCAST CORP (NEW) CLASS A	201,943.04	1.1
Top Equity Positions	\$11,689,992.60	64.3%
Other Equity Positions	\$6,483,763.41	35.7%



### **ASSET ALLOCATION - EQUITIES**

**Total Equities** 

Total Equities	\$18,173,756.01	100.0%	66.4%
Emerging & Frontier Mkt	1,766,690.26	9.7	6.5
International Equities	4,955,157.92	27.3	18.1
US Equities	\$11,451,907.83	63.0%	41.8%
	Total Value 09/30/17	% of Equities 09/30/17	% of Portfolio 09/30/17

\$18,173,756.01

100.0%

### **FIXED INCOME & PREFERREDS ASSET ALLOCATION**

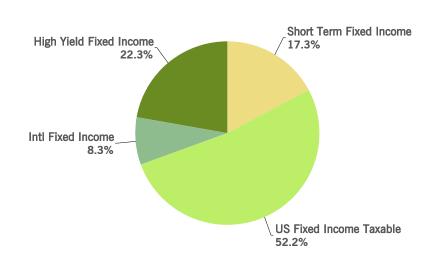
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#### TOP FIXED INCOME & PREFERRED POSITIONS BASED ON TOTAL VALUE

Total Fixed Income & Preferreds	\$7,122,123.59	100.0%
Other Fixed Income & Preferred Positions	-	-
Top Fixed Income & Preferred Positions	\$7,122,123.59	100.0%
DREYFUS STANDISH GLB FIX INC I	800,289.85	11.2
LOOMIS SAYLES BOND INST	1,126,649.06	15.8
VANGUARD TOTAL BD MKT INDX INV	1,188,630.60	16.7
GUGGENHEIM TOTAL RETURN BD I	1,191,816.55	16.7
VANGUARD SH TM INVT GR INV	1,228,936.98	17.3
BLACKROCK HI YIELD BD PTF INST	Total Value 10/30/17 \$1,585,800.55	Fixed Income & Preferreds 22.3%
		% of

#### ASSET ALLOCATION - FIXED INCOME & PREFERREDS



### ASSET ALLOCATION - FIXED INCOME & PREFERREDS

Intl Core Fixed Income High Yield Fixed Income High Yield Fixed Income Total Fixed Income & Preferreds	592,214.49 592,214.49 1,585,800.55 1,585,800.55 \$7,122,123.59	8.3 22.3 22.3 100.0%	2.1 2.1 5.7 5.7 25.7%
US Taxable Core Intl Fixed Income	2,526,540.97 592,214.49	35.5 8.3	<u>9.1</u> 
Intermed Term Govt/Corp	1,188,630.60	16.7	4.3
US Fixed Income Taxable	3,715,171.57	52.2	13.4
Short Term Securitized	307,234.25	4.3	1.1
Short Term Govt/Corp	921,702.74	12.9	3.3
Short Term Fixed Income	Total Value 10/30/17 \$1,228,936.98	Fixed Income & Preferreds 10/30/17 17.3%	% of Portfolio 10/30/17 4.4%
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Total Value, % of Portfolio and % of Fixed Income and Preferreds are based on US Dollar values.

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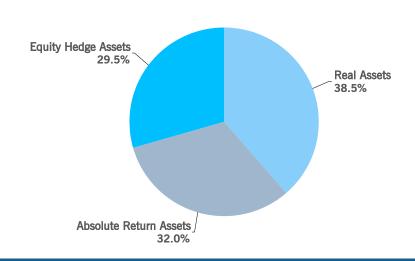
### **ALTERNATIVES ASSET ALLOCATION**

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TOP ALTERNATIVE POSITIONS BASED ON TOTAL VALUE		
IRONWOOD INSTIT MS LLC	Total Value 10/30/17 \$543,979.38	% of Alternatives 32.0%
SKYBRIDGE MUL-AD SER G ADV	501,136.33	29.5
VANGUARD REIT ETF	271,704.05	16.0
ISHARES US REAL ESTATE ETF	264,756.63	15.6
ALERIAN MLP ETF	78,026.10	4.6
SUN COMMUNITIES INC	13,680.00	0.8
SABRA HEALTH CARE REIT INC	9,113.60	0.5
CORECIVIC INC	8,997.60	0.5
WELLTOWER INC	8,535.67	0.5
Top Alternative Positions	\$1,699,929.36	100.0%
Other Alternative Positions	-	-

### **ASSET ALLOCATION - ALTERNATIVES**



### **ASSET ALLOCATION - ALTERNATIVES**

**Total Alternatives** 

Total Alternatives	\$1.699.929.36	100.0%	6.1%
Equity Hedge Assets	501,136.33	29.5	1.8
Absolute Return Assets	543,979.38	32.0	2.0
Real Assets	\$654,813.65	38.5%	2.4%
	Total Value 10/30/17	% of Alternatives 10/30/17	% of Portfolio 10/30/17
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\$1,699,929.36

100.0%

Total Value, % of Portfolio and % of Alternatives are based on US Dollar values.

### **ASSET ALLOCATION OVER TIME**

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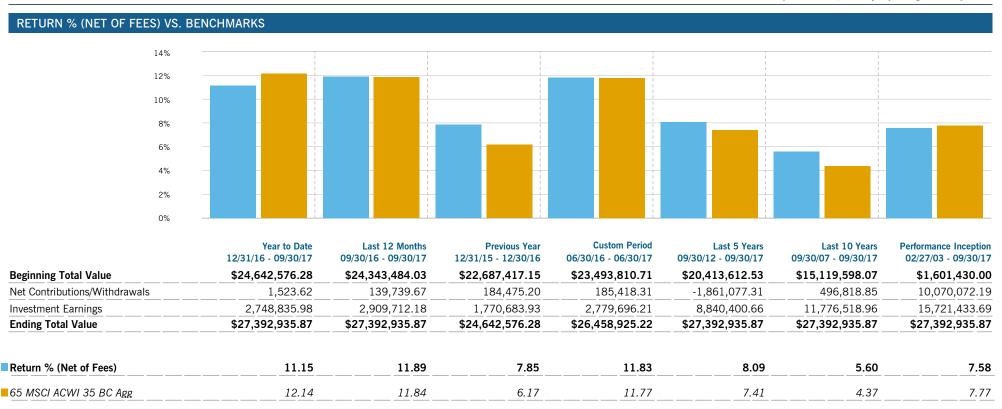
### HISTORICAL ALLOCATION **Previous Four Years** Current 09/30/17 12/31/16 12/31/15 12/31/14 12/31/13 100% 90% 80% 70% % Of Portfolio 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0%

