

TO: Education, Personnel, and Student Life Committee
Megan Cluver, Chair
Karen Luneau, Vice Chair
Janette Bombardier
Ryan Cooney
Dylan Giambatista
Shirley Jefferson
Mary Moran

FROM: Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer



RE: EPSL Meeting on January 24, 2022

DATE: January 18, 2022

The EPSL Committee of the Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet on Monday, January 24th from 1:00pm to 1:30pm by Zoom.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide a brief informational update on the status of work on the optimized program array for Vermont State University.

I can be reached directly at (802) 224-3025 if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Cc: VSC Board of Trustees
Council of Presidents
Chief Academic Officers
Student Affairs Council
HR Council

**Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees
Education, Personnel, and Student Life Committee**

January 24th, 2022

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of December 6th, 2021 meeting minutes
3. Update on status of work on optimized program array
4. Comments from the public

MATERIALS

1. December 6th, 2021 minutes

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 - UNAPPROVED

Note: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at the subsequent meeting.

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.

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