A meeting of the Vermont Agricultural College Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College was held on Friday, October 21, at 1:00 p.m., in the Chittenden Bank Room of the Dudley H. Davis Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Tristan Toleno, Vice Chair Anne O’Brien, Secretary Curt McCormack, Bill Botzow, Bernie Juskiewicz, Donna Sweaney, Kesha Ram, Joan Lenes and Jeff Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PARTICPATING: Director of Federal and State Relations Wendy Koenig and President Tom Sullivan

Chair Tristan Toleno called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2016 meeting.

Legislative Summit Update

Trustee Anne O’Brien reminded the group that the next legislative summit is to be held on November 16, 2016 and will focus on health care issues. She noted that the program has been streamlined to fit into a half-day event, with an optional tour of the STEM facility at the end of the day. Agendas for the summit were distributed. Trustee O’Brien requested that each Vermont Agricultural College Board member submit a list of legislative colleagues to whom they would be willing to call and encourage to attend the summit. President Sullivan thanked Trustee O’Brien and her colleagues for their considerable effort in planning the summit.

Review of Legislative Opportunities for the FY17 Session

The Board discussed the opportunity the University has to share the Economic and Community Impacts of the University of Vermont Study as a way of establishing the context for the University’s appropriation requests. The Board also discussed the opportunity to share the STEM project with the legislative committees of jurisdiction on the capital budget, which had an appropriation supporting the project. Finally, the members noted the need to discuss major gifts to the University with legislative colleagues in order to educate them about the restricted nature of large gifts, and the opportunities for excellence that they present for research and other enterprises of UVM that benefit the State of Vermont.
Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Curt McCormack, Secretary