

# Minutes

## VSAC Programs & Services Committee Meeting

March 20, 2023  
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

**Committee Members Present:** Martha Heath (Chair), Dave Larsen, Ryan Dulude, Tim Chamberlin  
**Committee Members Absent:** Caleb Elder, Clarence Davis  
**Other Members Present:** Dodie Mitchell, Chair  
**VSAC Staff Present:** Scott Giles, Marilyn Cargill, Patrick Leduc, Tom Little, and Jodie Ducharme

Chair Martha Heath called meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. With a quorum established, the Committee took up the first order of business.

### Approval of Minutes

*Upon a motion made by Ryan Dulude and seconded by Dave Larsen, the Committee Members voted unanimously to approve the Programs & Services Committee Minutes of January 23, 2023, as presented.*

### Public Comment

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

### Grant Policy – Ongoing Review

Marilyn Cargill reviewed each of the following policies:

- **Other Aid** – Marilyn reviewed the policy and noted there were no proposed changes.
- **Satisfactory Academic Progress** – Marilyn reviewed the policy and noted there were no proposed changes.
- **Residency Regulations** – Marilyn reviewed the policy and noted revisions to reflect that, beginning with FY2023, as a result of ACT 166 a student attending the Community College of Vermont shall be considered a resident for in-state tuition purposes, beginning at the start of the next semester or academic period after arrival in Vermont, if that person 1) qualifies as a refugee pursuant to 8 U.S.C 1101(a)(42), 2) is granted parole to enter the United States pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)5) or 3) is issued a special immigrant visa pursuant to the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009, as amended.

*Upon a motion made by Dave Larsen and seconded by Ryan Dulude, the Committee Members voted unanimously to recommend that the full Board approve the Other Aid, Satisfactory Academic Progress, and Residency Regulations policies, as presented.*

### **Maximum Income Cutoff and Maximum Parent/Student Contribution for '23-'24**

Martha transitioned Members to the annual Expected Family Contribution Cutoff review. Marilyn Cargill reviewed the previously distributed Family Income Cutoff for Grant Eligibility and the Family Contribution Cap for Grant Eligibility documents and responded to Member questions.

*Upon a motion made by Ryan Dulude and seconded by Dave Larsen, the Committee Members voted unanimously to maintain the income cutoff for Fiscal Year 2024, as presented, and to approve the Parent/Student Contribution Cutoff for Fiscal Year 2024, as presented.*

### **Operations Updates**

Marilyn Cargill briefed the Committee on the following efforts:

- Grants and what we are seeing for FY'24
- FFEL loan forgiveness
- NY Audit Update
- Public Affairs position
- Scholarship Revenue Model
- Standing Reports

Marilyn reminded the Committee that we will be seeking permission from them at the April meeting to set grant funding levels prior to the first awarding.

### **Federal Update**

Scott Giles provided updates on the President Biden's 2024 Budget, SOFI suing the Department of Education over the suspension of payments, the expanded IDR program, and New Congress.

### **Vermont Update**

Scott Giles provided updates on the UVM and VTSU budget requests and updated Trades Scholarship/Forgivable Loan budget request, and he and Marilyn Cargill provided a legislative update.

### **Other Business**

There being no other business, the Committee adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marilyn Cargill, Assistant Secretary