

**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 was held on Friday, February 2, 2018, at 4:15 p.m., in the Chittenden Bank Room of the Dudley H. Davis Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Tristan Toleno, Vice Chair Anne O'Brien, John Bartholomew, Johannah Donovan, Shap Smith, Donna Sweaney, and Jeff Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Secretary Curt McCormack and Bernard Juskiewicz

ALSO PARTICIPATING: President Tom Sullivan, Director of Federal and State Relations Wendy Koenig, and Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Tom Vogelmann

Chair Tristan Toleno called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2017 meeting.

Update on Legislative Session to Date and Strategies Moving Forward

President Tom Sullivan and Director of State and Federal Relations Wendy Koenig discussed items of importance to the University of Vermont as they pertain to the current legislative session. President Sullivan informed the Board that the University has requested a \$1.5 million increase in our base appropriation to be used for first generation and low to lower-middle income Vermont student financial aid. He also reported that the University is seeking a one-time appropriation for the UVM Morgan Horse Farm for deferred maintenance.

Major Events and a Snapshot of Today's College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

Dean of the Agricultural College of Life Sciences Tom Vogelmann provided an overview of recent notable events including reintegration with Extension and strengthening the College's land-grant mission; revitalization of the historic Morgan Horse Farm and realignment with academic programs; and a description of the wide range of educational opportunities for students designed to create the next generation of citizens and leaders.

Report on 2017 Legislative Summit and Discussion and Vote on Topic for 2018 Legislative Summit

Trustee Anne O'Brien summarized the results of last year's legislative summit on water quality. The Board also discussed, and voted on, a provisional topic for the 2018 summit. The topic chosen is the sustainability of Vermont's rural economy. Trustee O'Brien will work with Vice

President for Research Richard Galbraith and Director Koenig on creating a work group to investigate moving forward with the topic.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tristan Toleno, Chair