VERMONT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A meeting of the Vermont Agricultural College Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College (the Board) was held on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. in the Chittenden Room of the Dudley H. Davis Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Claire Ayer, Vice Chair Harry Chen, Secretary Johanna Donovan, Bill Botzow, Christopher Bray, David Potter, Donna Sweaney and Jeanette White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carolyn Branagan

ALSO PARTICIPATING: Director of Local, Government and Community Relations Joe Speidel, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Tom Vogelmann and Director of Federal Relations Wendy Koenig

Chair Ayer called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2009 meeting.

Election of Officers

The following officers were nominated, seconded, and voted into leadership positions: Johanna Donovan, Chair, Harry Chen, Vice Chair, and Jeanette White, Secretary. The board and staff members expressed their appreciation for the leadership that Claire Ayer has provided as chair.

Other Business

The Board discussed means to proactively provide updated information to legislators and other Vermonters in the coming year. This outreach effort could include issues such as University benefits to the community by county, tours of campus, informational meetings for legislators outside of committee structure, as well as other outreach efforts. Board members may want to further discuss their role and responsibilities in regards to the University and the Legislature.

Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Thomas Vogelmann updated the Board on progress toward a plan for the Miller Research Facility, as well as on other upcoming initiatives within his college.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette White, Secretary