

**Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees' Education, Personnel, and Student Life
Committee meeting held Monday March 21, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom - APPROVED**

The VSCS Board of Trustees Education, Personnel, and Student Life Committee met on Monday, March 21, 2022 via Zoom.

Committee Members present: Megan Cluver (Chair), Janette Bombardier (1:30), Ryan Cooney, David Durfee, Karen Luneau, Mary Moran

Absent: Shirley Jefferson

Presidents: Joyce Judy, John Mills, Tom Mauhs-Pugh

Chancellor's Office Staff: Donny Bazluke, Network/Security Analyst
Kellie Campbell, Chief Information Officer
Wilson Garland, Director of Transformation
Jen Porrier, Administrative Director
Kathryn Santiago, Associate General Counsel
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: Nolan Atkins, Provost, Northern Vermont University
Jae Basiliere, Director of the Center for Teaching & Learning,
Northern Vermont University
Beth Camp, Student Success Specialist, Vermont Technical
College
Sarah Chambers, Coordinator of Instructional Technology,
Castleton University
Skye Erskine, Academic Counselor, Vermont Technical College
Ana Gaillat, Dean of Academic Affairs, Vermont Technical
College
Kathleen Mason, Coordinator for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion,
Vermont Technical College
Joan Richmond-Hall, Faculty, Vermont Technical College
Ashley Stackowitz, Academic Support Counselor, Vermont
Technical College
Julie Theoret, Faculty, Northern Vermont University
Beth Walsh, President, VSCUP, Northern Vermont University

1. Call to Order

Chair Cluver called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Approval of January 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Trustee Moran moved and Trustee Cooney seconded the motion to approve the January 24, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Recommendation of VSC Faculty Fellows for 2022-2023

Chief Academic Officer Yasmine Ziesler asked Northern Vermont University President John Mills to give a brief overview of the first Faculty Fellow candidate, Gina Mireault. President Mills shared that Ms. Mireault's work is highly regarded in her field and will provide great benefits for future NVU Psychology students. Castleton University President Tom Mauhs-Pugh then discussed the qualifications of nominee Chris Boettcher, stating that his entire career demonstrates outstanding contributions to teaching and learning at Castleton and beyond.

Trustee Luneau moved and Trustee Moran seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the approval of the Faculty Fellow nominations for Gina Mireault and Chris Boettcher. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Update on High-Priority Academic Transformation Projects

Dr. Ziesler shared a presentation on Academic Programs Optimization projects that can be found [here](#) on pages 7-11. Vermont Technical College Faculty Assembly Moderator Joan Richmond-Hall described the process by which the Curriculum Committees and Faculty Assembly chairs are working through the coordinated review process. Professor Julie Theoret, on behalf of the Faculty Federation, shared that many of the ideas proposed by the Labor Task Force two years ago are being integrated into the ongoing faculty work on the academic structure of the new university. Dr. Ziesler went on to discuss other high priority academic transformation projects currently underway such as the "Face-to-Face Plus" Faculty Pilot Project and a goal to develop a faculty governance structure for the new University. Chair Cluver asked for a future update with data on prospective student interest in the optimized program array. The Committee acknowledged the hard work of faculty in preparing for the launch of the new university.

5. Preview of Postsecondary Data Project dashboard metrics for student success

Dr. Ziesler shared a presentation on Postsecondary Data Partnership Dashboard Overview which can be found [here](#). Dr. Ziesler went on to describe and explain the data and data tools displayed in the report and how it can be applied to define student success goals and metrics for Vermont State University.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Comments from the public

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There were no comments from the public.

Chair Cluver adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.