

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College held a meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., in room 427A Waterman Building via remote conferencing.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Ron Lumbra, Vice Chair Cynthia Barnhart, Secretary John Bartholomew, President Suresh Garimella, Frank Cioffi, and Shap Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carolyn Dwyer and Don McCree

OTHER TRUSTEES PRESENT: Carol Ode and Berke Tinaz

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Faculty Senate Representative Tom Borchert and Graduate Student Representative Rosie Chapina¹

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT: Staff Council Representative Jon Reisenweaver, Interim Foundation Representative President & CEO Jim Keller and Student Government Association Representative Sam Pasqualoni

PERSONS ALSO PARTICIPATING: Provost and Senior Vice President Patricia Prelock, Vice President for Legal Affairs & Senior Advisor to the President Sharon Reich Paulsen, Vice President for Finance and Administration Richard Cate, Chief Communications Officer Joel Seligman and Special Assistant to the President Jonathan D'Amore.

¹ Joined the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Chair Ron Lumbra called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Chair Lumbra entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2021 and October 14, 2021 meetings. The motion was made, seconded and it was voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Chair remarks

Chair Lumbra offered best wishes to Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff Erin Dickinson as she departs UVM to pursue a new career opportunity. On behalf of the trustees he expressed heartfelt appreciation for her dedication and exceptional serve to the University and the Board of Trustees.

President's remarks

President Suresh Garimella shared that the campus is bustling with activity. Just this past Friday he recently hosted an annual luncheon for UVM veterans and ROTC students to thank them for

their service to the country and attended the annual Diwali celebration hosted by the Indian Students Association and attended by several hundred students. President Garimella also recognized the women's and men's soccer teams on their America East championship wins over the University of New Hampshire.

Action items

Chair Lumbra invited Vice President for Finance and Administration Richard Cate to introduce the contracts for the committee's consideration. He noted that resolutions would be introduced individually with an opportunity for discussion following. Once all resolutions have been introduced, the committee will vote on them as a consent agenda unless someone requests a separate vote on a particular resolution.

Vice President Cate introduced a proposed a five-year lease renewal with Stack 208, LLC for the continued use of warehouse space for the Larner College of Medicine freezer storage located at 208 Flynn Avenue, in Burlington, Vermont. When combined with the previous lease, which expires January 31, 2021, the term exceeds five years. Annual rental expense associated with this lease is \$75,639 plus an annual CPI adjustment paid by Larner College of Medicine.

The following resolution was presented for approval:

Resolution authorizing lease amendment with Stack 208, LLC for the continued use of warehouse space for Larner College of Medicine freezer storage at 208 Flynn Avenue, Burlington, Vermont

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration, or his successor or designee, is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a five-year lease extension of the existing lease agreement with Stack 208, LLC for 11,000 square feet of warehouse space located at 208 Flynn Avenue, Burlington, Vermont subject to material terms and conditions reported on this date.

Vice President Cate next introduced a contract with the City of Burlington for police patrols. The University and City agreed that it would be helpful to have special police patrols in certain residential neighborhoods near the University that house University students. The purpose of the patrols is to help enhance public safety in those neighborhoods. The University and City have entered into similar agreements in the past. Under the terms of the agreement, the University will reimburse the City for Burlington for extra police patrols on certain dates during the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters, in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.

The following resolution was presented for approval:

Resolution approving contract with the City of Burlington for police patrols

BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract between the University and the City of Burlington ("City") dated October 5, 2021 (the "Agreement") for the funding of certain police patrols in the City, in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000., is hereby approved for the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters.

Vice President Cate then introduced a second contract amendment with Clinical Research Sequencing Platform, LLC (CRSP) for on-going COVID-19 testing services. Throughout 2020-2021 fall, spring, and summer semesters, UVM employees oversaw an on-campus COVID-19 testing program for students, faculty and staff and then shipped the samples to CRSP (Cambridge, MA) for analysis. The University will continue testing a limited number of students this fall through next summer along with any faculty or staff who elect the option. The cost of the tests has decreased in price and will be funded using federal funds that have been made available for this and other related purposes. The administration is requesting additional spending authority and an extension of time for the existing contract with CRSP. The additional expense is up to \$2,000,000 and the term of the contract would be extended through August 29, 2022.

