

**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, May 18, 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, Shap Smith, Donna Sweaney, Bernie Juskiewicz, Curt McCormack and Jeff Wilson*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Johannah Donovan

ALSO PARTICIPATING: Board Chair David Daigle**, President Tom Sullivan, Director of Federal and State Relations Wendy Koenig and Director of Extension Chuck Ross

* Departed the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

**Arrived at 5:24 p.m.

Chair Tristan Toleno called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2018 meeting.

Update on Legislative Session

Chair Tristan Toleno, President Tom Sullivan and Director of State and Federal Relations Wendy Koenig reviewed the 2018 legislative session. They discussed the ramifications of the tax bill that passed the legislature and awaits a decision by Governor Phil Scott. The Board shared an interest in the University clarifying with the legislature and the Governor the potential impacts of a cap on charitable deductions and emphasized the value of having concrete data to support the institution's position.

Chair David Daigle joined the Board for a conversation about Board communications, specifically the occasional need for timely communications from the Chair on behalf of the Board.

Lastly, Director of Extension Chuck Ross reported that the integration of UVM Extension into College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has been successful, and will continue with the co-location of Extension to Morrill Hall.

Elections

According to the Board's by-laws, officers are elected annually in May for one-year terms. The following were elected officers for the coming year: Tristan Toleno, Chair; Shap Smith, Vice Chair; and Curt McCormack, Secretary.

Update on 2018 Legislative Summit

Director Koenig advised the group that the Summit will be held during the second week of November, 2018 and that the topic will be on Rural Economic Development. Vice Chair Anne O'Brien invited all legislative trustees to participate in the planning of this event.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tristan Toleno, Chair