

**Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees' Education, Personnel, and Student Life
Committee meeting held Monday January 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom - APPROVED**

The VSCS Board of Trustees Education, Personnel, and Student Life Committee met on Monday, January 8, 2024 via Zoom.

Committee Members present: Megan Cluver (Chair), Karen Luneau (Vice Chair), Betsy Bloomer, Janette Bombardier, Shirley Jefferson, Jim Masland (1:49 p.m.), Perry Ragouzis

Other Trustees present: David Durfee

Committee Liaisons: Janet Bennion, VTSU Faculty Liaison to EPSL Committee
Hilary Linehan, VTSU Staff Liaison to EPSL Committee
Katherine Penberthy, CCV Faculty Liaison to EPSL Committee
Erin Wetherell, CCV Staff Liaison to EPSL Committee

Presidents: David Bergh, Joyce Judy

Chancellor's Office Staff: Beth Mauch, Chancellor
Jen Porrier, Administrative Director
Drake Turner, Director of Governmental & External Affairs
Yasmine Ziesler, Special Assistant to the Chancellor

Shared Services: Donny Bazluke, Network/Security Analyst
Sarah Chambers, Director of Learning Technologies
Sharron Scott, Chief Financial/Operations Officer
Patty Turley, General Counsel
Meg Walz, Director, Project Management

From the Colleges: Jennifer Alberico, Director of Online Teaching & Learning, CCV
Nolan Atkins, Provost, VTSU
Kelley Beckwith, Vice President of Student Success, VTSU
Jamia Danzy, Dean of Students, VTSU
Heather Duhamel, Faculty, VTSU
Barb Flathers, Executive Assistant to the President, VTSU
Glenn Evans, Executive Director for the Center for Agriculture & Food Entrepreneurship, VTSU
Jennifer Garrett-Ostermiller, Director of the Center for Teaching & Learning Innovation, VTSU
Leslie Johnson, Associate Academic Dean, CCV
David Kupferman, Dean, VTSU

Tatianna LeBlanc, Alumna, VTSU
Anne Simonds, Student, VTSU
Nicole Stetson, Associate Academic Dean, CCV
Debby Stewart, Dean of Academic Affairs, CCV
Beth Walsh, Co-President, VSCUP, VTSU

From the Public: Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
Pat Moulton, Central Vermont Recovery Officer
Andy Wood, Deputy Director of Agricultural Lending, Vermont
Economic Development Authority

1. Call to Order

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

2. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

3. Approval of October 30, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Trustee Bloomer moved and Trustee Jefferson seconded the motion to approve the October 30, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. CCV-VTSU Transfer Pathways progress update

Deborah Stewart, CCV Academic Dean, and Nolan Atkins, VTSU Provost, provided a status update on the continued Transfer Pathways work since the last report in October. Dean Stewart began by sharing that pathways between CCV and VTSU have been finalized for Psychology, Inclusive Childhood Education, Early Childhood Education, Accounting, Business, and Interdisciplinary Studies. They are nearing completion on pathways for Social Work and Nursing and have begun work on pathways for Respiratory Therapy, Dental Therapy and Radiological Science. A group has been formed by CCV and VTSU to focus on implementation. Provost Atkins added that each program that goes through the Optimization 2.0 process is also under consideration for CCV pathway development.

The Committee then heard from Tatianna LeBlanc, a recent graduate, and Anne Simonds, a student, about their experiences utilizing Transfer Pathways in Early Childhood Education.

Chair Cluver announced an endowed scholarship plan established in honor of the service of former chancellor Sophie Zdatny and her commitment to supporting VSC students in transfer pathways through the system.

5. Update on Vermont State Center for Agriculture and Food Entrepreneurship (CAFÉ)

Chair Cluver invited Glenn Evans, VTSU's Executive Director for the Center for Agriculture and Food Entrepreneurship, to give the committee an update on the progress being made with

support from grant funding and legislative appropriations. Mr. Evans shared the information contained on these [slides](#).

6. Vermont State Policy 102 new program proposal in Restorative Justice

VTSU President David Bergh introduced the new potential program in Restorative Justice as one where the interests of student, VTSU expertise and workforce needs intersect. Provost Atkins added background information for the genesis of the program. This program is proposing three credentials; B.S, A.S. and a certificate, and the courses will be offered with flexible options to attract a diversity of learners to the program. The entire program proposal can be found [here](#) on pages 20-52.

VTSU Faculty member Brandon Stroup provided an overview of the program proposal. The Committee asked when this approval goes before the Board that the University provide clarity on connectivity to CCV Pathways and how the 65 students will be recruited for the first class. Provost Atkins noted that the Faculty Assembly will be asked to consider this proposal in an upcoming meeting.

Trustee Jefferson moved and Trustee Luneau seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the approval of the new program proposal in Restorative Justice. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Update on VSC Student Association Constitution revisions

Trustee and VSCSA President Ragouzis shared an update on the changes to the VSC Student Association constitution. The redlined version of these changes can be found [here](#) on pages 54-57.

8. Update on Vermont State University student government

VTSU Dean of Students Jamia Danzy provided an update on what students are focused on as VTSU continues to develop its student government. Dean Danzy shared some staffing changes made to provide consistency across the campuses for both staff and students. Trustee Ragouzis then shared the presentation found [here](#) on pages 59-61 describing the SGA Unification timeline. Chair Cluver asked for updates at future meetings on the mechanisms that VTSU is establishing to obtain the student feedback that informs the continued development of other aspects of the student experience at the VSC.

9. Presentation on AI and Pedagogy at CCV and VTSU

Jen Alberico, Director of Online Teaching and Learning at CCV, Nicole Otte-Stetson, Associate Academic Dean at CCV, and Jen Garret-Ostermiller, Director for the Center for Teaching and Learning Innovation at VTSU, provided a brief presentation on current efforts and collaborations to support faculty and innovate in pedagogy and curriculum in response to emerging generative AI technologies. This presentation can be found [here](#) on pages 63-69. Chair Cluver noted the plan to hear more on this subject in a future committee meeting.

10. Other Business

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There was no other business.

Chair Cluver adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.