Total Value	\$27,370,757.34	\$24,609,243.49	\$22,673,944.12	\$24,006,896.87	\$22,380,243.42
Other	<del>-</del>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	-	64,295.35
■ Alternatives	1,658,265.17	1,791,147.80	1,711,441.43	1,754,743.77	956,740.37
Fixed Income & Preferreds	7,117,268.11	6,723,896.53	6,442,297.37	7,153,477.63	6,500,836.58
■ Equities	18,351,513.20	15,816,288.51	14,265,615.90	14,992,590.65	14,551,953.38
Cash	\$243,710.86	\$277,910.66	\$254,589.42	\$106,084.82	\$306,417.74
TOTAL VALUE					
% of Portfolio	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Other	-		-	<u> </u>	0.3
■ Alternatives	6.1	7.3	7.5	7.3	4.3
Fixed Income & Preferreds	26.0	27.3	28.4	29.8	29.0
■ Equities	67.0	64.3	62.9	62.5	65.0
■ Cash	0.9%	1.1%	1.1%	0.4%	1.4%
% OF PORTFOLIO					

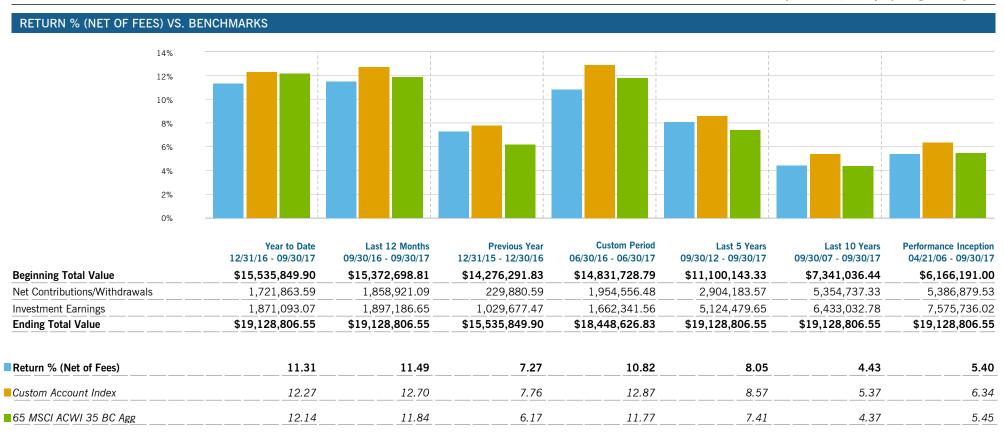
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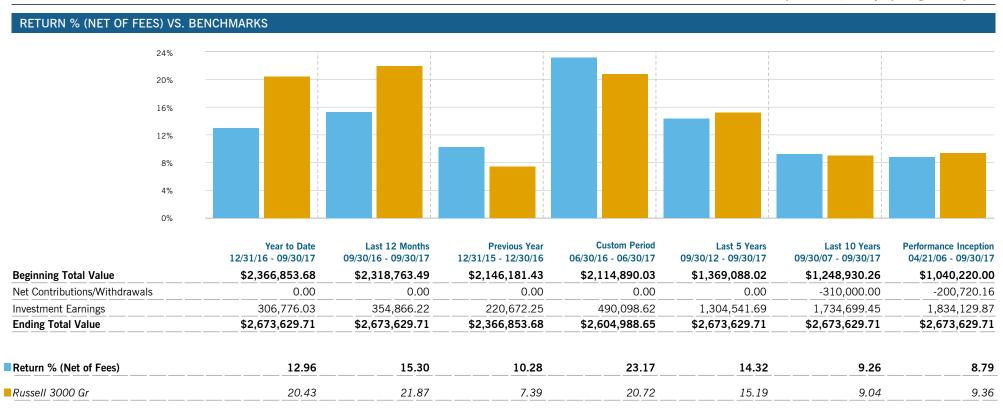
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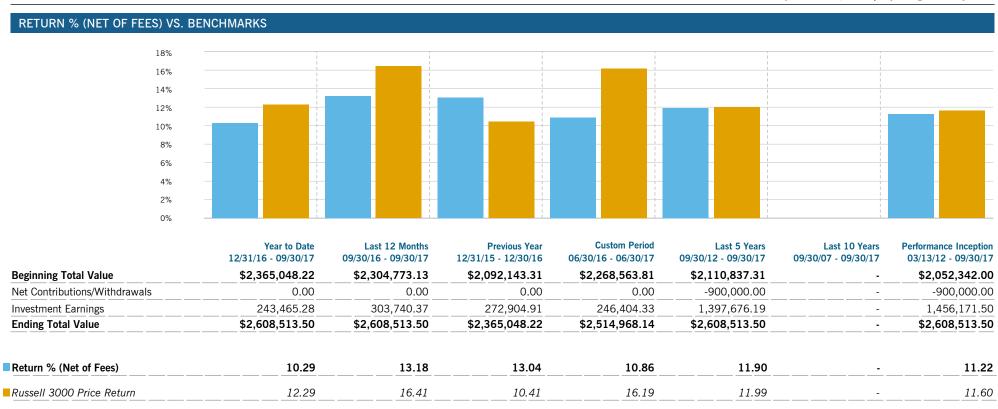
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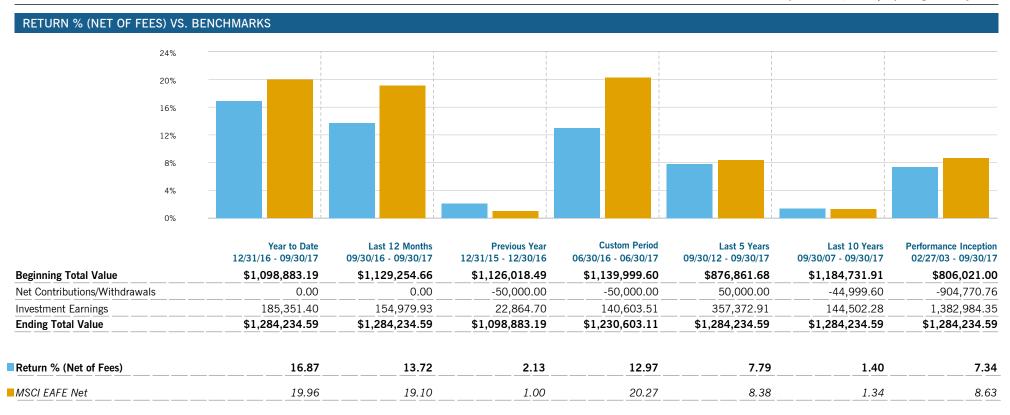
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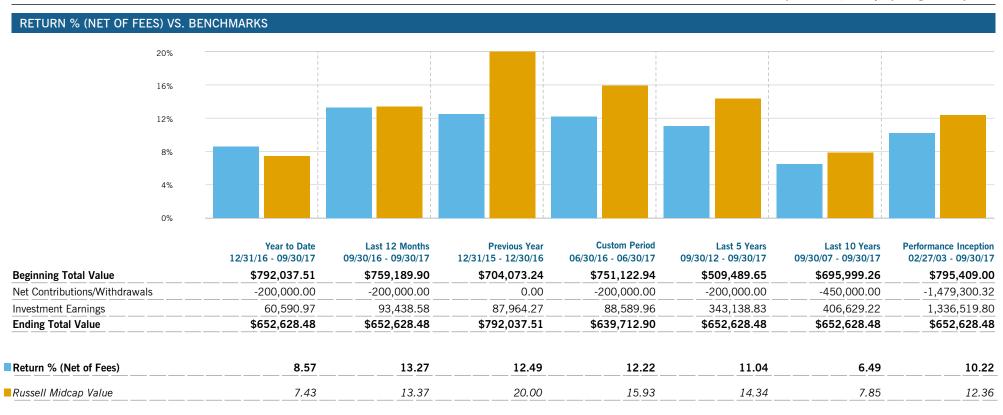
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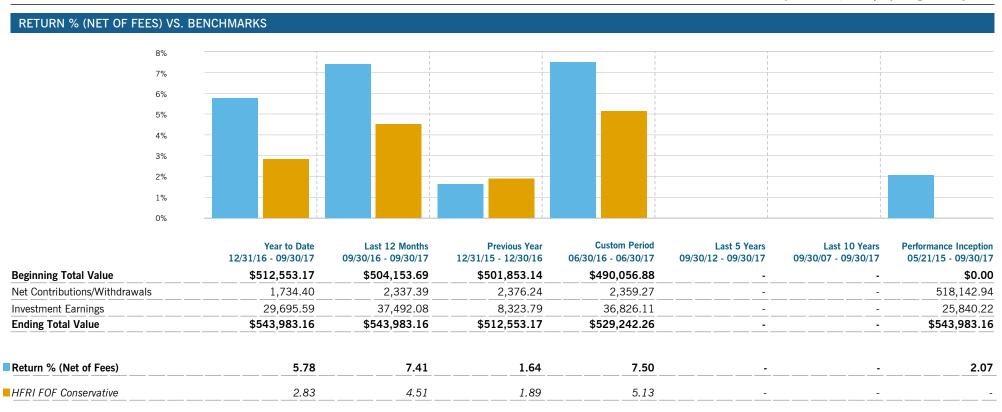
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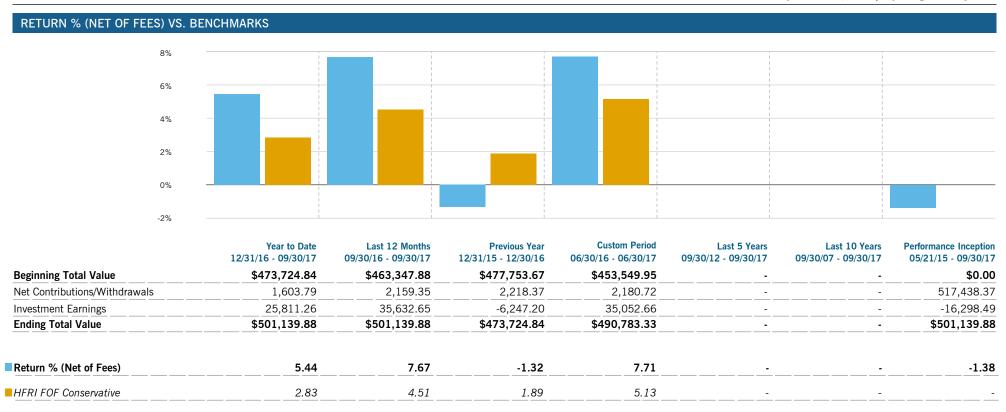
