

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION 2023-001

Resolution Honoring the Shared Governance Leadership of Faculty Assemblies

- WHEREAS, The moderators of the four Faculty Assemblies, Preston Garcia of Castleton, Janet Bennion of NVU-Johnson, Dan Daley of NVU-Lyndon, and Joan Richmond-Hall of Vermont Tech, have been working collaboratively since 2021 to guide transparent, inclusive work on curriculum review and governance for Vermont State University; and
- WHEREAS, The four Faculty Assembly moderators have worked effectively with the support of administration and the VSC Faculty Federation President Chris Reilly and delegate Julie Theoret; and
- WHEREAS, The four Faculty Assembly moderators have benefitted further from the expertise and extensive coordination efforts of their “leader among equals,” Joan Richmond-Hall; and
- WHEREAS, The significant effort and commitment by all these faculty leaders has resulted in increased understanding and trust across the individual faculty communities forming Vermont State University and fostered effective, coordinated action during this challenging period of transition; and
- WHEREAS, These faculty leaders have additionally led and supported the significant and coordinated efforts of the four Faculty Assembly Curriculum Committee Chairs and their members, the General Education group, and Graduate Council members, collectively a group of over 35 faculty dedicated to the work of curriculum reviews this fall; and
- WHEREAS, These faculty leaders have further established a common meeting schedule and digital communication strategies to share and support review of all optimized academic programs and general education for the future Vermont State University; and
- WHEREAS, The work of the Faculty Assemblies collectively this fall has resulted in successful, substantive reviews and approval recommendations for all programs and the foundation for Vermont State University’s Connections General Education Program; and
- WHEREAS, Notwithstanding the significant work that still lies ahead for Faculty Assemblies to establish a final unified faculty governance model for Vermont State University among other matters, the work accomplished to date is unprecedented in scope and achievement and highly deserving of recognition by the Board; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees expresses its sincere appreciation to each of these faculty members for their significant leadership efforts, as well as to all faculty for their service in support of the creation of Vermont State University's academic program, for the benefit of its thousands of students and the State of Vermont.

Be it Approved: January 23, 2023

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Eileen "Lynn" Dickinson, Chair of the Board of Trustees