

Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Education, Personnel, and Student Life Committee meeting held Monday December 2, 2019 at the Moore Community Room, Northern Vermont University-Lyndon, Lyndonville, VT - APPROVED

The VSCS Board of Trustees Education, Personnel, and Student Life Committee met on Monday, December 2, 2019 at Northern Vermont University, Lyndonville, Vermont.

Committee Members present: Jim Masland (Chair), Karen Luneau (Vice Chair), Megan Cluver, Peg Flory (via phone), Izzy Gogarty (via phone)

Absent: Janette Bombardier

Other Trustees Present: Churchill Hindes, Lynn Dickinson, Mike Pieciak, Linda Milne (11:50 a.m.)

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
 Sheilah Evans, System Controller & Sr. Director of Financial Ops
 Jen Porrier, Administrative Director
 Sophie Zdatny, General Counsel
 Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer

From the Colleges: Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students, Northern Vermont University
 Isaac Eddy, Faculty, Northern Vermont University (via phone)
 Michael Fox, Dean of Enrollment & Marketing, Northern Vermont University
 Jeff Higgins, Faculty, Vermont Technical College (via phone)
 Leah Hollenberger, Development & External Relations Officer, Northern Vermont University
 Laura Jakubowski, Chief Budget & Finance Officer, Castleton University
 Tom Mauhs-Pugh, Provost, Castleton University
 Maurice Ouimet, Dean of Enrollment, Castleton University
 Sharron Scott, Dean of Administration, Northern Vermont University
 Tyrone Shaw, Faculty, Northern Vermont University
 Michael Stevens, Director of Facilities, Northern Vermont University
 Toby Stewart, Controller, Northern Vermont University

Littleton Tyler, Dean of Administration, Vermont Technical
College
Jamey Ventura, Associate Dean of Athletics, Northern Vermont
University

1. Call to Order

Chair Masland called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

2. Approval of October 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Trustee Luneau moved and Trustee Masland seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Policy 102 New Program Proposals

- a. Vermont Tech: B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies
- b. Northern Vermont University: BA in Professional Writing, Editing, and Publishing
- c. Northern Vermont University: BA in Collaborative Performance Studies: Theatre, Music, Dance and Immersive Design

Vermont Technical College President Pat Moulton discussed the new Bachelor of Science Program in Interdisciplinary Studies stating that the program is a continuation of their Associate's Degree in General Engineering Technology and is targeted at students in the Career & Technical Teacher Education Program and this program provides a pathway for many non-traditional students in these programs. VTC Faculty Jeff Higgins shared that this program is transfer friendly and requires no new expenditures for additional classes or faculty.

Trustee Luneau moved and Trustee Cluver seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the approval of the B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies at Vermont Technical College. The motion was approved unanimously.

Northern Vermont University President Elaine Collins shared that the new program for a B.A. in Collaborative Performance Studies fits into NVU's new vision and "school" system. NVU Provost Nolan Atkins shared that this new program is in the context of a broader effort to seek new high interest programs while discontinuing lower enrolled programs. This program is interdisciplinary in nature and because the expertise already exists there will be no new faculty required. All new courses are offset by courses that will no longer be taught. NVU Professor Isaac Eddy shared that the collaborative nature of the interdisciplinary program is a highly valued skill within the performing arts job market. This program takes all the disciplines that are individually taught now and consolidates them into one major.

Trustee Cluver moved and Trustee Luneau seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the approval of the B.A. in Collaborative Performance Studies at Northern Vermont University. The motion was approved unanimously.

NVU Professor Tyrone Shaw discussed the new program proposal for the B.A. in Professional Writing, Editing and Publishing. This is interdisciplinary program designed to prepare students for careers in the writing and publishing field. Professor Shaw described how the program capstone course will develop students' publishing skills from initial manuscript submission and acceptance through to the editing and design phases, culminating with actual publication and distribution, potentially through a new imprint, Northern Vermont University Press.

Trustee Luneau moved and Trustee Cluver seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the approval of the B.A. in Professional Writing, Editing, and Publishing at Northern Vermont University. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Proposed New VSCS Policy 316: Protection of Minors and Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect

General Counsel Sophie Zdatny discussed the updated version of the policy (a draft of which had previously been shared with the Committee at its October meeting) and requested the Committee recommend its approval to the full Board. Although Board approval is not required for the Appendices to the policy, these were provided to the Committee for their information. Ms. Zdatny shared the plan to provide training to the colleges on the policy in the spring of 2020.

Trustee Cluver moved and Trustee Luneau seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the approval of Policy 316 Protection of Minors and Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect. The motion was approved unanimously

5. Discussion of the transfer policies and practices in the VSCS

Chief Academic Officer Yasmine Ziesler gave a presentation on the transfer policies and practices of the VSCS, which is the first topic that the Long Range Planning Committee has charged the EPSL Committee to consider, as outlined in the Chancellor's October 28, 2019 memo. Dr. Ziesler reviewed existing policy language in VSCS Policy 111: Academic Data Management, Policy 108: Transfer of Credit and Policy 106: General Education, as well as current practices, and potential next steps.. An in-depth discussion between the Board, Presidents, and staff from the colleges focused on credit transferability, financial aid considerations, and a culture of transfer-friendly practices.

6. Draft schedule of meeting topics charged to EPSL by LRPC

Trustee Luneau requested that a topic for a future EPSL meeting revolve around the VSCS taking a leadership role in partnerships with high schools to ensure Vermont high schoolers are prepared to maximize postsecondary learning opportunities.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Comments from the public

There were no comments from the public.

Chair Masland adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m.