

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION No. 2026 – 001

Acceptance of AY2025-2026 Policy 109 Reports and Chancellor’s Recommendations

- WHEREAS, The Vermont State Colleges (“VSC”) Board of Trustees, through Policy 109, Annual Review of Existing Academic Programs, charges the member institutions with conducting an annual review of the academic program array using enrollment, retention, graduation, workforce alignment, and cost effectiveness data; and
- WHEREAS, Policy 109 calls for the institutions to submit summary reports that address key discoveries from the data and explain institutional plans for acting on that data; and
- WHEREAS, Policy 109 calls for the Chancellor to review the reports of the member institutions and provide a recommendation to EPSL regarding the reports and any additional action steps that may be warranted; and
- WHEREAS, The Chancellor has reviewed CCV’s report and has recommended to EPSL the acceptance and affirmation of that report and actions, including the replacement of Digital Media Production by Digital Filmmaking and the archiving of the Web Development program; and
- WHEREAS, The Chancellor has reviewed VTSU’s report and has recommended to EPSL the acceptance and affirmation of that report and actions, including the consolidation of the Environmental Science program to the Castleton campus; and
- WHEREAS, The Chancellor has noted a broader concern articulated in VTSU’s report about the long-term viability of its overall average class size; and
- WHEREAS, The Chancellor is recommending that as part of the next cycle of Policy 109 review, VTSU examine other potential program consolidations, including programs that may fall outside a strict Policy 109 trigger; and
- WHEREAS, The Chancellor is specifically recommending that where a program meets the Policy 109 minimum size when total enrollment is considered across all campuses but does not meet those thresholds when enrollment is considered campus by campus, VTSU bring forward consolidation recommendations; and

WHEREAS, EPSL has reviewed the institutional reports along with the Chancellor's recommendations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees accept the Policy 109 reports by CCV and VTSU;

RESOLVED, That the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees affirm the programmatic changes being undertaken at CCV and VTSU; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees accept the Chancellor's additional recommendation that, as part of the next cycle of Policy 109 review, VTSU bring forward consolidation recommendations when campus by campus enrollments do not meet Policy 109 minimum sizes.

Approved: March 9, 2026

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