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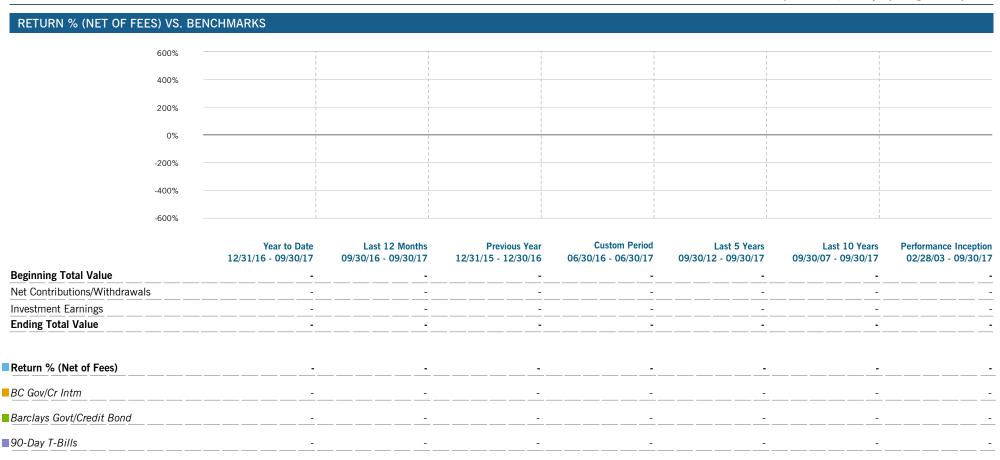
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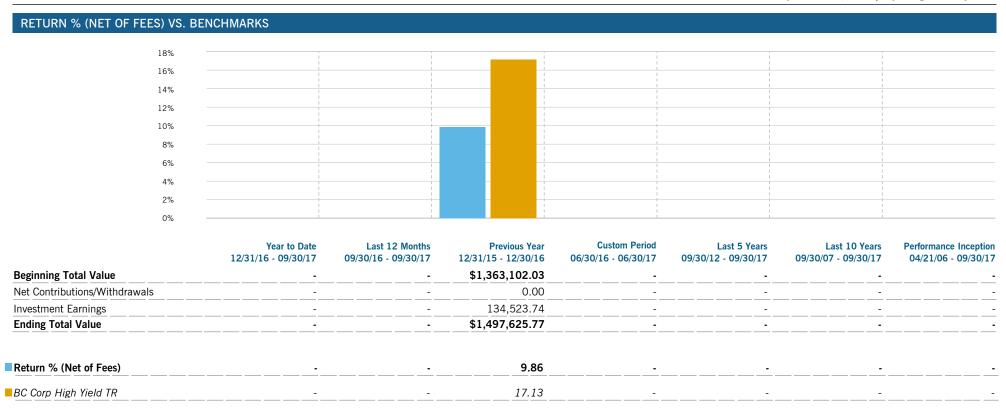
SKYBRIDGE 383-020919 - Alternative Investments Advisory



VERMONT STATE COLLEGES 383-108920 - AAA



**VERMONT STATE COLLEGES 383-110534 - AAA** 



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**32,356** 1.90

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### PROJECTED 12 MONTH INCOME SUMMARY

**VSC Managed Accounts** As of October 30, 2017 Reporting Currency: USD

#### PROJECTED 12 MONTH INCOME SUMMARY \$120,000.00 \$100,000.00 Projected Income \$80,000.00 \$60,000.00 \$40,000.00 \$20,000.00 \$0.00 Total Value 10/31/17 to **Asset Class** 12 Month Projected Income (11/01/17 - 10/31/18) % Yield 10/30/17 10/31/17 Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May. Jun. Jul. Aug. Sep. Oct. Total Cash \$373,438 Equities 18,498,315 601 6,161 83,161 8,965 5,513 50,403 13,771 6,161 52,302 8,965 5,513 50,403 9,577 330,590 1.79 Fixed Income 7,122,124 18,555 18,555 18,555 18,555 18,555 18,555 18,555 18,555 18,555 18,555 18,555 18,555 **243,964** 3.43 & Preferreds Alternatives

Projected Income is calculated only for securities where data is available. In instances whereby payment frequency and/or last payment date is not available, income is based on the current dividend or coupon rate, and will be displayed in the Total column only.

