

## Minutes

### VSAC Programs & Services Committee Meeting

September 19, 2022  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Boardroom, VSAC Offices  
10 East Allen Street  
Winooski, Vermont 05404

**Committee Members Present:** Martha Heath (Chair), Dave Larsen, Ryan Dulude, Tim Chamberlin, Clarence Davis (present for portions of the meeting)  
**Committee Members Absent:** Caleb Elder  
**Other Members Present:** Dodie Mitchell, Chair  
**VSAC Staff Present:** Scott Giles, Marilyn Cargill, Patrick Leduc, Mike Stuart, Tom Little, Jodie Ducharme  
**Others:** N/A

Chair Martha Heath called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. With a quorum established, the Committee proceeded to the first order of business.

#### Approval of Minutes

*Upon a motion made by Clarence Davis and seconded by Ryan Dulude, the Committee Members voted to approve the Programs & Services Committee Minutes of May 23, 2022, as presented.*

#### Public Comment

There were no public comments given during the public comment period.

#### Grant Policy – Ongoing Review

Marilyn Cargill reviewed the following policies, which were last reviewed in 2019. Marilyn noted there were no proposed changes to either of these policies:

- Gift Aid Tolerance
- Dual Enrollment Stipend

The Committee discussed the policies and Marilyn responded to questions.

*Upon a motion made by Ryan Dulude and seconded by Clarence Davis, the Committee Members voted to recommend that the full Board approve the Gift Aid Tolerance and Dual Enrollment Stipend policies, as presented.*

### **Work Plan Review**

Martha Heath directed the Committee's attention to the previously distributed Work Plan, noting that it is similar to previous plans. The Committee agreed with the documented work plan and had no suggested revisions.

### **Operations Updates**

Scott Giles and Marilyn Cargill briefed the Committee on the following:

- Impact of Temporary Expanded PSLF on FFEL Portfolio
- 802 Opportunity Outcomes
- Advantage Loan Programs early volume
- Trades Scholarship Forgivable Loan Program
- VHEIP – contributions, accounts, withdrawals
- VSAC staff/building/hybrid work
- Standing Reports

### **Federal Update**

Scott Giles provided updates on the federal loan cancellation program, the federal suspension slated to end December 31, 2022, on Direct Loans and Defaulted FFEL Loans, and Operation Fresh Start.

### **Vermont Update –**

Scott Giles and Marilyn Cargill provided updates on the following:

- Final Outcomes on State Funding for VSAC
- Update on Mental Health and Nurse Educator Forgivable Loan Program Issues
- Legislator visits planned for this fall
- School visits to Financial Aid Offices and College Presidents
- Leadership Change at Curtis Foundation

### **Other Business**

There being no other business, the Committee adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marilyn Cargill, Assistant Secretary