

Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Long Range Planning Committee meeting held Thursday, October 29, 2020, at 10:45 a.m. via Zoom – APPROVED

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Long Range Planning Committee conducted a meeting Thursday, October 29, 2020, via Zoom

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

Other Trustees Present: Ryan Cooney, Jim Masland, Mary Moran, David Silverman

Presidents: Elaine Collins, Joyce Judy, Pat Moulton, Jonathan Spiro (Interim)

Chancellor's Office Staff: Donny Bazluke, Network/Security Analyst
Kevin Conroy, Chief Information Officer
Katherine Levasseur, Director of Governmental & External Affairs
Jen Porrier, Administrative Director
Sharron Scott, Chief Financial and Operating Officer
Patty Turley, General Counsel
Sophie Zdatny, Chancellor
Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer

From the Colleges: Kellie Campbell, Chief Technology Officer, Vermont Technical College
John Diebold, Faculty, Vermont Technical College
Sarah Chambers, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, Castleton University
Laura Jakubowski, Chief Budget & Finance Ofc., Castleton University
Karen Madden, Director of Academic Support Services, Northern Vermont University
Helen Mango, Faculty, Northern Vermont University
Tom Mauhs-Pugh, Provost, Castleton University
David McGough, Faculty, Northern Vermont University
Sandy Noyes, President, VSC Staff Federation, Northern Vermont University
Linda Olson, VP Education AFT-VT, Castleton University
Maurice Ouimet, Dean of Enrollment, Castleton University
Andy Pallito,

Toby Stewart, Dean of Administration, Northern Vermont University
Beth Walsh, President, VSCUP, Northern Vermont University

1. Chair Pieciak called the meeting to order at 10:53 a.m.

Chair Pieciak announced that Trustee Tester would be joining the Long Range Planning Committee.

2. Approval of the July 23, 2020 minutes

Trustee Grinold moved and Trustee Giambatista seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 23, 2020. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Discussion of Chancellor's Recommendations for Strategic Action in 2020-2021

Chancellor Zdatny reminded the Committee of the Strategic Priorities adopted by the Board at the October 16, 2020 meeting. Based on those priorities, the Chancellor, in consultation with the Council of Presidents, is recommending that the VSCS focus on developing strategic initiatives and identifying key performance indicators for the current academic year. These are described in detail in the meeting materials starting on page 7 [here](#).

Trustee Lippert moved and Trustee Luneau seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the acceptance of the Chancellor's Recommendations for Strategic Action in 2020-2021. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Update on work of the Select Committee on the Future of Public Higher Education in Vermont

Chancellor Zdatny provided information on the Select Committee. This Committee was created "to assist the State of Vermont in addressing the urgent needs of the Vermont State Colleges and develop and integrated vision and plan for a high-quality, affordable, and workforce-connected future for public higher education in the State." The Select Committee is comprised of 15 members from diverse backgrounds. The Steering Group, a subset of the Select Committee, is comprised of five people. President Joyce Judy serves as Chair of both the Steering Group and Select Committee. The Steering Group selected NCHEMS, an external consulting firm, to assist the work of the Select Committee by analyzing the issues, challenges and opportunities facing VSCS, as well as to draft a formal action plan to drive change and innovation in the VSC System. The first interim report of the Select Committee is due on December 4, 2020, the second report on February 12, 2021 and the final report on April 16, 2021.

5. Discussion of Timelines

Chancellor Zdatny presented various timelines, including the key dates for Legislative Select Committee meetings and reports, the legislative process for the state budget, the VSCS Board's meeting calendar, development of the system budget, an overview of ongoing System transformation work, and estimated timelines for obtaining approval of any substantive changes by NECHE (accreditor) and the Department of Education. The timeline presentation can be found starting on page 77 of the meeting materials.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Comments from the public

There were no comments from the public.

Chair Pieciak adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.