

Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Education, Personnel, and Student Life Committee meeting held Monday February 25, 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 February 25, 2019 at the Office of the Chancellor, Montpelier, Vermont

Committee Members present: Rep. Jim Masland (Vice-Chair), Janette Bombardier (via phone), Lynn Dickinson (via phone), Karen Luneau (via phone), Jesse Streeter (via phone)

Absent: Aly Richards

Other Trustees Present: Churchill Hindes, Linda Milne (2:30pm), David Silverman (via phone)

Presidents: Joyce Judy (via phone), Pat Moulton (via phone), Karen Scolforo (via phone)

Chancellor's Office Staff: Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor
 Tricia Coates, Director of External and Governmental Affairs
 Jen Porrier, Administrative Director, Chancellor's office
 Josh Powers, Administrative Fellow
 Sophie Zdatny, General Counsel
 Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer

From the Colleges: Nolan Atkins (via phone), Provost, Northern Vermont University
 Tim Lewis, Professor, Northern Vermont University
 Jonathan Spiro (via phone), Chief Academic Officer, Castleton University

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Masland called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

2. Policy 102 New Program Approvals:

- a. CU: B.S. in Resort & Hospitality Management
- b. CU: M.B.A.
- c. CU: B.A. in Early Childhood Education and Lab Center
- d. CU: B.S. in Wildlife & Forest Conservation
- e. NVU: Digital Communications (AS and BS)

Jonathan Spiro gave a brief description of the proposed 3-year degree program for a B.S. in Resort & Hospitality Management that will be offered in cooperation with Killington Mountain resort. Students will attend classes as traditional students but will also receive credit by working for the resort. This program will operate on a trimester system, with traditional courses in fall and spring and, during winter term, students will receive 9 credits working in cooperation with the resort. The program is designed for the student to progress from employee to supervisor to manager and could then transition to a job after graduation. President Scolforo added that CU has obtained substantive change approval from NECHE for the program to be taught at the resort.

Trustee Luneau moved and Trustee Bombardier seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the approval of the B.S. in Resort & Hospitality Management at CU. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Spiro stated that the MBA at CU is designed to meet the needs of the working professionals – it is offered completely online and takes 1 year to complete. The semesters are 8 weeks long with 27 core credits followed by the selection of one of four concentrations: Leading Organizational Change, Analytics, Healthcare Administration, Media and Communication. President Scolforo shared that there is already a lot of community support for this program.

Trustee Bombardier moved and Trustee Luneau seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the approval of the MBA at CU. The motion was approved unanimously

Mr. Spiro described the early childhood and special education program as being a residency-based degree that will be implemented in phases starting with licensure in Early Childhood Education and an endorsement in Early Special Education. The second phase will work towards developing an Early Learning lab to complement the CU's proposed Early Learning Center, which will serve as a childcare center and teacher preparation and professional development lab.

Trustee Masland moved and Trustee Luneau seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the approval of the B.A. in Early Childhood and Special Education and Lab Center at CU. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Spiro informed the committee that the B.S. in Wildlife and Forest Conservation focuses on conservation and management of flora, fauna, water and soil. CU envisions the future employment of the graduates from this program with local, state and state federal agencies as well as private conservation and consulting agencies. The program will utilize core ecology courses and will add on upper level courses in Resource Management. CU already has partnerships lined up with paid internships.

Trustee Dickinson moved and Trustee Masland seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the approval of the B.S. in Wildlife and Forest Conservation at CU. The motion was approved unanimously.

NVU Provost Nolan Atkins and Professor Tim Lewis described the proposed A.S. and B.S. programs in Digital Communications at NVU as being focused in the public and strategic communications sector, in such industries as television, media, hospitals, government, businesses and private companies. It will draw on existing faculty expertise and coursework. Professor Lewis states that there is 9-10% growth predicted in next 10 years.

Trustee Luneau moved and Trustee Bombardier seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the approval of the A.S. and B.S. programs in Digital Communications at NVU. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Other Business

There was no other business.

4. Comments from the public

There were no comments from the public.

Vice-Chair Masland adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.