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therefore, will have relatively higher correlation with traditional market returns. Additionally, open-end mutual funds are statutorily limited in their use of leverage, short sales, and the use of derivative instruments as compared to hedge funds.

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It should be noted that the majority of hedge fund indexes are comprised of hedge fund manager returns. This is in contrast to traditional indexes, which are comprised of individual securities in the various market segments they represent and offer complete transparency as to membership and construction methodology. As such, some believe that hedge fund index returns have certain biases that are not present in traditional indexes. Some of these biases inflate index performance, while others may skew performance negatively. However, many studies indicate that overall hedge fund index performance has been biased to the upside. Some studies suggest performance has been inflated by up to 260 basis points or more annually depending on the types of biases included and the time period studied. Although there are numerous potential biases that could affect hedge fund returns, we identify some of the more common ones throughout this paper. Self-selection bias results when certain manager returns are not included in the index returns and may result in performance being skewed up or down. Because hedge funds are private placements, hedge fund managers are able to decide which fund returns they want to report and are able to opt out of reporting to the various databases. Certain hedge fund managers may choose only to report returns for funds with strong returns and opt out of reporting returns for weak performers. Other hedge funds that close may decide to stop reporting in order to retain secrecy, which may cause a downward bias in returns. Survivorship bias results when certain constituents are removed from an index. This often results from the closure of funds due to poor performance, "blow ups," or other such events. As such, this bias typically results in performance being skewed higher. As noted, hedge fund index performance biases can result in positive or negative skew. However, it would appear that the skew is more often positive. While it is difficult to quantify the effects precisely, investors should be aware that idiosyncratic factors may be giving hedge fund index returns an artificial "lift" or upwards bias. Hedge Funds of Funds and many funds of funds are private investment vehicles restricted to certain qualified private and institutional investors. They are often speculative and include a high degree of risk. Investors can lose all or a substantial amount of their investment. They may be highly illiquid, can engage in leverage and other speculative practices that may increase volatility and the risk of loss, and may be subject to large investment minimums and initial lockups. They involve complex tax structures, tax-inefficient investing and delays in distributing important tax information. Categorically, hedge funds and funds of funds have higher fees and expenses than traditional investments, and such fees and expenses can lower the returns achieved by investors. Funds of funds have an additional layer of fees over and above hedge fund fees that will offset returns. An investment in an exchange-traded fund involves risks similar to those of investing in a broadly based portfolio of equity securities traded on an exchange in the relevant securities market, such as market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic and political developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in stock and bond prices. An investment in a target date portfolio is subject to the risks attendant to the underlying funds in which it invests, in these portfolios the funds are the Consulting Group Capital Market funds. A target date portfolio is geared to investors who will retire and/or require income at an approximate year. The portfolio is managed to meet the investor's goals by the pre-established year or "target date." A target date portfolio will transition its invested assets from a more aggressive portfolio to a more conservative portfolio as the target date draws closer. An investment in the target date portfolio is not guaranteed at any time, including, before or after the target date is reached. Managed futures investments are speculative, involve a high degree of risk, use significant leverage, are generally illiquid, have substantial charges, subject investors to conflicts of interest, and are suitable only for the risk capital portion of an investor's portfolio. Managed futures investments do not replace equities or bonds but rather may act as a complement in a well diversified portfolio. Managed Futures are complex and not appropriate for all investors. Rebalancing

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The initial interest rate on a floating-rate security may be lower than that of a fixed-rate security of the same maturity because investors expect to receive additional income due to future increases in the floating security's underlying reference rate. The reference rate could be an index or an interest rate. However, there can be no assurance that the reference rate will increase. Some floating-rate securities may be subject to call risk. The market value of convertible bonds and the underlying common stock(s) will fluctuate and after purchase may be worth more or less than original cost. If sold prior to maturity, investors may receive more or less than their original purchase price or maturity value, depending on market conditions. Callable bonds may be redeemed by the issuer prior to maturity. Additional call features may exist that could affect yield. Some \$25 or \$1000 par preferred securities are QDI (Qualified Dividend Income) eligible. 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Investment Earnings: A combination of the income received and total portfolio value increase or decrease, excluding net contributions and withdrawals, over the reporting period.

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**Total Value:** "Total Value" represents the Market Value of the portfolio or Asset Class referenced and includes the accrual of interest and dividends. Total Value in the Asset Allocation view prior to January 2014 does not reflect the accrual of interest and dividends. Total Value for Morgan Stanley & Co. and External accounts also does not include accrued interest and dividends.

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Custom Account Index: 383108872 Custom Account Index. The current allocation began as of 04/30/2017, and is comprised of 24.00% BC Global Agg Hed, 1.00% Citi 90-Day Treasury, 9.00% HFRI Fund Weighted Comp, 66.00% MSCI AC World IMI Net.

65 MSCI ACWI 35 BC Agg: The current allocation is comprised of 35.00% Barclays Aggregate, 65.00% MSCI AC World Net.

MSCI AC World Net: The MSCI ACWI Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The MSCI ACWI consists of 46 country indexes comprising 23 developed and 23 emerging market country indexes. The developed market country indexes included are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. The emerging market country indexes included are: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico,

Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, and United Arab Emirates (as of June 2014). Net total return indices reinvest dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using (for international indices) a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties. For historical return purposes the AC World gross returns are being used from 1/31/1988 to 12/31/1998 and the net returns begin as of 1/31/1999.

Citi go-Day Treasury: Equal dollar amounts of three-month Treasury bills are purchased at the beginning of each of three consecutive months. As each bill matures, all proceeds are rolled over or reinvested in a new three-month bill. The income used to calculate the monthly return is derived by subtracting the original amount invested from the maturity value. The yield curve average is the basis for calculating the return on the index. The index is rebalanced monthly by market capitalization. The go-Day Treasury Bill is a short-term obligation issued by the United States government. T-bills are purchased at a discount to the full face value, and the investor receives the full value when they mature. The difference of discount is the interest earned. T-bills are issued in denominations of \$10,000 auction and \$1,000 increments thereafter.

