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 Monday, March 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., in the President’s Conference Room, 351 Waterman Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bill Botzow*, Vice Chair Donna Sweaney*, Cynthia Barnhart*, Frank Cioffi*, Carolyn Dwyer*, Ron Lumbra*, Curt McCormack, and Tristan Toleno*

TRUSTEES ABSENT: David Brandt, Richard Gamelli, Anne O’Brien, Kesha Ram and President Thomas Sullivan

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Faculty Representatives Chris Burns and Laura Almstead, Staff Representative Amanda McIntire, Alumni Representative Afi Ahmadi*, and Foundation Representative Wolfgang Mieder

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT: Faculty Representative Jan Carney, Staff Representative Cathy Rahill, Student Representatives Jonathan Cares and Tyler Davis, and Graduate Student Representatives Devin Champagne and Kelsey Hudson

PERSONS ALSO PARTICIPATING: Provost and Senior Vice President David Rosowsky

*via conference call

Chair Bill Botzow called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. He welcomed new Faculty Representative Laura Almstead to her first meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting, held on February 5, 2016, were presented for approval. A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Action Items

Chair Botzow explained that the purpose of this meeting was to vote on two action items to be forwarded to the full Board in order to have them ready for this coming fall. He also informed the Committee that the resolutions will be introduced one at a time with an opportunity for questions followed by a vote on both resolutions as a consent agenda.

Faculty Representative Laura Almstead provided a brief overview of each of the academic program proposals:

- The proposal for a new minor in Neuroscience in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) is a collaboration between faculty in a number of departments. The proposed 18-credit minor is
built on established courses balanced between the behavioral and biological sciences. A particular strength of the curriculum is that it was designed such that students from multiple colleges should be able to complete the minor. The new minor has received strong support from the CAS Dean and the Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. The proposed Neuroscience is a cross-college and department collaboration that fills a student need, does not compete with other minors, and requires no new resources. The curriculum is well structured to provide students in the minor a broad foundation in neuroscience.

- A new minor in Behavioral Change Health Studies is being proposed by Dr. James Hudziak and team at the Vermont Center for Children, Youth, and Families in the College of Medicine. With special emphasis on pathways to wellness, the minor is intended to serve as one of three pillars, along with a residential life program and a social media program, of the UVM Wellness Environment program proposed by Dr. Hudziak. Material covered in the minor may be found in numerous fields of study at UVM, among them biology, psychology, exercise science, nursing, and nutrition.

The following resolutions were presented and an opportunity for discussion was offered:

**Resolution Approving the Creation of a New Minor in Neuroscience in the College of Arts & Sciences**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the creation of a new minor in Neuroscience in the College of Arts & Sciences, as approved and advanced by the Provost on February 18, 2016, and the President on February 19, 2016.

**Resolution Approving the Creation of a New Minor in Behavioral Change Health Studies in the College of Medicine**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the creation of a new minor in Behavioral Change Health Studies in the College of Medicine, as approved and advanced by the Provost on February 18, 2016, and the President on February 19, 2016.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made, seconded and the Trustees voted on the two resolutions as follows: Bill Botzow – Yes, Donna Sweeney – Yes, Cynthia Barnhart – Yes, Frank Cioffi – Yes, Carolyn Dwyer – Yes, Ron Lumbra – Yes, Curt McCormack – Yes, and Tristan Toleno – Yes

The resolutions were approved as presented.

**Update on Academic Success Center**

Provost David Rosowsky reported that over the past few months a group of leaders from across the campus have been focusing on coalescing programs related to student learning and student affairs which come under the Office of the Provost but also operate independently. Through opportunities afforded through retirements, some appointment titles have been changed to create the academic success center which will be “a hand in glove” relationship between the Vice
Provost for Student Affairs Annie Stevens and the Associate Provost for Teaching and Learning Brian Reed. This initiative brings the curricular enterprise and the student affairs enterprise much closer together under the rubric of academic student success. There will be an Academic Success Center and a search will take place for a faculty fellow that will be appointed to work closely with the center director. The center will include existing orientation programs, a new first year experience program, and a centralized advising center as well as a learning co-op program.

Chair Botzow asked about the physical location of the center. Provost Rosowsky responded that a lot of the student success and learning offices will be moving closer together on campus and be centrally located with the other student success initiatives.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Botzow, Chair