A meeting of the Educational Policy and Institutional Resources Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College was held on Friday, February 22, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the Livak Ballroom, 417-419 Dudley H. Davis Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Martha Heath, Co-Vice Chairs Claire Ayer and John Snow, James Betts, Ray Pecor, Donna Sweaney, and Jeanette White

TRUSTEES ALSO PRESENT: Frank Cioffi

TRUSTEES ABSENT: James Leddy and Beth Rice

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Faculty Representatives Judy Cohen, Cindy Forehand, and Dan Archdeacon; Staff Representative Tatjana Salcedo; Student Representatives Christopher Shackett and DaVaughn Vincent-Bryan; Alumni Representatives Janet Terp and Larry Williams

PERSONS ALSO PARTICIPATING: David Dummit, Richard Galbraith, John Hughes, Dale Jaffe, Rachel Johnson, Jane Knodell, Christopher Lucier, Karen Meyer, Frederick Morin, Annie Stevens, Jill Tarule, and Bob Vaughan

Chair Martha Heath called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2007 meeting.

Committee Report Assignments

Chair Martha Heath assigned agenda items to each Committee member, giving those individuals the responsibility of reporting back to the entire Board of Trustees the outcome of their agenda item. Those assignments were as follows: Provost Report -- Claire Ayer, Naming of Plant Science Building -- Jeanette White, University Strategic Planning -- Martha Heath, Capital Projects Programmatic Review -- John Snow, and Curricular Affairs Committee Report -- Donna Sweaney.

Provost’s Report

Provost John Hughes provided the Committee with the Spring 2008 Enrollment Report. He reported that the undergraduate headcount enrollment of 8,950 is 371 students above last spring. The overall application volume has doubled in the past five years. Provost Hughes commended the efforts of Chris Lucier, Vice President for Enrollment Management, and the Admissions staff
for breaking previous enrollment records at UVM and for building a stronger, more diverse class. Provost Hughes concluded his update to the Committee by providing a cost comparison between staying at a local motel and a Vermont resident attending UVM. The comparison emphasized the value of a UVM education.

**Naming of the Plant Science Building**

The Committee was asked to approve a proposed resolution to name the plant science building after Senator James Jeffords to honor his commitment to environmental issues. Provost John Hughes reported on the praiseworthy service Senator Jeffords provided to the State of Vermont and the University of Vermont through his public service career which spanned four decades. In recognition of his leadership, Senator Jeffords’ colleagues in Congress have appropriated $3,000,000 in funding for this facility. Senator Patrick Leahy was instrumental in securing the necessary funding.

Provost Hughes presented the following resolution for approval:

**Naming of the Plant Science Building**

WHEREAS, at its December 1, 2008 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the construction of the Plant Science Building, and

WHEREAS, Senator James M. Jeffords has provided a career of exemplary service to the State of Vermont in the areas of environmental stewardship and agricultural sustainability, and

WHEREAS, Senator Jeffords has provided foresight in strengthening Vermont’s economic opportunities through the development of innovative technologies and approaches to address environmental issues, and

WHEREAS, Senator Jeffords has demonstrated unwavering and tireless support to advancing quality education, and

WHEREAS, Senator Jeffords has been a loyal friend and advocate for the University of Vermont;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the naming of the Plant Science Building as the “James M. Jeffords Hall,” to be commonly known as “Jeffords Hall.”

A motion was made, seconded, and voted to approve the resolution to the full board (7-0).

**University Strategic Planning**

Provost John Hughes updated the Committee on the indicators for the seven goals outlined in the University Strategic Plan. He asked the Board members to assist UVM with monitoring the university’s progress towards its goals and objectives. Dale Jaffe, Special Assistant to the
Provost for Planning and Assessment, is working with the University Planning Council to revise the current strategic plan in order to ensure UVM’s competitiveness into the future. The University Planning Council has narrowed the current strategic plan to four key areas which include: Diversity and Climate, Academic Programming, Student/Staff/Faculty experience at UVM, and Research and Scholarships. Dr. Jaffe also emphasized the need to form working groups for each of the seven goals. Each of the working groups would be responsible for creating discrete and quantifiable metrics for each goal.

**Capital Projects Programmatic Review**

Robert Vaughan, Director of Capital Planning and Management, reviewed the Annual Energy Conservation Projects for FY09. The Energy Conservation Project’s goal is to incorporate environmental practices in the planning and design of capital projects while strengthening the university’s financial resources.

The following resolution was put before the Committee to endorse:

**Energy Conservation Projects FY ’09**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustee’s Educational Policy and Institutional Resources Committee has carefully reviewed the program, scope, and preliminary estimate of $1,000,000 for the proposed Energy Conservation Projects FY ’09 and finds it an institutional priority, consistent with the Strategic Capital Plan, and worthy of further review;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Educational Policy and Institutional Resources Committee hereby endorses the project and remits it to the Budget, Finance, and Investment Committee for financial review and approval at their May meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted to approve the resolution to the full board (7-0).

**Report by the Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee Chair**

Curricular Affairs Committee Chair Cynthia Forehand reported on six new action items for approval. She discussed the creation of the three new graduate programs in Clinical and Translational Science which are multi-disciplinary in nature. These programs were developed by the Matrix Center which is a governance structure for faculty collaboration. These three new degrees will allow students to apply scientific research to the patient at the bedside. Dr. Forehand also commented on the benefit of adding a minor in linguistics. The new linguistics minor will provide faculty in six different departments the opportunity to collaborate their work on the study of language. The minor in Green Building and Community Design and the Certificate of Graduate Study in Ecological Design will align with UVM’s mission to become a premier environmental university.

**Action Items**

Chair Heath presented the following resolutions for approval:
Resolution Approving a Certificate of Graduate Study in Clinical and Translational Science

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the creation of a Certificate of Graduate Study in Clinical and Translational Science, as approved and advanced by the Provost on February 12, 2008, and the President on February 12, 2008.

Resolution Approving a Master of Science in Clinical and Translational Science

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the creation of a Master of Science in Clinical and Translational Science, as approved and advanced by the Provost on February 12, 2008, and the President on February 12, 2008.

Resolution Approving a Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical and Translational Science

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the creation of a Doctorate of Philosophy in Clinical and Translational Science, as approved and advanced by the Provost on February 12, 2008, and the President on February 12, 2008.

Resolution Approving a New Minor in Linguistics

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves a new minor in Linguistics as approved and advanced by the Provost on February 12, 2008, and the President on February 12, 2008.

Resolution Approving a New Minor in Green Building and Community Design

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves a new minor in Green Building and Community Design as approved and advanced by the Provost on February 12, 2008, and the President on February 12, 2008.

Resolution Approving a Certificate of Graduate Study in Ecological Design

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves a Certificate of Graduate Study in Ecological Design as approved and advanced by the Provost on June 11, 2007, and the President on June 13, 2007.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted to approve the resolutions for recommendation to the full Board (7-0).

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

The Committee discussed agenda items for future meetings:

1. Financial safety net and debt counseling for students
2. Faculty/Staff diversity training
3. Strategies for philanthropy for capital projects
4. Value of higher education and access for middle class students
5. International exposure for undergraduates to understand the global environment and recruitment of international students
6. Green and Gold scholarships, strategy and outcomes and enrollment of Vermont students in future years including ALANA demographic of Vermont students
7. Articulation of UVM’s values- Should we have a priority system for programs? How will we weigh capital priorities vs. program priorities?

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Heath, Chair