

**Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees' Education, Personnel, and Student Life Committee hybrid meeting held Monday December 6, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom and at the Office of the Chancellor, 575 Stone Cutters Way, Montpelier - APPROVED**

The VSCS Board of Trustees Education, Personnel, and Student Life Committee met on Monday, December 6, 2021 via Zoom.

Committee Members present: Megan Cluver (Chair), Karen Luneau (Vice Chair, 10:43 a.m.), Janette Bombardier, Ryan Cooney, Mary Moran, Shirley Jefferson (11:17 a.m.)

Absent: Dylan Giambatista

Other Trustees Present: Lynn Dickinson, David Silverman

Presidents: Joyce Judy, John Mills, Pat Moulton, Jonathan Spiro

Chancellor's Office Staff: Donny Bazluke, Network/Security Analyst  
Kellie Campbell, Chief Information Officer  
Wilson Garland, Director of Transformation  
Sharron Scott, Chief Financial/Operating Officer  
Patty Turley, General Counsel  
Meg Walz, Director, Project Management  
Sophie Zdatny, Chancellor  
Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer

From the Colleges: Kelvyn Abreu, Student, Northern Vermont University  
Nolan Atkins, Provost, Northern Vermont University  
Sarah Chambers, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, Castleton University  
Ana Gaillat, Dean of Academic Affairs, Vermont Technical College  
Tom Mauhs-Pugh, Provost, Castleton University  
Ben Mirkin, Faculty, Northern Vermont University  
Beth Walsh, President, VSCUP, Northern Vermont University

1. Call to Order

Chair Cluver called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

2. Approval of October 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Trustee Moran moved and Trustee Cooney seconded the motion to approve the October 15, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.**

3. Presentation on NVU Learning and Working Community Program

Northern Vermont University Provost Nolan Atkins gave a brief overview of the progress that has been made in implementing the NVU Learning and Working Community Program. He then introduced Dr. Ben Mirkin, Associate Professor at NVU and NVU Student Kelvyn Abreu who shared a presentation on the program which can be found [here](#).

4. Relinquishment of Northern Vermont University FCC licenses

General Counsel Patty Turley shared that NVU is requesting to relinquish the FCC licenses for its two campus radio stations. NVU will pursue streaming opportunities similar to the approach taken by Castleton University. Vermont Tech is retaining its FCC license for its radio station at this time.

**Trustee Moran moved and Trustee Bombardier seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the relinquishment of the Northern Vermont University FCC licenses. The motion was approved unanimously.**

5. Update on Student Experience and Academic Operations Transformation Projects

Chief Academic Officer Yasmine Ziesler presented an update on the work of the student experience and academic operations teams. That presentation can be found in the [materials packet](#) on pages 9-14.

6. Next Steps for curriculum development and governance review of optimized program array

Dr. Ziesler shared the next steps for completion of the program array optimization work and the planned time line, as set forth on pages 15-16 in the [packet](#). Dr. Ziesler explained that this approach to meeting the transition timeline goals was developed and agreed to by the four Faculty Assembly Moderators and the President of the Faculty Federation.

**Trustee Cluver moved and Trustee Jefferson seconded a motion to recommend to the Board that the Board charge the Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer with providing administrative direction to support achieving the academic program array timeline goals as developed and agreed to by all four faculty assembly leaders and President of the Faculty Federation, and to provide a status update to EPSL in January. The motion was approved unanimously.**

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Comments from the public

No public comment

Chair Cluver adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.