

Minutes of the VSC Board of Trustees' Education, Personnel & Student Life Committee meeting held Monday, May 12, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. – UNAPPROVED

Note: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at the subsequent meeting.

The VSC Board of Trustees Education, Personnel & Student Life (EPSL) Committee met on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Attendance

Committee Members: Megan Cluver (Chair), Betsy Ide Bloomer (Vice Chair), Gwen Bailey-Rowe, Janette Bombardier, Shirley Jefferson, Jason Musal

Absent: Jim Masland

Other Trustees: Lynn Dickinson, Sue Zeller

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: Nolan Atkins, VTSU Provost
Miranda Axworthy, VTSU Librarian
Sarah Chambers, VTSU Director of Learning Technologies
Matt Corriere, VSC Lead Project Manager
Sean Dailey, VTSU IT Faculty
Kayla Dewey, Executive Assistant, Board of Trustees
Jessica Duncan, VTSU Director of Career Dev. & Innovation
Glenn Evans, VTSU Executive Director for CAFÉ
Brittany Green, VTSU Director of McNair Scholars Program
Lisa Hayward, VTSU Assoc, VP Online Program Administration
Jason Kaiser, VTSU Learning Spaces Technology Specialist
Leslie Kanat, VTSU Dean
Nicole Mace, CCV Dean of Administration
Katie Mobley, CCV Dean of Enrollment
Alejandra Nann, VTSU Library Director
Joan Richmond-Hall, VTSU Associate Professor
Katie Beth Ryan, CCV Librarian
Kathryn Santiago, Associate General Counsel
Sharron Scott, Chief Financial and Operating Officer
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
Heather Weinstein, CCV Dean of Strategic Inn. and Student Aff.
Yasmine Zieler, Special Assistant to the Chancellor
Debbie Warnock, VTSU Assoc. Dir., McNair Scholars Program

1. Call to Order

Chair Cluver called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

Chair Cluver announced that there was a change in the agenda that the committee would not be reviewing changes to Policies 311 and 311A. Instead, they would only be hearing an update.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of February 20, 2025 minutes

Trustee Musal moved and Trustee Bloomer seconded the motion to approve the February 20, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Review/recommend VTSU Faculty Fellows Nominations

Two individuals were self-nominated for faculty fellow positions: Professor Brandon Stroup and Professor Preston Garcia. Chair Cluver invited President Bergh to comment on the nominations. President Bergh provided a brief overview of each, including that Professor Garcia has connected student engagement and learning outcomes to his work and has provided opportunities for research and presentation opportunities to his students. Professor Stroup is a national leader in the advancement of restorative justice education, which is a critical need in Vermont and a state priority. More information on both candidates is in the meeting packet.

Trustee Bloomer moved and Trustee Musal seconded the motion to recommend approval of VTSU Faculty Fellows Nominations to the full board. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. VTSU Update on NECHE

Chair Cluver asked President Bergh for an update on the NECHE report process. President Bergh reported that a final written report is anticipated within the next few weeks. The main purpose of this focused review was to check on VTSU's progress following the establishment of the new institution. The commissioners shared informally that VTSU is making appropriate progress and should expect a favorable report.

6. Review/recommend updates to academic and student affairs policies

Chair Cluver asked Yasmine Ziesler to walk the committee through the proposed policy changes for policies 111, 108, and 102. Dr. Zeisler reported that each policy included updates to remove outdated terms and practices. Policy 111 governs how information is managed within the

information system. Changes are related to how shared courses are managed, guiding principles for naming courses, and definitions such as what is meant by “course equivalence.” Policy 108 relates to transfer credits from external institutions. Changes increase predictability of which credits will transfer in to a VSC institution. Policy 102 regards approval of new degrees and majors, and proposed changes to improve flexibility and accessibility.

Trustee Jefferson moved and Trustee Bombardier seconded the motion to recommend changes as submitted to Policies 111, 108, and 102 to the full board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Cluver requested an informational update from Associate General Counsel Kathryn Santiago on Policies 311/311A, the system non-discrimination and Title IX policies. There were no proposed revisions ready yet, but future revisions are expected at the June board meeting.

Chair Cluver also asked Ms. Santiago to walk proposed changes to Policy 313 on Hazing. The changes reflect a new federal law as well as updates to reflect current Vermont law citations.

Trustee Bombardier and Trustee Bloomer seconded the motion to recommend changes as submitted to Policy 313 to the full board. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. VTSU update on the development of a program in Agriculture, Food and Forests

Chair Cluver requested an update from Glenn Evans. Mr. Evans reviewed the development of a new program titled “Agriculture, Food and Forests”. Grant funding was provided to support this effort, which is also intended to leverage a new educational meat processing facility, complimenting other VSC programs, and creating an educational pathway need in the state. The proposed program differs from past similar proposals. The current proposal is well-funded, provides broad but focusable paths, and offers programming that is responsive to industry needs.

8. VSC Innovation Fund update

Chair Cluver requested an update from Dean Weinstein who provided an update on the Chancellor’s Innovation Fund. Proposals were collected in the Fall and evaluated with faculty input using selection criteria. Five projects were selected: development of a conference to demonstrate the tangible value of a college degree, providing support for multilingual learners, providing opportunities for undergraduate research and graduate professional study, sharing innovative strategies for open educational resources across the system, and AI readiness and performance tracking.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Adjourn

Chair Cluver adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.