A meeting of the Vermont Agricultural College Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College was held on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at 7:30 a.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, John Bartholomew, Johannah Donovan, Bernard Juskiewicz, and Donna Sweaney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shap Smith and Jeff Wilson

ALSO PARTICIPATING: Director of Federal and State Relations Wendy Koenig, President Tom Sullivan, Director of UVM Dining Services Melissa Zelazny, and Student Member of the Real Food Working Group Betsy McGavisk.

Chair Tristan Toleno called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2017 meeting.

**Strategy for 2018 Legislative Session**

President Tom Sullivan asked Director Federal and State Relations Wendy Koenig to lay out the legislative funding priorities for the 2018 legislative session. She described them as increased funding for Catamount Commitment (which benefits low to lower-middle income students,) the STEM complex, and deferred maintenance at the Morgan Horse Farm. President Sullivan discussed his upcoming meeting with Governor Phil Scott, where he will share these priorities in advance of state budget planning. Also, Chair Toleno updated the group on UVM’s legislative outreach strategy, which includes visits this fall to every county in the state to share UVM’s message of value to Vermont in a broad context.

**Presentation on the Real Food Challenge**

Director of UVM Dining Services Melissa Zelazny and Student Member of the Real Food Working Group Betsy McGavisk, an undergraduate student at UVM, provided a presentation on the Real Food Challenge. The Real Food Challenge is a national contest to incent colleges and universities to buy and use local and organic foods within their food services operations to improve health and the environment. UVM had a goal of using 20% real food by 2020, but surpassed that goal this year. The University has since revised the goal to use 25% real food by 2020.
Update on 2018 Legislative Summit on Water Quality

Vice Chair Anne O’Brien advised the group that the Summit date was changed from November 14, 2017 to November 13, 2017 in order to obtain a larger space for the event. She explained that the event will be more interactive and include participation by more faculty in an attempt to make it even more impactful than previous years. Vice Chair O’Brien asked that all legislative trustees attend the summit, and encouraged other legislators to register for the event.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Curt McCormack, Secretary