

**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 Saturday, February 2, 2019, at 7:30 a.m., in the Chittenden Bank Room of the Dudley H. Davis Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Tristan Toleno*, Vice Chair Shap Smith, Secretary Curt McCormack, John Bartholomew, Johannah Donovan, Bernard Juskiewicz, Anne O'Brien, and Donna Sweaney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Wilson

ALSO PARTICIPATING: President Tom Sullivan, Vice President for Research Richard Galbraith, and Director of Federal and State Relations Wendy Koenig

*Participated via phone.

Vice Chair Shap Smith called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2018 meeting.

Emerging Issues in the 2019 Legislative Session

President Tom Sullivan and Director of State and Federal Relations Wendy Koenig discussed emerging issues for the 2019-2020 legislative session including the idea of introducing an annual inflationary increase for all of higher education and the expansion of the dual enrollment program. Trustee Shap Smith and Trustee Anne O'Brien also suggested talking with the legislature about leveraging new Department of Labor Funds for internships. Additionally, the Board agreed to host a coffee for new members of the general assembly, to better educate them on the critical role that UVM plays in Vermont.

Report on 2018 Legislative Summit on The Future Sustainability of Vermont's Rural Economy and 2019 Legislative Summit Discussion

Vice President for Research Richard Galbraith and Director of Federal and State Relations Wendy Koenig reported that approximately 80 people attended this year's summit on the Vermont Rural Economy. Vice President Galbraith mentioned that this topic was somewhat difficult in that it was very broad, but also noted that attendees were extremely pleased with the addition of student presentations to the Summit. The Board decided to continue to host the Summit on campus in early-to-mid November each year, and will vote on the topic for the 2019 Summit at their May meeting. The members also agreed to reach out to legislative Committee

Chairs to discuss their needs and how UVM research can help shape difficult policy questions moving forward.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Curt McCormack, Secretary