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 6, 2009 at 11:45 a.m. in the Livak Ballroom, 417-419 Dudley H. Davis Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Martha Heath, Co-Vice Chairs Claire Ayer and Jeffrey Davis, James Betts, Johanna Donovan, James Leddy, Beth Rice, and Jeanette White

TRUSTEES ALSO PRESENT: Ian Boyce, Board of Trustees Chair

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Faculty Representatives Dan Archdeacon, Judith Cohen and Cynthia Forehand; Staff Representatives Shari Langlois and Amanda McIntire; Student Representatives Emma Kennedy and Christopher Shackett; Alumni Representative Janet Terp

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT: Alumni Representative Ted Madden

PERSONS ALSO PARTICIPATING: Alumnus Rob Cronin (sitting in for Alumni Representative Ted Madden), John Hughes, Senior Vice President and Provost; Dale Jaffe, Associate Provost for Planning and Assessment; Christopher Lucier, Vice President for Enrollment Management

Chair Martha Heath called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2008 meeting.

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The discussion was postponed to the May meeting due to time constraints.

Report by the Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee Chair

Cynthia Forehand, Curricular Affairs Committee Chair, reported that the Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee did not have any changes to bring forward to the Committee at this time.
Action Items

Chair Heath presented the following resolutions for approval:

**Resolution Approving a New Major in Global Studies**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves a new major in Global Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree, as approved and advanced by the Provost on January 15, 2009, and the President on January 16, 2009.

**Resolution Approving a New Minor in Global Studies**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves a new minor in Global Studies, as approved and advanced by the Provost on January 15, 2009, and the President on January 16, 2009.

**Resolution Approving a Name Change for the Area and International Studies Program**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves changing the name of the Area and International Studies Program to the Global and Regional Studies Program, as approved and advanced by the Provost on January 15, 2009, and the President on January 16, 2009.

**Resolution Approving Amendments to Diversity Policy Statement**

WHEREAS, in a statement adopted on November 13, 2004, this Board articulated its belief that diversity and academic excellence are inseparable; and

WHEREAS, in its statement, this Board proclaimed that a diverse University community is a compelling institutional interest indispensable to achieving our goal of academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, the University Strategic Plan identifies as a strategic goal building a diverse and globally aware University community sustained by an inclusive, supportive, and just campus climate;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board approves and adopts with enthusiasm, and with renewed dedication to its stated principles and objectives, a revised Diversity Policy Statement.

**Resolution Approving Changes to the Academic Freedom Policy**

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate adopted the Statement on Academic Freedom on September 23, 1954, and the Board of Trustees approved the statement on October 16, 1954; and
WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate revised and adopted the Statement on Academic Freedom on November 20, 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board approves and adopts, with renewed dedication and reaffirmed commitment to its stated principles and objectives, the Statement on Academic Freedom.

The committee postponed action on the renaming of the University of Vermont Proctor Maple Research Center.

A motion was made, seconded and it was unanimously voted to approve the resolutions.

**Provost’s Report**

- **Enrollment Data**

  Provost Hughes invited Vice President of Enrollment Chris Lucier to present a succinct report comprised of three topics: Spring Enrollment, Admissions, and Financial Aid. Vice President Lucier began his report by informing the Board Members that the enrollment numbers for the spring semester were higher than anticipated. The number of undergraduate students enrolled for the spring semester is 9,460 which is the highest in UVM history. The University of Vermont is seeing an increase in the number of transfer students from out of state as well as a higher return rate on the number of sophomores and juniors continuing their studies at UVM. Overall, applications have increased for the university by 6% percent compared to last year. Admitted student visit registration is up 18%. Students are also submitting their FAFSA financial aid paperwork and test scores earlier than in previous years which indicate a strong interest on the part of students in attending the University.

- **Differential Tuition**

  Provost John Hughes led a continuation of the discussion on the topic of differential tuition. He thanked Rocki-Lee Dewitt, Dean of the School of Business Administration, Dale Jaffe, Associate Provost for Planning and Assessment, and Chris Lucier, Vice President for Enrollment Management for presenting nine fundamental principles for initiating differential tuition. At this time Provost Hughes does not recommend adopting differential tuition due to the current economic climate. The Committee engaged in a discussion concerning the development, approval, monitoring and evaluation of such program proposals.

- **Class Minima**

  Provost Hughes updated the Committee on the status of the Class Enrollment Minimum Policy. The Deans and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee have both endorsed the new policy which will examine how the University of Vermont utilizes faculty resources and institutes best practices. The Registrar provided the Deans with a list of courses taught in fall 2008 that would not meet the proposed course enrollment minima. This data guided the Deans in creating the course schedule for fall 2009. Provost Hughes is anticipating that the percentage of courses that
do not meet the minimum class enrollment requirements will be significantly smaller than 19% for 2008 courses.

- **Cross Applications**

Provost Hughes presented a “Win-Loss” analysis; the analysis of those students who apply to UVM and other schools, including what schools they apply to in addition to UVM, where they are accepted, and where they ultimately attend. Provost John Hughes pointed out that the University of Vermont holds an advantageous position over its leading competitors with regard to measures for In-State Costs After Aid, Out-of-State Costs After Aid, Average In-State Tuition Increase Over the Past Five Years, Average Out-of State Tuition Increase Over the Past Five Years and Student/Faculty Ratio. However, the University of Vermont will need to direct attention to the measures of Median SAT Score, Six-Year Graduation Rate, First-Year Retention Rate and Acceptance Rate.

At 12:40 p.m., the Educational Policy and Institutional Resources Committee recessed. The Committee reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with a tour of McAuley Hall on the Trinity Campus.

**McAuley Hall Tour**

Chair Martha Heath called the meeting back to order at 2:35 p.m. to discuss the proposal that was submitted to the Committee requesting that McAuley Hall located on the Trinity Campus be renovated to accommodate student housing with a dining facility to fill an immediate need for additional rooms on campus next year.

**Resolution Referring McAuley Hall Project to Budget, Finance and Investment Committee**

RESOLVED, that the Educational Policy and Institutional Resources Committee favorably recommends the McAuley Hall project to the Budget Finance and Investment Committee, thus signifying its Step 1 capital projects approval.

**Adjournment**

Board of Trustees Chair Ian Boyce recognized and acknowledged Chair Heath for her years of service, dedication and leadership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Heath, Chair