

**INVESTMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE**

A meeting of the Investment Subcommittee (ISC) of the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont State and Agricultural College was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 2:30 p.m., in room 351 Waterman Building via remote conferencing.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Don McCree and Susan Brengle

MEMBERS/ADVISORS ABSENT: Chair Robert Brennan; ISC Advisors David Aronoff and Steven Grossman

OTHER TRUSTEES PRESENT: Board Chair Ron Lumbra

PERSONS ALSO PARTICIPATING: Advisor Whit Wagner; Vice President for Finance & Administration Richard Cate; Controller Claire Burlingham; Senior Staff Accountant Patty Dubie; Endowment Accountant Marie Tiemann; Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel and Senior Advisor to the President Sharon Reich Paulsen; Trustee Coordinator Corinne Thompson; and Richard Morrison, Ian McPherson and Zac Smith of Prime Buchholz (PB)

Vice Chair Don McCree called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

Meeting minutes

Vice Chair McCree presented the minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting for approval. A motion was made, seconded and it was voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Resolution to establish the Marillyn Wilson Quasi-Endowment

Vice Chair McCree presented the following resolution for approval:

Resolution to establish the Marillyn Wilson Quasi-Endowment

WHEREAS, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences received a bequest from Marillyn Wilson of \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the University may decide to designate assets as quasi-endowment funds to gain the benefit of the earning power of the University's consolidated endowment pool while retaining the flexibility to be expended in whole or in part; and

WHEREAS, the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has requested that the remaining bequest balance of \$95,061.35 be used to establish the Marillyn Wilson Quasi-Endowment, to support the Field Naturalist Graduate Program, within the University's consolidated endowment pool;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Investment Subcommittee approves the creation of the Marilyn Wilson Quasi-Endowment within the University's consolidated endowment pool, for the benefit of the Field Naturalist Graduate Program.

Vice Chair McCree entertained a motion to approve the resolution. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Recent market returns and total portfolio performance overview

Richard Morrison, of Prime Buchholz (PB), led a discussion surrounding recent market and portfolio performance. Inflation and geopolitical risk continued to be significant concerns that impacted all asset classes, causing lower returns. U.S. Equities returns were -4.6% year-to-date, outperforming the Emerging Markets -6.0% returns. The Real Asset class provided some protection from inflation and the Hedge Fund sector held well during the 1st quarter of 2022.

Ian McPherson, of Prime Buchholz (PB) reviewed the performance of the long-term investment pool, net of investment management fees, through March 31, 2022. He noted portfolio returns were 0.5% for the month of March, -5.2% year-to-date, while the 1 year returns were 6.8%. He also highlighted those high levels of inflation have increased the CPI + Spending/Administration portfolio benchmark return to 14.0% over the last year. This was dramatically higher than the longer-term 10-year return of 7.2%.

Executive session

At 2:48 p.m., Vice Chair McCree entertained a motion to enter executive session for the purposes of discussing contracts, premature general public knowledge of which would clearly place the University at a substantial disadvantage, and records exempt from disclosure under provisions of the Public Records Act. He stated that the session would last approximately 1 hour 50 minutes with action anticipated following. The following persons were invited to remain: Trustees; Advisor Whit Wagner; Vice President for Finance & Administration Richard Cate; Controller Claire Burlingham; Senior Staff Accountant Patty Dubie; Endowment Accountant Marie Tiemann; Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel and Senior Advisor to the President Sharon Reich Paulsen; Trustee Coordinator Corinne Thompson; and Richard Morrison, Ian McPherson and Zac Smith of Prime Buchholz (PB)

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 4:08 p.m.

Portfolio rebalancing

Vice Chair McCree entertained motions to commit \$5 million to TrueBridge Global Premier Fund I. The motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Don McCree, Vice Chair