

Minutes of the VSC Board of Trustees' Education, Personnel & Student Life Committee meeting held Monday, February 10, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. virtually via Zoom. – APPROVED

The VSC Board of Trustees Education, Personnel & Student Life (EPSL) Committee met on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. virtually via Zoom.

Attendance

Committee Members: Megan Cluver (Chair), Karen Luneau (Vice Chair,) Betsy Bloomer, Janette Bombardier, Shirley Jefferson, Jason Musal

Absent: Jim Masland

Other Trustees: Sue Zeller, Lynn Dickinson, David Durfee

Liaisons: Meaghan Meachem, VTSU faculty
Katherine Penberthy, CCV faculty
Denise Rhodes, VTSU staff
Erin Wetherell, CCV staff

Chancellor: Elizabeth Mauch

Presidents: David Bergh, VTSU President
Joyce Judy, CCV President

Other Attendees: Jen Alberico, CCV Associate Academic Dean
Nolan Atkins, VTSU Provost
Kelley Beckwith, VTSU Vice President of Student Success
Amy Chess, CCV Director of Institutional Research & Planning
Kayla Dewey, Executive Assistant, Board of Trustees
Lisa Hayward, VTSU Assoc, VP Online Program Administration
Leslie Johnson, CCV Associate Academic Dean
Jason Kaiser, VTSU Learning Spaces Technology Specialist
Leslie Kanat, VTSU Dean
Cathy Kozlik, VTSU Dean
David Kupferman, VTSU Dean
Katie Mobley, Dean of Enrollment, CCV
Nicole Stetson, CCV Associate Academic Dean
Deborah Stewart, CCV Dean of Academic Affairs
Sarah Truckle, VTSU Vice President of Business Operations
Patty Turley, General Counsel
Jarod Waite, CCV Associate Academic Dean
Beth Walsh, VTSU Road to Success Project Director
Heather Weinstein, CCV Dean
Paul Yoon, VTSU Chief Diversity Officer

Yasmine Zieler, Special Assistant to the Chancellor

1. Call to Order

Chair Cluver called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of October 28, 2024 minutes

Trustee Bombardier moved and Trustee Musal seconded the motion to approve the October 28, 2024 meeting minutes with the discussed amendment. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Vermont State University NECHE update

Chair Cluver turned the meeting over to President Bergh who provided an update on the status of an ongoing NECHE evaluation of VTSU. President Bergh shared summary highlights including that the process had been validating in that VTSU is managing challenge appropriately and that the challenges presented are what are expected two years following a merger. NECHE identified a number of strengths including that VTSU has well-developed strategies and priorities around student success. They are anticipating a final report in April. VTSU has begun preparing for the full NECHE visit in Spring 2027.

5. Review Policy 109 Final Reports (Annual Program Review)

Chair Cluver turned the meeting over to Yasmine Ziesler to review Policy 109 final reports. The policy was recently revised, and this was the first time that the board received a report following these revisions. The institutions had been monitoring new programs for quality, cost effectiveness, and workforce alignment and working together to operationalize processes.

Debby Stewart presented an update on CCV and discussed how CCV focused on building programs with stackable credentials and transfer pathways. CCV focused on meta majors to remain flexible and responsive to the industry.

Nolan Atkins provided an update for VTSU. He discussed how programs are undergoing optimization to improve delivery efficiency, enhance differentiating with competitive programs, and reduce complexity for students.

6. Executive Session (Review and discuss records exempt from the Public Records Act)

At 12:48 p.m. Trustee Cluver moved and Trustee Bombardier seconded a motion that the Educational, Personnel and Student Life Committee of the VSC Board of Trustees enter executive session because premature general public knowledge would place the VSC at a substantial disadvantage, pursuant 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(6) to discuss records exempt from the Public Records Act. Along with the members of the Board present at the meeting, in its discretion, the Committee invited the VSC Chancellor, VSC General Counsel, VTSU

President, and VTSU Provost to attend. The motion was approved unanimously.

The committee exited executive session at 1:16 p.m. and took no action.

7. Community College of Vermont student success update

Chair Cluver turned the meeting over to Heather Weinstein who gave an update on CCV student success. CCV introduced a new framework to consider six factors related to student success including access, learning, workforce, outcomes, and equity. Amy Chess discussed how CCV uses benchmarks and data to meet goals.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Adjourn

Chair Cluver adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.