

**Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees' Education, Personnel, and Student Life
Committee meeting held Thursday October 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom - APPROVED**

The VSCS Board of Trustees Education, Personnel, and Student Life Committee met on Thursday, October 27, 2022 via Zoom.

Committee Members present: Megan Cluver (Chair), Janette Bombardier, David Durfee, Shirley Jefferson, Karen Luneau, Mary Moran (1:19 p.m.), Perry Ragouzis

Other Trustees present: Lynn Dickinson

Presidents: Parwinder Grewal, Joyce Judy

Chancellor's Office Staff: Donny Bazluke, Network/Security Analyst
Wilson Garland, Director of Transformation
Katherine Levasseur, Director of External and Governmental Affairs
Pat Moulton, Executive Director, Workforce Development
Jen Porrier, Administrative Director
Sarah Potter, Chief Human Resources Officer
Kathryn Santiago, Associate General Counsel
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
Kelley Beckwith, Vice President of Student Success, Vermont State University
Hilary Linehan, Director of Athletics & Recreation, Vermont Technical College
Katherine Penberthy, CCV Faculty Liaison to EPSL Committee
Beth Walsh, President, VSCUP, Northern Vermont University
Heather Weinstein, Dean of Student Initiatives & Student Affairs, Community College of Vermont
Erin Wetherell, CCV Staff Liaison to EPSL Committee

From the public: Mathew Barewicz, Vermont Department of Labor
Nicole Overley, Senior Manager, Deloitte Consulting

1. Call to Order

Chair Cluver called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Chair Cluver welcomed Katherine Penberthy and Erin Wetherell as liaisons to the EPSL Committee from the faculty and staff at Community College of Vermont, and Hilary Linehan on behalf of Vermont State University.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of August 31, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Trustee Ragouzis moved and Trustee Jefferson seconded the motion to approve the August 31, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Fall enrollment update

Chief Academic Officer Yasmine Ziesler provided an update on the fall enrollment while referring to pages 13-15 [here](#). As of the most recent snapshot, taken on October 15, the enrollment numbers are encouraging for both CCV and VTSU.

5. Vermont State University academic transformation progress update

Vermont State University Provost Nolan Atkins reported on two important academic transformation projects: approving the program array, and the general education program. The program array consists of just over 100 programs, plus 18 graduate programs, that need to be approved using a rigorous process. 15 programs have been approved, 30 are in review and 40+ remain in the queue for approval. The process for reviewing the programs is robust and successful in identifying issues as they arise.

The general education program has seen a great deal accomplished by a diverse group of faculty and a proposal has been developed for a Vermont State University Associate and Baccalaureate general education program. The result of this work is an emerging general education program that includes the thinking of all the faculty and all the programs from all the campuses - a program that is truly created by a diverse group.

6. Update on proposed revised approach to Policy 109

This agenda item was deferred to a later committee meeting.

7. Discussion on the future of work and learning

Trustee Cluver introduced Nicole Overley, who leads Deloitte's public sector future of work practice. Ms. Overley shared her presentation as a thought leader in this area, and not as a retained consultant. Ms. Overley shared these [slides](#) on "What the Future of Work means for Workforce."

Dr. Ziesler then introduced Mathew Barewicz, the Director of Labor Market Information at the Vermont Department of Labor. Mr. Barewicz shared a presentation on Vermont's labor market

and workforce challenges, which can be found [here](#). Mr. Barewicz concluded by observing there is a strong job market, and the opportunity exists for higher education to provide and prepare the workforce for these opportunities.

Chair Cluver then invited Trustee Ragouzis to share his insights from the student perspective on workforce. Trustee Ragouzis shared preliminary results from a Workforce Preparedness survey being completed by students at the Vermont State Colleges. The survey remains open to allow time to flesh out a more well-rounded respondent base. Preliminary results shared by Trustee Ragouzis are available [here](#).

8. Overview of Our Students and Supporting Their Success

Dr. Ziesler introduced Kelley Beckwith as the inaugural VTSU Vice President for Student Success. Due to time constraints, Ms. Beckwith's discussion will be deferred to a future committee meeting. Dr. Ziesler then introduced Heather Weinstein, Dean of Strategic Initiatives and Student Affairs for CCV. Ms. Weinstein shared a presentation on the part time student experience and the community college enrollment patterns that inform the understanding of part time students at CCV. That presentation can be found [here](#).

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair Cluver adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.