**BC Global Agg Hed:** The Barclays Global Aggregate Index provides a broad-based measure of the global investment-grade fixed income markets. The three major components of this index are the U.S. Aggregate, the Pan-European Aggregate, and the Asian-Pacific Aggregate Indices. The index also includes Eurodollar and Euro-Yen corporate bonds, Canadian government, agency and corporate securities, and USD investment grade 144A securities. This is the Hedged return.

BC Corp High Yield TR: The Barclays U.S. High Yield Index covers the universe of fixed rate, non-investment grade debt. Eurobonds and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets (sovereign rating of Baa1/BBB+/BBB+ and below using the middle of Moody, S&P, and Fitch) are excluded, but Canadian and global bonds (SEC registered) of issuers in non-EMG countries are included. Original issue zeroes, step-up coupon structures, 144-As and pay-in-kind bonds (PIKs, as of October 1, 2009) are also included. The corporate sectors are Industrial, Utility, and Finance, which include both U.S. and non-U.S. corporations.

HFRI FOF Conservative: Fund Of Funds (FOF) classified as "Conservative" exhibit one or more of the following characteristics: seeks consistent returns by primarily investing in funds that generally engage in more "conservative" strategies such as Equity Market Neutral, Fixed Income Arbitrage, and Convertible Arbitrage; exhibits a lower historical annual standard deviation than the HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index. A fund in the HFRI FOF Conservative Index shows generally consistent performance regardless of market conditions. Returns for HFRI Indices are to be considered estimated returns for the previous stated quarter as HFRI may revise Index data from time to time, as necessary. Generally Final Index retruns are made available by HFRI 4 months after a particular month end. Please contact your Financial Advisor for more information.

MSCI EAFE Net: The MSCI EAFE Index -Europe, Australasia, Far East - is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the US and Canada. The MSCI EAFE Index consists of the following 21 developed market country indexes: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom (as of June 2014). Net total return indices reinvest dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using (for international indices) a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties.

**Goldman Sachs Commodity Tr:** The S&P GS Commodity Index (GSCI) is a composite index of commodity sector returns respresenting an unleveraged, long-only investment in commodity futures that is broadly diversified across the spectrum of commodities. The returns are calculated on a fully collateralized basis with full reinvestment.

Russell 3000 Gr: The Russell 3000 Growth Index is representative of those Russell 3000 Index companies with higher price -to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The stocks in this index are also members of either the Russell 1000 Growth Index or the Russell 2000 Growth Index.

**Russell 2000 Gr:** The Russell 2000 Growth Index is representative of the U.S. market for smaller capitalization stocks containing those companies in the Russell 2000 Index with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth.

Russell 2000 VL: The Russell 2000 Value Index is representative of the U.S. market for smaller capitalization stocks containing those companies in the Russell 2000 Index with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth.

MSCI AC World IMI Net: The MSCI AC World IMI NT tracks the total return performance of the Investable Markets in the MS All Country World Index. The index is made up of 22 developed and 23 emerging markets as of 1/1/2015. This subset is calculated on a net dividend basis.

**BC Gov/Cr Intm:** The Barclays Government/Credit Bond Index contains bonds that are investment grade and that have at least one year to maturity. The Barclays Intermediate Government/Credit Bond Index is composed primarily of bonds covered by the Barclays Government/Credit Bond Index with maturities between one and 9.99 years.

MSCI EM Net: The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index consists of the following 23 emerging market country indexes: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, and United Arab Emirates (as of June 2014). Net total return indices reinvest dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using (for international indices) a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties.

**S&P 500 Total Return:** The S&P 500 has been widely regarded as the best single gauge of the large cap U.S. equities market since the index was first published in 1957. The index has over \$5.58 trillion benchmarked, with index assets comprising approximately \$1.31 trillion of this total. The index includes 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy, capturing 75% coverage of U.S. equities. This index includes dividend reinvestment.

go-Day T-Bills: Equal dollar amounts of three-month Treasury bills are purchased at the beginning of each of three consecutive months. As each bill matures, all proceeds are rolled over or reinvested in a new three-month bill. The income used to calculate the monthly return is derived by subtracting the original amount invested from the maturity value. The yield curve average is the basis for calculating the return on the index. The index is rebalanced monthly by market capitalization. The go-Day Treasury Bill is a short-term obligation issued by the United States government. T-bills are purchased at a discount to the full face value, and the investor receives the full value when they mature. The difference of discount is the interest earned. T-bills are issued in denominations of \$10,000 auction and \$1,000 increments thereafter.

**Russell 3000 Price Return:** The Russell 3000 Index measures the performance of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization, which represents approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market. This is the Price Return.

Russell Midcap Value: The Russell Mid Cap Value Index contains Russell Midcap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Value Index.

**Russell Midcap Growth:** The Russell Mid Cap Growth Index contains Russell Midcap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Growth Index.

**Russell 1000 Gr:** The Russell 1000 Growth Index is representative of the U.S. market for large capitalization stocks containing those companies in the Russell 1000 Index with higher price -to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth.

**Russell 1000 VL:** The Russell 1000 Value Index is representative of the U.S. market for large capitalization stocks containing those companies in the Russell 1000 Index with lower price -to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth.

Citi Non-US WGBI Unhedged: The Citigroup World Government Bond Index Unhedged, excluding the U.S. bond market. The index includes all fixed-rate bonds with a remaining maturity of one year or longer and with amounts outstanding of at least the equivalent of \$25 million U.S. Dollars. Those government securities that are excluded from the indices typically fall into three categories: floating- or variable-rate bonds (including index-linked bonds); securities aimed principally at non-institutional investors such as savings bonds in the United States and Canada; and private placement-type securities, where liquidity may be poor and where accurate information on outstandings, market coupon, and maturity structure may be difficult or impossible to obtain. This index is designed to directly address the growing interest in and implementation of currency-hedged bond investments by global investors as a means of achieving low-risk interest rate diversification in their portfolios.

Barclays Govt/Credit Bond: The Barclays Government/Credit Bond Index contains bonds that are investment grade and that have at least one year to maturity.

HFRI Fund Weighted Comp: HFRI Fund Weighted Composite Index: Hedge Fund Research (HFR) Fund Weighted Composite Index is an equally-weighted composite index including both domestic and offshore funds, with no Fund of Funds. The index includes over 2000 constituent funds. All funds report assets in USD and all funds report Net of All Fees returns on a monthly basis. Fund must have a least \$50 Million under management or have been actively trading for at least twelve(12) months.

Barclays Aggregate: The Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS (agency fixed-rate and hybrid ARM pass-throughs), ABS and CMBS (agency and non-agency).

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

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DATE: November 21, 2017

SUBJ: Discussion of Fossil Free VSC Requests

At the Finance and Facilities Committee's meeting on May 9, 2017, Fossil Free VSC presented a petition to the Board of Trustees and Chancellor "calling upon the Vermont State Colleges System to take concrete steps to align its banking/investing with environmental and racial justice," and requesting several specific actions related to the System's finances. This memorandum provides my understanding of each of these requested actions, a discussion of related considerations, and estimated potential costs related to implementation.

