

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION

Unification of Lyndon State College and Johnson State College

- WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, in their July 21, 2016 resolution, affirmed their commitment to both the Lyndon State College and the Johnson State College campuses and their value to the regional economy, to the state, and to the VSC mission; and
- WHEREAS, Unification will expand opportunities for students through new academic programs, access to more courses and faculty, shared extra-curricular events, organizations, and opportunities; and
- WHEREAS, Unification will help achieve a strengthened financial position due to consolidated leadership positions, shared resources, and enhanced opportunities to grow enrollments and revenues; and
- WHEREAS, Faculty, staff and students are actively engaged in considering unification: what will make it successful, what challenges will be involved, how to preserve the identity of each college, and whose ideas, perspectives, and talents will shape the future of the unified college; and
- WHEREAS, The appointment of a single executive leadership team will help achieve immediate budget savings, work with faculty, staff, and students to determine the specifics of unification, and maintain a presence on each campus after unification; and
- WHEREAS, The proposed unification timeline reflects input received about appropriate preparation time for accreditation, state and federal agency processes, for the development and marketing of a brand for the unified college, and for continued and structured input and planning by faculty, staff, and students; and
- WHEREAS, Unification will bring together the unique attributes of each college, will create a larger, stronger college that offers more opportunities for students, will maintain two campuses and access to quality postsecondary education in the northern region of Vermont, and will strengthen the finances that will support this work; therefore, be it

- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves the unification of Johnson State College and Lyndon State College into one single, accredited college with two distinctive campuses; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That to provide executive leadership for the transition, Dr. Elaine Collins will serve as the single president of both colleges beginning July 1, 2017, and will be president of the unified college on July 1, 2018; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That Dr. Collins should name a unified executive leadership team that includes strong representation from both campuses by the end of October, 2016 to guide transition planning and implementation of unification; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That Chancellor, with advice from Dr. Collin's unified leadership team and the Unification Advisory Committee, should make a recommendation on a name for the new entity for the Board's consideration at, or before, its December 1st meeting.

September 29, 2016