UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CHARGE

The Board of Trustees has full legal responsibility and authority for the University of Vermont, including the entire management and control of property and affairs of the University. The Board of Trustees sets and approves policies, budgets and strategic plans and appoints the President.

MISSION

The mission of the Board is to oversee, but not participate in, the management of the institution to ensure that the institution is operating in a manner consistent with its mission and fiduciary and other requirements. A key responsibility is to select a chief executive and to support that individual while simultaneously ensuring his or her accountability.

VISION

To align and implement the charge and mission of the Board in support of the University’s vision: to be among the nation's premier small research universities, preeminent in our comprehensive commitment to liberal education, environment, health, and public service.

GOALS

To support policies and programs that advance the University’s goals of diversity and inclusion.

To support policies and programs designed to provide a superior student experience inside and outside the classroom, including the attainment of respectful behaviors, reflective of good character and citizenship.
To support and monitor the development of institutional financial strength through promotion of policies that facilitate fund-raising; through regular attention to the alignment of major budget adjustments with broad institutional priorities; through strategic investments designed to conserve the long-term value and to optimize the rate of return of funds under institutional management.

To promote and support policies designed to strengthen the work of the faculty in teaching; in research, scholarship, and creative activity; and in service—all with special emphasis on academic programs and scholarly activities that are interdisciplinary, engaging students, staff, and faculty across departmental, school, and college lines.

To ensure that the president and his or her administration are operating with sound fiduciary principles and practices, including compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

To review and approve any proposals for substantive change in the University Strategic Plan, Strategic Financial Plan, and in the Strategic Capital Plan and to monitor progress toward achievement of the goals and objectives in those plans.

To engage in periodic assessment of the performance of the Board as part of an ongoing effort to improve the effectiveness of the Board and to ensure that the Board maintains the highest standards in the discharge of its fiduciary duties.

To support policies which enhance the ability of the University to serve the State of Vermont as its flagship University, as an engine for economic growth and development and as a resource for its citizens in terms of culture, arts, education and athletics.

To assist and support the President in achieving institutional goals.

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