

VSCS Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting Minutes February 3, 2020 - APPROVED

APPROVED Minutes of the VSC Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting held Monday, February 3, 2020, VSC Conference Room, Montpelier

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Executive Committee conducted a Committee meeting on Monday, February 3, 2020 at the VSC Conference Room in Montpelier.

Committee members present: Lynn Dickinson (Vice Chair), Linda Milne.

Other Trustees present: Jim Masland, Peg Flory, Bill Lippert, Izzy Gogarty (by phone)

Lynn explained the process the Executive Committee using to examine the functions and functioning and economics of the Chancellor's Office(OC), and noted that this meeting was to solicit feedback from Trustee. Both Bill and Peg noted that they were not clear that the meeting was to solicit feedback, but thought it was to receive an update from the Executive Committee.

Discussion of relationship between the colleges and the OC. Bill noted that the relationship between the colleges and the OC is a mixed arrangement, the colleges are independent, operating within parameters established by the Board and the Chancellor, yet specific colleges (VTC, JSC/LSC and CU) would not have survived financial crises in the past years without the financial support (loans) from the VSC system (OC).

Discussion of the role of the Board within the system. Some Board members expressed the feeling that the Board is merely a rubber stamp for what the Presidents and the OC want to do. It was not clear that there was a shared understanding of where the role of the Board starts and stops, the role of the Chancellor and the role of the Presidents.

The meeting was adjourned.