

Minutes of the VSC Board of Trustees Education, Personnel, and Student Life Committee meeting held Monday January 14, 2019 at the Chancellor's Office, Conference Room 101, Montpelier, VT - APPROVED

The VSC Board of Trustees Education, Personnel, and Student Life Committee met on Monday January 14, 2019 at the Office of the Chancellor, Montpelier, Vermont

Committee Members present: Rep. Jim Masland (Vice-Chair) Jesse Streeter, Karen Luneau (via phone until 4:03pm), Janette Bombardier (on phone)

Absent: Aly Richards, Lyn Dickinson

Other Trustees Present: Churchill Hindes, Linda Milne

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

Chancellor's Office Staff: Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor
 Tricia Coates, Director of External & Governmental Affairs
 Sheilah Evans, System Controller, Senior Director of Financial
 Operations
 Jen Porrier, Administrative Director, Chancellor's office
 Josh Powers, Administrative Fellow, USC
 Steve Wisloski, Chief Financial Officer
 Sophie Zdatny, General Counsel
 Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer

From the Colleges: Nolan Atkins, Provost, Northern Vermont University
 Sarah Billings-Berg, Associate Dean of Nursing, Vermont
 Technical College
 Jonathan Davis, Dean of Student Life, Northern Vermont
 University
 Kate Gold, Director of Advising Resources, VSCUP President,
 Northern Vermont University
 Laura Jakubowski, Castleton, Chief Budget and Financial Officer
 David McGough, Professor, Northern Vermont University
 Matthew Moriarty, Director of Grants, Castleton University
 Maurice Ouimet, Castleton University, Dean of Enrollment
 Dennis Proulx, Dean of Students, Castleton University
 Rachel Repstad, Professor, Vermont Technical College
 Sharron Scott, Northern Vermont University, Dean of
 Administration

Allan Rodgers, Dean of Academic Affairs, Vermont Technical College
Scott Roper, Professor, HGEP Dept. Chair, Castleton University
Roger Weeden, Program Director, Vermont Technical College

Guests: Anita Long, Academic Support Coordinator, VSAC/GEARUP
Heidi Whipple, Mathematics Coordinator, VT AOE

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Masland called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m.

2. Policy 102 New Program Approvals:

- a. NVU: MA in Leadership Studies
- b. NVU: AS in Mountain Resort Management
- c. CU: BS in Archaeology, Geography & Applied Anthropology
- d. VTC: AS in Radiography

David McGough gave a brief description of the proposed program for a Master's Degree in Leadership Studies. He stated that as an interdisciplinary study it will meet needs for both the community and the institution. The unique design appeals to particular clientele including midlevel managers. This program has been completely vetted within the institution receiving approval from faculty.

Nolan Atkins discussed the proposed program for an Associate's Degree in Mountain Resort Management. The rationale of offering this degree is as a retention completion strategy. There are two different concentrations in this degree: resort management/mountain operations and adventure leadership. This program provides for completion of a first-level credential for those unable to complete baccalaureate degree. Primary audience is those currently matriculated in Baccalaureate degree program and cannot complete it. They can be advised and instead complete this program instead of leaving without any kind of degree. The hope is that this program will prevent students from leaving with nothing but debt and no degree.

Jonathan Spiro, Scott Roper, and Matthew Moriarty, from CU, discussed the proposed program for a BS in Archaeology, Geography & Applied Anthropology. This program will train students in emerging technology and require students to perform career relevant internships and earn career relevant certificates. Competitors offer programs in one or the other of the fields, but CU

will offer this interdisciplinary in all topics all in one program. CU already has the needed laboratory for this program; a dig site on Lake Champlain owned by the Nature Conservancy.

Allan Rodgers, Sarah Billings-Berg and Roger Weeden from Vermont Tech discussed the AS in Radiography proposed program. This curriculum is designed so that students are aligned and getting exposure to all applicable types of technology. The program will be face to face with some hybrid opportunities in the future. There will be the opportunity to take associate level and build up to a bachelor's degree. Already through word of mouth the program has gained over 22 students

Trustee Streeter moved and Trustee Luneau seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the approval of these four programs. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of revisions to Policy 301 provisions for in-state residency for veterans

Ms. Zdatny gave an overview of the proposed revisions to policy 301. These changes are required so that Policy 301 is consistent with the recent amendments to the Veterans Choice Act. The Veterans Administration has already approved the proposed additional language, which extends in-state resident tuition to eligible veterans in vocational rehabilitation seeking educational assistance, effective March 1, 2019.

Trustee Streeter moved and Trustee Luneau seconded the approval to the revisions in Policy 301. The motion was approved unanimously.

At 4:04pm Vice Chair Masland adjourned the meeting.

Informational Session only began at 4:05pm

1. Presentation: Essential Math for College and Careers (EMC2) Partnership with VSAC and VT Agency of Education

Anita Long, Rachel Repstad and Heidi Whipple gave a brief overview of the process and work to date, the schools planned for the pilot next year and their perspectives about the value they've witnessed from the process thus far.

2. Approval to relinquish Castleton University radio license

Dennis Proulx, CU, discussed the need to eliminate the radio tower for broadcast at CU. There will no longer be call letters or a logo but the station will still stream locally. Through rebranding and pushing out over the internet, he believes this will allow students to rethink what a radio station is and he believes this move will rejuvenate the station.

3. Approval of Policy 101 ("PreCIP") Programs for Review in 2019

Tabled until next meeting

4. Update on Castleton University Colleges and Schools Structure

President Scolforo reviewed a proposed new structure of 3 colleges within the university with disciplines within each. College of Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Business and College of Health and Sciences. This was vetted and approved through faculty.

5. Update on U.S. Department of Education Title IX Proposed Rule-making

Ms. Zdatny provided an update on the Notice of Proposed Rule-Making issued by the U.S. Department of Education. She shared this information with the Committee because it is anticipated that changes may be necessary to Policy 311 (Non-discrimination and Prevention of Harassment and Related Unprofessional Conduct) and Policy 311-A (Sexual Misconduct, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking) once the Department of Education issues final rules. The Vermont State Colleges anticipates submitting comments to the Department of Education on the proposed rules.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Comments from the public

There were no comments from the public.

Vice-Chair Masland adjourned the informational session at 4:42 p.m.