

**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 5, 2022 at 9:15 a.m. in the Chittenden Bank Room (413) at the Dudley H. Davis Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Carol Ode, Vice Chair Shap Smith, Secretary John Bartholomew, Johannah Donovan, Stephanie Jerome, Lucy Rogers, Catherine Toll and Samuel Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Christie

ALSO PARTICIPATING: President Suresh Garimella and Director of Federal and State Relations Wendy Koenig

Chair Carol Ode called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes from the October 29, 2021 meeting.

Emerging issues in the 2022 legislative session

Chair Carol Ode gave an overview of the legislative session thus far. She discussed the efforts of legislative trustees to communicate with their peers more effusively and effectively in the legislature, UVM's work to achieve a historic increase in the base appropriation, and status of a bill that has been introduced that would change the composition of our Board of Trustees to include members of the faculty and staff. She mentioned that it is early in the session, but that all trustees and Director Koenig are working in tandem to achieve UVM's legislative agenda.

2022 Legislative summit

Director of Federal and State Relations Wendy Koenig discussed working with the UVM Office of Engagement (OOE) to find a time to engage a fourteen-county strategy in communicating the work of the OOE. Director Koenig and Chair Ode will work with OOE Director Christopher Koliba to arrange this, hopefully this spring.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bartholomew, Secretary