

To: Vermont State College System Communities
From: Chancellor Sophie Zdatny
Re: **Transformation Update #20**
Date: January 3, 2022

Dear Vermont State Colleges Community,

Welcome to 2022 and best wishes for a happy and healthy year ahead!

Our regular updates to you throughout the Transformation process can currently be found on the VSCS website at <https://www.vsc.edu/transformation/>. However, while not yet complete, the new transformation microsite is now live at <https://transformation.vsc.edu/>.

New Transformation Website

The new transformation website (<https://transformation.vsc.edu/>) continues to be a work in progress but you can check it out. Once the site is fully populated, it will replace the existing site. Past transformation updates are available under the “News and Updates” tab on the new site and are searchable so you can locate information relevant to a specific topic, either by searching for the term or clicking on the “topics” listed in the column on the right of the screen. Moving forward, project transformation team-specific information will be posted directly to the website. The Academic Operations and Student Experience teams’ information is located under the “Creating Vermont State University” tab. Administrative Operations and Workforce Development teams have their own tabs on the ribbon as these teams cover both Vermont State University and the Community College of Vermont. If you have feedback or suggestions related to the new microsite, please submit them to chancellor@vsc.edu.

Requests for Proposals

As shared in our previous transformation updates, we have been working on two requests for proposals to support the transformation roadmap around both our Colleague and Slate systems. These are core systems that support some of our most critical business functions. We want to thank those stakeholders in our community that participated in the presentations and reviewed the proposals. The key focus of the work is on supporting business process review, system changes, and ensuring a sustainable system roadmap. We are happy to share news that partners have been selected and we will be diving into this work very quickly. If you have any questions

about this work, please feel free to reach out to Kellie Campbell, our Chief Information Officer at kellie.campbell@vsc.edu.

In addition, the Vermont State Colleges System recently engaged Maguire Associates from Massachusetts to assist the system with the development of new pricing model(s) that will be effective for the 2022-2023 academic year. The models will balance student affordability while maximizing net student revenue. Maguire Associates will recommend models for pricing, conduct market analysis, and make recommendations regarding ongoing process and data collection. Maguire Associates are expected to complete their work by April 2022.

Recent VSC Job Postings

The Vermont State Colleges System is looking to fill a communications position and a variety of information technology positions, including a Communication Assistant and Staff Writer, a Technical Project/Systems Analyst, a Local Area Network/System Administrator, an Institutional Data Analyst, and a Learning Spaces Technology Specialist. If you or someone you know is interested in these or any other open positions across the system, further information is available at <https://www.vsc.edu/employee-resources/job-postings/>.

Upcoming Town Hall Meetings

We are in the process of scheduling a series of Town Hall meetings for late January/early February. After consultation with the Colleges as to the best dates, times of day, and meeting format, here is the proposed schedule:

Location	Date	Time	Format*
Vermont Tech	Monday, January 31	Noon-1:00 p.m.	Virtual only
NVU-Johnson	Tuesday, February 1	Noon-1:00 p.m.	In person & virtual
NVU-Lyndon	Thursday, February 3	Noon-1:00 p.m.	In person & virtual
Castleton	Tuesday, February 8	12:30-1:30 p.m.	In person & virtual

Castleton and Chancellor Office employees will be invited to participate in a town hall of their choosing.

*Although we hope to be able to conduct the Town Halls in person and virtually, we may need to switch the format to virtual only depending on the course of the coronavirus.

Student Advisory Council – Nominations Welcome

Thank you to all those students who are currently participating on the Council. We are looking for some additional members to join the Council for the Spring semester so, if you are a student who would be interested in participating or you know a student you would like to nominate, please complete the nomination form at [Student Advisory Council Nomination Form - Spring Semester \(office.com\)](#). The Council meets from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on selected Thursdays. The following meetings have been scheduled for the Spring.

January 27 th (Canvas course template)	March 17 th
February 3 rd	April 14 th
February 24 th	April 28 th

UPCOMING BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Agenda and meeting materials for upcoming meetings are posted [here](#).

January 7, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.	Executive Committee (Zoom)
January 10, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee (Zoom)
January 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Personnel & Student Life (EPSL) Committee (Zoom)
January 24, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.	Full Board meeting (Zoom)
February 7, 2022 (time TBD)	Audit Committee (Zoom)
February 7, 2022 (time TBD)	Finance & Facilities (Zoom)

Additional information about Board and Committee meetings, including information on how to access the meetings may be found [here](#).

PUBLIC INPUT

We will continue to solicit broad input as our transformation continues. **We encourage you to share your feedback at [this link](#).** This feedback is reviewed and posted monthly on the transformation website.

With kind regards,

Sophie