Both the System and its Institutions – Castleton University, the Community College of Vermont, the new Northern Vermont University and Vermont Technical College – broadly share Fossil Free VSC's objectives, having completed and continuing to pursue a wide range of projects and initiatives both to reduce their consumption of fossil fuels, and to be responsible stewards of our environment and our planet. These efforts range from constructing large-scale solar arrays and entering into long-term renewable energy purchase agreements, to obtaining LEED certifications for campus facilities, to installing highly efficient LED lighting and insulation. A more detailed list of System-wide projects and initiatives is included in the Attachment 1 hereto.

In addition, in September the System became one of the inaugural members of the Vermont Climate Pledge Coalition to reduce fossil fuel use by 26% from 2005 to 2025, vowing that:

The Vermont State Colleges System stands firmly with Governor Scott, Mayor Weinberger, and the countless other community leaders who are committed to doing all we can to abide by our commitment to the Paris Agreement. At Vermont State Colleges System, we're training tomorrow's leaders in sustainability, and growing the clean energy workforce to tackle climate change.

The System is actively participating with the Coalition, with a team comprised of representatives from each of the Institutions and the Chancellor's Office.

### **Fossil Free VSC's Requests**

Fossil Free VSC's petition included a transmittal letter listing four specific requests as follows:

- (1) publicly divesting the fossil fuel investments from the ~\$25M endowment;
- (2) selecting and publicly moving to a green investment company to replace Morgan Stanley;
- (3) searching out and publicly moving to a bank that can both handle the VSC's size and has a green/justice-friendly commitment; and
- (4) assessing the institutions that hold our debt, and publicly initiating a transition plan insofar as necessary.

A discussion of each of the above requests follows. In general, the requests range along a spectrum from having technical considerations and moderate costs (in the case of divestment), to having more complex considerations and potential negative consequences (terminating Morgan Stanley or TD Bank), to being potentially extremely costly and possibly impracticable (in the case of transitioning the System's debt).

#### 1. Divesting fossil fuel investments from the System's endowment

Divesting fossil fuel investments from the System's endowment is possible to implement, at moderate annual cost and/or greater variability of expected returns.

Fossil fuel divestment means, in its purest form, eliminating all investable assets (stocks, bonds, commodities, etc.) in companies in the oil, natural gas, coal and related industries. As a practical matter, divestment includes a range of approaches with respect to types of assets and industries targeted, and timelines for implementation.

Within Vermont, institutional response to divestment requests has ranged from declining to do so, such as the Vermont Pension Investment Committee (VPIC), with \$4.3 billion of assets under management, University of Vermont (\$468 million), and Middlebury (\$1 billion), to fully divesting, such as Sterling College (\$1.1 million), Green Mountain College (\$3 million), and Goddard College (\$1 million). Outside Vermont, a number of institutions have also selected a range of approaches, from not divesting (Harvard, \$37.6 billion), to fully divesting (Unity College, \$14 million), to partially divesting, often from coal (Stanford, \$22.4 billion; Georgetown, \$1.5 billion; University of Maine, \$180 million).

Attempting to quantify the impact of fossil fuel divestment is a matter of some debate. In general, according to Modern Portfolio Theory, to the extent an investor constrains the range of investments available, then the investor either lowers expected return, increases risk, or both. Both the Vermont State Treasurer's Office<sup>1</sup> and NEPC LLC<sup>2</sup>, an investment consultant, attempted to quantify the impact of divesting all fossil fuel investments from the then approximately \$3.6 billion portfolio administered by VPIC. The Treasurer's Office concluded that full divestment would cost approximately \$10 million or about 0.28% per year in expected return. NEPC estimated a range of costs including higher management fees and lower return of between \$5.7 million and \$12 million, or 0.16% to 0.33%. Assuming roughly comparable asset allocations, applying these estimates to the System's considerably smaller \$27.5 million portfolio would imply potential lower returns of between \$44,500 and \$91,000 annually.

Morgan Stanley, the System's investment advisor, identified two additional considerations related to the structure of the System's portfolio that could further increase the cost of pursuing divestment. Of the System's fossil fuel exposure, approximately 63% arises from investments in very low cost, broad market index exchange-traded funds (ETFs), and the remaining 37% arises from individually held stocks that are part of externally managed portfolios. In the former case, switching to fossil-free screened indices could increase the System's management fees for those funds from 0.04% by as much as tenfold to 0.40%, and these funds tend to have slightly higher volatility within their respective investment categories. In the latter case, external managers may limit the number of companies they are willing to screen if they conclude they are no longer able to perform relative to their benchmarks; divesting would then entail changing external managers.

<sup>1</sup> Matthew Considine, "Analysis of fossil-fuel divestment legislation (H.271) on VPIC portfolio," http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov/sites/treasurer/files/VPIC/PDF/Office%20of%20the%20State%20Treasurer.%20Nov\_2014\_13.pdf, (February 20, 2013).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Doug Moseley, "Preliminary Analysis of Potential Impact of Energy Sector Divestment," http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov/sites/treasurer/files/VPIC/PDF/NEPC\_Feb2013\_VPIC%20Energy%20Di vestment%20Analysis.pdf, (February 22, 2013).

However, Morgan Stanley did believe that a "viable and competitive portfolio could be constructed."

Morgan Stanley proposed four possible approaches along a continuum as follows:

- Continue to manage assets towards the mission to receive the highest return for a given level of risk (i.e., no changes)
- Maintain the current structure of the portfolio but remove a list of identifiable specific fossil fuel companies (for example, Exxon, Chevron, etc.)
- Convert a portion of the portfolio to sustainable and/or environmental, social and governance (ESG) objectives, and if performance is comparable, then consider growing this allocation over time
- Replace the entire portfolio with ESG investments, resulting in full divestment and entailing a complete restructuring of the portfolio

As a final note, pursuing divestment or other ESG-related investment objectives likely would necessitate corresponding changes both to Policy 430, Endowment Investment and Spending Policy, and to the accompanying Investment Policy Statement.

## 2. Selecting a green investment company to replace Morgan Stanley

Selecting an acceptable green investment company to replace Morgan Stanley might be accomplished through a standard request for proposals process, however it presents several considerations.

Fossil Free VSC notes that Morgan Stanley is one of 35 financial institutions identified by Food & Water Watch as "funding the Bakken pipeline<sup>3</sup>." Specifically, Morgan Stanley is listed as providing \$225 million or 2.2% of the \$10.25 billion of total financing to the Energy Transfer Family of firms. The full list of firms, with their respective amounts of financing provided, is included as Attachment 2.

