

**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, August 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., in room 351 Waterman Building, via remote conferencing.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Ron Lumbra, Secretary Catherine Toll, Frank Cioffi, President Suresh Garimella, Carolyn Dwyer, and Don McCree

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chair Cynthia Barnhart and Shap Smith

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Faculty Senate Representative Tom Borchert, Staff Council Representative Monika Donlevy, Graduate Student Senate Representative Cara Simone, Student Government Association Representative Mahder Teferra, and Foundation Representative Monica Delisa

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT: None

PERSONS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Trustees R. Stanton Dodge, Jenn Ha, Stephanie Jerome, Carol Ode, Ed Pagano<sup>1</sup>, Kristina Pisanelli, Lucy Rogers, and Sam Young, Provost & Senior Vice President & Provost Patricia Prelock, Vice President for Finance & Administration Richard Cate, Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel Sharon Reich Paulsen, Chief of Staff to the President Jonathan D'Amore, and Director of the 4-H Family and Farmworker Education Programs Sarah Kleinman

<sup>1</sup>Joined the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

**Chair's remarks**

Chair Lumbra acknowledged the recent announcement of President Garimella's offer and acceptance to become the next president of the University of Arizona. He thanked President Garimella for his many contributions noting they have been profound and that his leadership has enhanced the university's impact within the state of Vermont and beyond.

He reported that an interim president will be appointed upon President Garimella's departure and that there will be a deliberative and comprehensive process to select

the next president with input solicited from campus constituents. He shared that he served as co-chair of the last Presidential Search Committee and lessons learned from that process will be brought forward into this search.

Chair Lumbrá concluded by expressing his gratitude for the outreach he's received since the announcement last Friday, from all corners of the campus community, offering their support and asking how they can help during this time of transition.

### **President's remarks**

President Suresh Garimella expressed his deep appreciation to trustees for their partnership and thanked them for the opportunity to serve as President and for their support during his tenure. He added that his colleagues in the UVM administration are wise and effective leaders who will ensure the continued success of the university. While his new role at the University of Arizona is an exciting opportunity, leaving UVM is bittersweet.

### **Action items**

Chair Lumbrá entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2024, meeting. The motion was made, seconded, and it was voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Provost Patricia Prelock introduced a resolution approving continued recognition of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College 4-H Program, Incorporated as an affiliated organization. She reminded trustees that in November 2015, the committee approved the creation of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College 4-H Program, Inc., a separate 501(c)(3) entity, for the purpose of financial management of 4-H clubs and chapters throughout the state. In June 2018, the committee approved expansion of the organization's purpose to include similarly situated Extension programs with community clubs and chapters, colloquially doing business as "UVM Extension Community Partners." The MOU covering this expanded purpose was entered into in 2021 and has since expired. Therefore, a new MOU is required to continue the affiliation pursuant to University policy.

The following resolution was presented for approval:

**Resolution approving continued recognition of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College 4-H Program, Inc. ("UVM Extension Community Partners") as an affiliated organization**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee hereby approves continuation of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College 4-H Program, Inc. as an affiliated organization of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College in support of community programming administered by UVM Extension Services with clubs or chapters, subject to the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding pursuant to the University's Affiliated Organization's Policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Provost is authorized to enter into such a Memorandum of Understanding for a term of three years.

Chair Lumbra offered an opportunity for discussion. There being none, a motion was made, seconded and the resolution was unanimously approved as presented.

### **Executive Session**

At 1:13 p.m., Chair Lumbra entertained a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and contracts. He noted the session is expected to last approximately 40 minutes and that no action is anticipated following. Everyone was excused from the meeting with the exception of Trustees and Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel Sharon Reich Paulsen. President Garimella was excused for the remainder of the meeting.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 1:51 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Lumbra, Chair