

**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, December 14, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held via remote conferencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Ron Lumbra, Vice Chair Cynthia Barnhart, Secretary Curt McCormack, President Suresh Garimella, Frank Cioffi, Carolyn Dwyer, Don McCree and Shap Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER TRUSTEES PRESENT: Carol Ode and Berke Tinaz

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Foundation Representative President & CEO Shane Jacobson, Faculty Representative Thomas Chittenden, Staff Council Representative Caleb Gilbert and Graduate Student Senate Representative Avery Rasmussen

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT: Student Government Association Representative Lana Al-Namee

PERSONS ALSO PARTICIPATING: Provost and Senior Vice President Patricia Prelock, Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel and Chief of Staff to the President Sharon Reich Paulsen and Vice President for Finance & Treasurer Richard Cate.

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 November 16, 2020 meeting. The motion was made, seconded and it was voted to approve both sets of minutes as presented.

Chair's remarks

Chair Lumbra offered his thanks and congratulations to the entire UVM community for their successful efforts in keeping the campus safe and open during fall semester while continuing to look towards the future.

President's remarks

President Garimella reported he was pleased to learn that Vermont was one of two states named by Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, as a safe state for best practices related the COVID-19 pandemic. On the UVM campus, more than 145,000 COVID tests were administered throughout the fall semester with fewer than 100 total

student positive results and no clusters identified on campus. President Garimella extended his thanks to the faculty, staff and students for their efforts to ensure a successful semester.

Action Items

Chair Lumbra invited Vice President for Finance and Administration Richard Cate to introduce the two contracts on the agenda for the committee's consideration. He noted resolutions would be introduced individually with an opportunity for discussion following. Once both 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 contract renewal with Elsevier, Incorporated for research materials largely in the area of medicine named Clinical Key. Elsevier has offered to extend UVM's contract for one additional year with no price increase. With the renewal the contract duration will exceed five years, which requires board approval.

The following resolution was presented for approval:

Resolution approving contract renewal with Elsevier, Incorporated

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration, is hereby authorized to enter into a renewal contract with Elsevier, Incorporated for journal licenses from September 16, 2020 through September 15, 2021, for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

Vice President Cate next introduced a contract extension with Clinical Research Sequencing Platform, LLC ("CRSP") for on-going COVID-19 testing services. He reminded trustees that throughout the fall semester UVM employees oversaw an on-campus COVID-19 testing program for students, faculty and staff and then shipped the samples to CRSP in Cambridge, Massachusetts for analysis. The administration wants to continue to use this approach during the spring semester, purchasing the test kits this month, using CARES Act funds. The administration is requesting additional spending authority and an extension of time for the existing contract with CRSP. The additional expense would not exceed \$6,000,000 and the term of the contract would be extended through June 30, 2021.

The following resolution was presented for approval:

Resolution approving 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 August 10, 2020) with Clinical Research Sequencing Platform LLC., a wholly owned subsidiary of The Broad Institute, Inc. for COVID-19 testing services through June 30, 2021 for an additional amount of \$6,000,000 with a total not to exceed amount of \$10,000,000.

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

Executive Session

At 1:10 p.m., Chair Lumbra entertained a motion to enter into executive session to receive advice of legal counsel. He noted that no action is anticipated following and that the session is anticipated to last approximately 15 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved. The following persons were invited to remain: Senior Vice President and Provost Patricia Prelock, Vice Presidents Sharon Reich Paulsen and Richard Cate, and Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff Erin Dickinson.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 1:42 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Lumbra, Chair