Morgan Stanley currently serves as investment advisor for the System's endowment, and through the most recent quarter ending September 30, 2017 has out-performed its benchmark (65% global stocks, 35% global bonds) on a net-of-fees basis over both five-year and ten-year periods. More generally, during its engagement with the System Morgan Stanley has been responsive to the System's client service needs, providing access to a broad range of low-cost investment

<sup>3</sup> Jo Miles, Hugh MacMillan, "Who's Banking on the Dakota Access Pipeline," https://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/news/who%27s-banking-dakota-access-pipeline, (September 6, 2016)

vehicles, oversight and due diligence on investment managers, investment policy development and review, detailed holdings and performance reporting, and regular in-person meetings with experienced, senior professional staff.

A proposal to terminate the System's relationship with Morgan Stanley, both in general and specifically related to green investing, raises several consideration:

- (1) it sets a precedent of terminating, with no apparent recourse, a long-standing and otherwise positive business relationship for newly-identified objectives;
- (2) it does not take into account the positive environmental initiatives that such firms undertake, including providing substantial investment capital for renewable energy, and designing investment products (e.g., green bonds) to promote environmental goals;
- (3) it likely constrains the available range of investment advisory firms, to the extent firms with any tie to fossil fuels are not considered green or otherwise are excluded; and
- (4) to the extent that a green investment company emphasizes "impact investing" or other concepts that do not prioritize maximizing return for a given level of risk, it is not clear that such a firm will be aligned sufficiently with the System's objectives, unless the System adjusts its objectives.

The Chancellor and I recently met with Morgan Stanley to discuss approaches to divestment, and Fossil Free VSC's concerns generally, and they have offered to meet with the Committee to provide their perspective on Morgan Stanley's positive environmental and social contributions.

#### 3. Moving to a bank that has a green/justice-friendly commitment

Moving to a bank that has a green/justice-friendly commitment might be possible, but presents some additional considerations.

As was the case with Morgan Stanley, TD Securities is shown on the Food & Water Watch list as providing \$365 million or 3.6% of the \$10.25 billion of total financing to the Energy Transfer Family of firms. The System's banking services provider, TD Bank, N.A. and TD Securities are both subsidiaries of parent company Toronto-Dominion Bank.

The considerations related to this request are similar to those identified with replacing Morgan Stanley, with three additional concerns:

- (1) Unlike investment advisory, which can be provided by a range of types of firms (banks, investment managers, financial advisors, consultants, etc.), banking services by definition are only provided by banks and credit unions; this further limits the universe of potential alternatives to TD Bank;
- (2) The System's size and number of transactions are such that it requires a relatively large bank to provide services (depository and payment accounts, checking, wiring funds, daylight overdraft, drop box, ancillary services, etc.); as a practical matter the System likely would be limited to only a few banks with a significant local presence, and again the extent of fossil fuel financing provided by these banks is not known; and
- (3) Conversion of the System's core banking services relationship would entail a large number of very time-intensive and specialized tasks that would need to be planned and staffed in advance.

The Chancellor and I recently convened a conference call with TD Bank to discuss Fossil Free VSC's concerns, and they have offered to meet with the Committee to provide their perspective on TD Bank's positive contributions, and offered to arrange a conference call with Toronto-Dominion Bank's Chief Environmental Officer.

# 4. Assessing the institutions that hold our debt, and publicly initiating a transition plan insofar as necessary

Of Fossil Free VSC's four requests, this one seems least likely to be practicable, or at least would be prohibitively costly to implement while increasing the System's risks.

I interpret this request to mean reviewing the System's lenders and debt holders to determine which ones also invest in fossil fuel related enterprises, and attempting to refinance (in effect, to "reverse divest") our debt away from these lenders, and prohibit such lenders from providing loans to the System or otherwise owning its debt going forward.

The System's outstanding debt, which stood at just over \$129 million as of June 30, 2017, is comprised entirely of long term, fixed rate and publicly traded tax-exempt municipal bonds. This is part of a deliberate strategy to achieve the lowest-risk cost of funds that will not fluctuate with interest rates, is not subject to the mark-to-market and counterparty risk associated with interest rate swaps, and otherwise is not subject to yearly compliance with onerous covenants that, for example, trigger higher interest rates or accelerate principal repayment. In spring 2017, the

System developed a new, State appropriation-backed AA-rated credit that should protect the System's ability to access the capital markets at relatively low interest rates going forward. The System also used this new credit structure to refinance its existing privately placed debt with TD Bank.

The System's bonds are traded in denominations of \$5,000 and are broadly available for purchase by corporations, investment funds, and individual investors. In general, this enables the System to reach the widest possible range of investors, who must then compete with one another to own the System's bonds, and in doing so must accept lower interest rates. This market mechanism helps to lower the System's cost of borrowing, and each one-tenth of one percent (0.10%) reduction in interest rates that the System has received by the operation of the municipal market has saved the System \$129,000 per year in interest payments.

There is no mechanism to prohibit investors from holding the System's publicly traded debt, so effecting a "reverse divestment" would require funding from one or more qualified non-fossil-fuel investors. Finding such investors with sufficient capital might prove challenging; the 35 financial institutions identified in the Food & Water Watch list include the top seven<sup>4</sup> municipal bond underwriting firms: Bank of America, Citi, J.P. Morgan Chase, Morgan Stanley, RBC Capital Markets, Wells Fargo and Goldman Sachs. The list also includes most banks, such as TD Bank, that are large enough to provide private placement (that is, not publicly traded) loan financing adequate to refinance the System's debt.

Assuming that one or more acceptable investors were able to loan the System sufficient funds to effect a refinancing, it is not clear what the terms of the financing would be, but it seems highly likely that they would be less favorable than the terms of the System's publicly traded bonds, which provide almost no recourse to investors. Most significantly, the interest rate associated with such a loan likely would be materially higher than the rate available in the public markets; a plausible estimate is 1.00% to 2.00% higher, resulting in additional debt service expense to the System of between \$1.3 million and \$2.6 million each year, or 0.75% to 1.5% of the System's annual operating budget.

<sup>4</sup> Martin Z. Braun, "Goldman Leaps into the Ranks of Top Municipal Underwriters With Big Sales," https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-07-03/goldman-leaps-into-ranks-of-top-muni-underwriters-with-big-sales, (July 3, 2017)

# **Conclusion and Next Steps**

Should the Committee require additional information or wish to pursue one or more of these requests, I propose to provide further analysis or to bring an implementation plan, as appropriate, to the Committee's next scheduled meeting on January 29.

I hope that this memorandum has been helpful to the Committee in describing Fossil Free VSC's requests, enumerating the various considerations and costs, and in facilitating the Committee's discussion of each. I also hope that it reasonably demonstrates to Fossil Free VSC and other environmentally engaged and dedicated members of the Vermont State Colleges System community both a thoughtful consideration of their requests, and an assurance of the dedication of the System and its Institutions, in both mission and their actions, toward being effective stewards of the climate and the environment.

Should you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact me at <a href="mailto:stephen.wisloski@vsc.edu">stephen.wisloski@vsc.edu</a> or (802) 224-3022. Thank you.

