

APPROVED Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Long Range Planning Committee meeting held Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at the Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Long Range Planning Committee conducted a meeting Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at the Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, Vermont

Committee members present: Jerry Diamond (Chair), Karen Luneau (Vice-Chair), Lynn Dickinson, Churchill Hindes, Dylan Giambatista

Absent: Mike Pieciak, Aly Richards

Other Trustees: Janette Bombardier, Bill Lippert, Chris Macfarlane, Jim Masland, David Silverman, Jesse Streeter

Presidents: Elaine Collins, Joyce Judy, Pat Moulton, Karen Scolforo

Chancellor's Office Staff: Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor
Tricia Coates, Director of External & Governmental Affairs
Kevin Conroy, Chief Information Officer
Todd Daloz, Associate Legal Counsel
Jen Porrier, Administrative Director
Steve Wisloski, Chief Financial Officer
Sophie Zdatny, General Counsel
Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer

From the Colleges: Lit Tyler, Dean of Administration, Vermont Technical College
Michael Fox, Dean of Enrollment & Marketing, Northern Vermont University
Nolan Atkins, Provost, Northern Vermont University
Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students, Northern Vermont University

1. Chair Diamond called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of the May 30, 2018 meeting minutes

Trustee Luneau moved and Trustee Giambatista seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Policy 505 Northern Vermont University Strategic Plan final review and recommendations

President Collins described the taskforces involved in developing the strategic plan, which included faculty, staff and students. She explained the four pillars of the plan: 1) Vibrant thriving campuses; 2) Innovative professional and liberal arts education; 3) Transformative student experience; and 4) Exceptional community leadership. There are goals and timeliness associated with every initiative, and metrics and accountability for tasks. Trustee Diamond inquired how NVU was able to adhere to the strategic goals set by the Board. President Collins explained that because the goals of the Board and of NVU are similar it was not difficult; they aligned naturally. Chancellor Spaulding reminded the Board that Policy 505 is relatively new and that the institutions are naturally at different stages of progress.

Trustee Dickinson moved, and Trustee Luneau seconded the motion to recommend the approval of Northern Vermont University’s strategic plan to the Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Tuition Free Public College / “Promise” Programs

VSCS Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Yasmine Ziesler, gave an overview presentation on the concept of Free Public College and “Promise” Programs. She shared that there are equity considerations for Vermont and how costs are covered. She gave scenario cost projections for “First Dollar”, “Last Dollar” and “Affordability Grants” programs. David Smith, President, DAS Consulting, LLC was then tied in via phone from Tennessee to discuss how Tennessee is implementing their Promise Program. Mr. Smith explained that the initiative was based on the desire to attract and retain people for the jobs of the future, which was contingent upon the state’s ability to educate them with post-secondary credentials or certificates and to lower the barrier of entry through cost.

Trustee Dickinson asked if there is a requirement to live or work in the state after receiving this scholarship, and Mr. Smith replied that there is not – one must only volunteer for 8 hours every year while in the program. The Board was informed that this information was presented for exposure and edification on the concepts of free college. Further questions and comments should be submitted to Dr. Ziesler

5. Other business

No other business

6. Comments from the public

No Comments from the public

Chair Diamond adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.