

Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Long Range Planning Committee meeting held Monday, August 26, 2019, at the Office of the Chancellor, Montpelier, VT – APPROVED

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Long Range Planning Committee conducted a meeting Monday, August 26, 2019, at the Office of the Chancellor, Montpelier, Vermont

Committee members: Michael Pieciak (Chair), Janette Bombardier (Vice Chair), Megan Cluver, Lynn Dickinson, Dylan Giambatista, Adam Grinold, Bill Lippert, Karen Luneau

Other Trustees Present: Churchill Hindes, Jim Masland, David Silverman

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

Chancellor's Office Staff: Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor
Tricia Coates, Director of External & Governmental Affairs
Todd Daloz, Associate General Counsel
Jen Porrier, Administrative Director
Meg Walz, Project Manager, Library Coordinator
Steve Wisloski, Chief Financial Officer
Sophie Zdatny, General Counsel
Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer

From the Colleges: Nolan Atkins, Provost, Northern Vermont University
Laura Jakubowski, Chief Budget & Finance Officer, Castleton University
Tom Maus-Pugh, Provost, Castleton University
Maurice Ouimet, Dean of Enrollment, Castleton University
Sharron Scott, Dean of Administration, Northern Vermont University
Andy Pallito, Dean of Administration, Community College of Vermont
Littleton Tyler, Dean of Administration, Vermont Technical College

From the public: Shawn Brennan, Vice President, Freeman French Freeman
Lola Duffort, Reporter, VTDigger
Katrina Lisaius, Outreach Representative, Sen. Sanders' Office
Jon Wolff, Government Relations Specialist, PPE&C

1. Chair Pieciak called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes
 - a. June 19, 2019

Trustee Dickinson moved and Trustee Grinold seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 19, 2019. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Committee Discussion: Reflections on *Secure the Future* summer input sessions
 - a. Key takeaways from college leadership-team and Zoom meetings
 - b. Reactions to memo summarizing input and document listing ideas received to date

Chair Pieciak referred to the four on-campus meetings held with the leadership teams and several members of the LRPC at each institution, as well as the two Zoom system level meetings. He stated that there was consensus on the challenges facing the system and a collective desire to move forward and seek out solutions. Chancellor Spaulding shared that the committee has received 158 ideas so far and that he and the Board are considering each one. Chair Hinde recognized the caliber of the leadership teams at the institutions and appreciated how open the teams were to sharing their ideas, big and small. He believes that it was time well spent. Trustee Luneau attended all of the campus meetings as well and shared that in all of the meetings there was never a suggestion that change did not need to happen. Trustee Dickinson recognized that change is hard and cautioned the need to step away from the purely intellectual narrative because this is an emotional issue for many. Trustee Lippert stated that just being bold, for the sake of being bold, is not sufficient. Analysis needs to confirm that the right changes are made. Chancellor Spaulding indicated that the next stage will be to solicit further ideas and continue to discuss the challenges VSCS is facing. The Chancellor encouraged the submission of all ideas.

4. Approval of final “Serving Vermont’s Students by Securing the Future of the Vermont State Colleges System” white paper.

Chancellor Spaulding highlighted several changes made to the white paper since the initial draft.

Trustee Luneau moved and Trustee Lippert seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the approval of the white paper. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Committee discussion: September outreach and meetings schedule
 - a. What questions are the LRPC bringing to the campus meetings?
 - b. Review meeting schedule

Chancellor Spaulding reminded everyone that the next on-campus meetings are in early September and are all listed on the website <https://www.vsc.edu/board-of-trustees/securethefuture/>. These five sessions are planned in advance of the September Board of Trustees’ Retreat where concentrated time will be dedicated to discussion of this endeavor. President Judy suggested that a system-wide reminder be sent out prior to each on-campus meeting in order to accommodate those staff or students that might be interested in attending sessions at campuses or at institutions different from their own. Trustee Bombardier suggested

that with so many ideas, there be a system for grouping suggestions by theme and a process for categorizing ideas into feasibility quadrants. Chair Pieciak indicated that ideas will be added to the list until the Board Retreat on September 17, 2019.

6. Other Business

No other business

7. Comments from the public

There were no comments from the public.

Chair Pieciak adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.