The following resolution was presented for approval:

Resolution approving second contract amendment with Clinical Research Sequencing Platform, LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration, or his successor or designee, is hereby authorized to amend the existing contract (approved December 14, 2020 and amended April 12, 2021) with Clinical Research Sequencing Platform LLC., a wholly owned subsidiary of The Broad Institute, Inc. for COVID- 19 testing services through August 29, 2022, for an additional amount of \$2,000,000, with a total not to exceed \$14,500,000.

Vice President Cate next introduced a contract with A.C. Hathorne for roof and ventilation installation services. A.C. Hathorne Company located in Williston, Vermont has been engaged in providing UVM a contract for the replacement of the roof and ventilation system at the Multipurpose Center on the athletic campus at 97 Spear Street. These services are not part of the capital project and are being supported by the deferred maintenance budget.

The project will begin November 15, 2021 with a completion date in 2022, based on delivery of materials and available labor. This project is estimated not to exceed \$1,500,000.

The following resolution was presented for approval:

Resolution approving contract with A.C. Hathorne Company

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration, or his successor or designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with A.C. Hathorne Company for a roof and ventilation installation project beginning November 15, 2021, for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000

Vice President Cate then introduced a six-month contract extension with Audio Visual Environments, LLC (AVE). The University entered into a five-year contract with AVE in 2016 for audio visual equipment, content presentation, control and communication equipment. AVE has played an instrumental role in enabling remote teaching and setting up classroom equipment

during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are a Vermont-based company with easy access to campus. They have offered to extend the contract for another six months.

The administration is requesting an extension contract beginning January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, for an additional amount not to exceed \$300,000.

The following resolution was presented for approval:

Resolution approving contract extension with Audio Visual Environments, LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration, or his successor or designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract extension with Audio Visual Environments, LLC for audio visual equipment, content presentation, control and communication equipment from January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022, for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

Vice President Cate next introduced a contract with Presidio Networked Solutions for the Cisco systems networking equipment. Telecommunications and Network Services is requesting to execute a contract with Presidio by utilizing the State of Vermont contract from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024. The anticipated regular maintenance spend for projects over this contract term is \$7,500,000.

Presidio has been a partner with UVM for many years for their Cisco equipment and service.

The following resolution was presented for approval:

Resolution approving contract with Presidio Networked Solutions

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration, or his successor or designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Presidio Networked Solutions for the Cisco systems network equipment beginning July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000.

Vice President Cate introduced a final resolution approving a renewal contract with Calero Software, LLC for the VeraSmart equipment, maintenance support and licensing services to maintain UVM Telecommunications and Network Services internal billing and tracking system for campus. Calero has been a partner to UVM since 2014 and offered a renewal contract with a fixed cost of \$48,990 per year for the next three years. The same annual amount was charged in 2020.

Telecommunications and Network Services is requesting to execute a three-year renewal contract with Calero Software, LLC from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024, with an amount not to exceed \$147,000.

The renewal will exceed five years, which requires board approval.

The following resolution was presented for approval:

Resolution approving renewal contract with Calero Software, LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration, or his successor or designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a renewal contract with Calero Software, LLC for the VeraSmart equipment, maintenance support and licensing services beginning July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$147,000.

Chair Lumbra offered an opportunity for discussion and comments. There being none, a motion was made, seconded and all resolutions were unanimously approved as presented.

Executive Session

At 1:16 p.m., the Chair entertained a motion to enter into executive session to discuss contracts, premature general public knowledge of which would clearly place the University at a substantial disadvantage. He noted the session would last approximately 5 minutes and action is anticipated following. The motion was seconded and approved. Everyone was excused from the meeting with the exception of Trustees, Provost & Senior Vice President Patricia Prelock, Vice President for Legal Affairs & Senior Advisor to the President Sharon Reich Paulsen, Vice President for Finance and Administration Richard Cate, Chief Communications Officer Joel Seligman, Special Assistant to the President Jonathan D'Amore and Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff Erin Dickinson.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 1:36 p.m.

Chair Lumbra presented the following resolution for approval:

Resolution approving in-state tuition rate for fiscal year 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the following tuition rate effective with the 2022-2023 academic year, which reflects an adjustment to the rate approved on October 29, 2021:

In-state tuition \$16,280 per year, or \$678 per credit hour.

An opportunity for further discussion was offered. There being none, a motion was made, seconded, and the resolution was unanimously approved as presented.

At 1:37 p.m., the Chair entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the evaluation of a public officer. He noted the session would last approximately 15 minutes and no action is anticipated following.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 2:21 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Lumbra, Chair