

**Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees' Education, Personnel, and Student Life  
Committee meeting held Wednesday August 31, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom - APPROVED**

The VSCS Board of Trustees Education, Personnel, and Student Life Committee met on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 via Zoom.

Committee Members present: Megan Cluver (Chair), Janette Bombardier, David Durfee, Karen Luneau, Mary Moran, Perry Ragouzis

Absent: Shirley Jefferson

Other Trustees present: Lynn Dickinson

Presidents: Parwinder Grewal, Joyce Judy

Chancellor's Office Staff: Donny Bazluke, Network/Security Analyst  
Kellie Campbell, Chief Information Officer  
Wilson Garland, Director of Transformation  
Pat Moulton, Executive Director, Workforce Development  
Jen Porrier, Administrative Director  
Sarah Potter, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Sharron Scott, Chief Financial and 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 and Vermont State University  
Sarah Chambers, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, Castleton University  
Ana Gaillat, Dean of Academic Affairs, Vermont Technical College  
Hilary Linehan, Director of Athletics & Recreation, Vermont Technical College  
Debby Stewart, Dean of Academic Affairs, Community College of Vermont  
Beth Walsh, President, VSCUP, Northern Vermont University

1. Call to Order

Chair Cluver called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Approval of May 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**Trustee Durfee moved and Trustee Moran seconded the motion to approve the May 23, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.**

3. Public Comment

Beth Walsh expressed her pleasure at seeing the draft concept for faculty and staff liaisons to the EPSL committee agenda. She sees this as a great first step in the Board hearing more faculty and staff voices.

4. Student Trustee Update

Chair Cluver shared that going forward, a standing item on the EPSL agenda will be an update from the Student Trustee. Student Trustee Ragouzis provided an update based on his conversations with students at the campuses and his understanding of the feelings at the start of this new academic year. In speaking with his fellow students, he found excitement for the new website, new student life elements, new internship opportunities, new student leadership opportunities, the ability to attend new classes, and excitement to build back following COVID-19. He also heard concerns surrounding the lingering effects of COVID-19 on student leaders, the departure of and replacement of faculty and staff, and negativity of some students impacting the morale of other students. Trustee Ragouzis plans to meet with student leaders at each of the institutions. He reported that students are interested in hearing trustees explain why they decide to vote as they do. He has participated in Faculty Assembly meetings and seen how hard the faculty have been working and shared a thank you to faculty from students. Students have identified events at which they would welcome the opportunity to meet trustees. Trustee Ragouzis will provide the list, once compiled, and it will be shared with trustees.

5. Review of EPSL Committee plans and faculty and staff liaisons role for 2022-2023

Chair Cluver reviewed the draft plan for EPSL Committee work for 2022-2023 which can be found [here](#) on page 8. The draft plan includes monitoring Vermont State University program array work, including student, faculty, and staff perspectives in EPSL work, revising policies to align with the new system configuration, focusing on understanding student experiences at CCV and VTSU, and focusing on talent management in the system.

6. Review of anticipated academic policy revisions

Chief Academic Officer Yasmine Ziesler reviewed anticipated academic policy revisions. Her presentation can be found [here](#), with further information in the packet [here](#) on pages 13-25. Dr. Ziesler discussed the three policies and the changes recommended by the Chief Academic Officers. The revised policies will be brought forward at a future meeting for approval by the Committee. There will be additional policy changes, with the evolution of the VSC system. Dr. Ziesler answered questions about the proposed revisions to VSC Policies 101, 102 and 109, assisted by Nolan Atkins, Provost of NVU and VTSU, and Debby Stewart, Dean of Academic Affairs for CCV.

7. Vermont State University academic transformation progress update

Provost Atkins provided a detailed progress update on the great deal of work that has occurred over the summer. Some highlights include the faculty's work to complete optimized curriculum details, the general education program and a draft governance model. Twenty-six programs are under review by curriculum committees, a Gen Ed proposal has been submitted for review by Faculty Assemblies, a common framework for graduate program review has been established, and revisions to high-credit "stacked" associates-to-bachelors programs will be finalized this fall. Unified academic policies for VTSU have been developed and reviewed and new scheduling software and catalog systems have been launched. The faculty in the F2F+ pilot participated in a series of workshops this summer and are now piloting a variety of strategies in their fall courses, including five faculty who are piloting a 1:1 device strategy with students.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair Cluver adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.