#### Attachments:

- 1. Vermont State Colleges System fossil fuel reduction initiatives
- 2. "Who's Banking Against the Sioux?" list of financial institutions

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# Attachment 1 – Vermont State Colleges System Fossil Fuel Reduction and Environmentally Responsible Initiatives (Partial List)

#### **Entire System**

- One of the inaugural members of the Vermont Climate Pledge Coalition, to Coalition to reduce fossil fuel use by 26% from 205 to 2025
- Regularly partners with Efficiency Vermont to study and apply best practices for prioritizing capital projects
- Established Green Revolving Fund to self-finance a number of campus projects

#### **Castleton University**

- Established student-led Green Campus Work Group to oversee campus recycling efforts and to promote other sustainable efforts
- Established "No Idling" policy
- Established comfort policy, which mandates reasonable temperature settings in all campus facilities
- Added 22 water filling stations, which to date have saved over 600K water bottles from reaching a landfill
- Added 120 panel (29K kW) solar array on the roof of a residence hall
- Added four (4) micro wind turbines (1kW) atop a residence hall
- Added a solar powered electric car charging station with two terminals
- Campus Center and Hoff Hall both LEED Gold Certified
- Implemented "Vortex" technology at Spartan Arena allowing for cold water in ice making operations (20% utility savings)
- Replaced all windows in Woodruff Hall and Library with energy efficient units
- Working with Efficiency Vermont, have replaced lighting in many campus buildings with more efficient units

## **Community College of Vermont**

- Constructed CCV-Winooski as a LEED certified building
- All construction projects completed with LEED principles
- Solar array being built which will realize electric credits from Winooski and Montpelier buildings when operational
- Partner with Efficiency Vermont for all of our new projects
- In the process of upgrading HVaC control systems to better control the energy usage in owned buildings

#### **Northern Vermont University**

- LED lighting 1st in Vermont to change parking lot and road way lighting from conventional to LED technology. Changed 200 w/ mtl halide light to a 79w LED light amounted to 60% reduction in wattage; had photo sensors installed to regulate, which reduced consumption.
- Lighting projects; biggest impacts include gymnasium, Theater lighting, Residence halls
- Occupancy sensors campus wide cut use by controlling when needed
- HVAC air handling units replaced w/ energy efficient units (equipped w/ energy recovery) Vail, Harvey, Activities, & Dinning Hall
- Pool Cover saves about \$19,000 a year or 49,700 KWH
- Replacing circulator pumps w/ variable speed pumps as they fail; if it does not need to run we can shut off or ramp down
- Downsizing exhaust fans where applicable
- Dining cooking exhaust equipped w/ sensors so fans ramp up when sensing heat or smoke
- Heating controls in Wheelock as windows were open in mid-winter, in order to regulate temps; occupants happy and windows closed in the winter
- New windows in all the residence Hall has greatly increased the efficiency by tightening up the building envelope
- Insulation in all the heating alcoves under windows has greatly increased the efficiency along w/ exterior foam panels that also gave a nice aesthetic effect
- All new construction and renovations used standards provided by Vermont Guidelines for Energy Efficient Commercial Construction; newest building used LEED standards and awarded Gold.
- 2 solar projects: One 5KW pv system and the other is a solar hot water system used to heat the pool during the summer months and supplement heating during the winter
- New dehumidification units being installed for the pool. These units are estimated to save over \$20,000/year
- A new burner & controller will be installed to one of the Activities boilers, which will greatly increase the efficiency

#### **Vermont Technical College**

- Green power installations (on site facilities have electrical generating capacity in excess of campus usage)
  - 370 kW Anaerobic Digester
  - 500 kW Solar tracker array
  - Wind Turbine (not currently producing, but has in the past)
  - Biomass Boiler (heats the Red School House)
- Academic ("moves the line" training next generation of green professionals)
  - Renewable Energy B.S. program
  - Participated in the Green Jobs Initiative earmark through Leahy's office
  - Offered Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy certificates through the Vermont Green grant
- Participated in an IBM sponsored Energy Initiative (CY 2012) resulting in a 6.6% overall reduction in electricity consumption on our main campuses
- A number of smaller initiatives, such as the replacement of exterior lighting with LED

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# Item 10: FY2018 Committee Meeting Schedule

#### Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2018 as of December 1, 2017

Mtg #	Date	Topic Count	Northern Vermont University	System Shared Services	FY19 Budget Development	FY20 Tuition, Fees, Room & Board	Quarterly Results, Metrics	Appropriation Requests	Cash, Investments, Endowment	Debt Management	Capital Planning and Projects	Facilities Management	Grants and Gifts	Policies and Procedures	Special Topics
1	Wed, Aug 23, 2017	6					Q4 FY17 Results, reserves and system loans	Budget Adjustment and Appropriations Bills <u>due</u> mid- September	Regular quarterly report (per Policy 404)			Capital projects update		Review of draft revised Investment Policy	Review of Questions from May 31 (various topics)
	Wed, Sep 27, 2017 *				Meeting Cancelle	ed; Board of Trust	ees Meeting to in	clude update on N	Northern Vermont	University, and p	resentation on Ac	lmissions and Enr	ollment		
2	Wed, Oct 25, 2017	5			Initial discussion informed by Q1 FY18 results		Review final Fall 2017 Enrollment, Q1 FY18 Results, Reserves	Big Bill due 10/16, Capital Bill due 10/27, BAA TBD			Capital projects list review			Introduce Policy 504, Campus Safety Policy	
3	Thu, Dec 1, 2017 *	8			FY2019 and 3- year initial System outlook	Discuss amending Policy 301, Residency for In- State Tuition	Vote to approve carryover, System funds discussion	Vote to approve budget request, BAA proposal (if any)	Regular quarterly report (per Policy 404), response to FFVSC		Vote to approve capital projects			Vote to approve Policy 504, Campus Safety Policy	VSC report (Act 85 Sec. E.101(c)) due to Legislature Jan 15
4	Mon, Jan 29, 2018	6			3-year enrollment and budget outlooks		Q2 FY18 Results			Annual surveillance from S&P, rating update		Deferred maintenance update		Policy 403 discussion	AGB Report update
5	Mon, Feb 19, 2018 *	5			Preliminary FY19 Budgets discussed				Regular quarterly report (per Policy 404)	Debt "201" discussion				Investment policy annual review	AGB Report update
6	Mon, Apr 2, 2018	0													
7	Mon, Apr 30, 2018	3			Preliminary FY19 Budgets presented	Initial FY20 Tuition discussion	Q3 FY18 Results								
8	Wed, May 30, 2018	3			Vote on FY19 Budgets	Preliminary FY20 Tuition request			Regular quarterly report, Annual Banking & Investment Resolution (per Policy 404)						
9	Wed, Jun 20, 2018 *	2				<u>Vote</u> on FY20 Tuition									AGB Report update

<sup>\*</sup> Last meeting before quarterly Board of Trustees Meeting