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Introduced by Representatives Minier of South Burlington, Berbeco of
Winooski, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Montpelier,
Cina of Burlington, Greer of Bennington, Harple of Glover,
Headrick of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Kleppner of
Burlington, Logan of Burlington, McCann of Montpelier,
McGill of Bridport, Morrissey of Bennington, Nugent of South
Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph,
Sweeney of Shelburne, Tomlinson of Winooski, and Winter of
Ludlow

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; University of Vermont; Board of Trustees

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to add one
voting faculty member and one staff member to the Board of Trustees of the
University of Vermont and State Agricultural College. It also adds a
requirement that one of the two student trustees shall be an undergraduate
student and one shall be a graduate student.

An act relating to the reconstitution of the University of Vermont Board of
Trustees

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 Sec. 1. 16 App. V.S.A. § 1-2 is amended to read:

3 § 1-2. BOARD OF TRUSTEES; MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF SERVICE;
4 PRESIDING CHAIR

5 The Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural
6 College shall be composed of ~~25~~ 27 members, whose term of office shall be six
7 years, except as to those who are members ex officio and to those who are
8 faculty and student members. Three members shall be appointed by the
9 Governor with the consent of the Senate. During the legislative session of
10 1955, the Governor shall appoint one member for a term of two years, one
11 member for a term of four years, and one member for a term of six years and it
12 shall be the duty of the Governor during the session of the Legislature prior to
13 expiration of the term of office of any of the members to appoint for the term
14 of six years a successor to the member whose term is expiring. The terms of
15 office of the ~~Trustees~~ trustees shall expire on the last day of February in the
16 respective years of expiration, and the terms of office of their successors shall
17 thereafter begin on March 1 and expire on the last day of February.

18 Nine members shall be those who have been heretofore elected by the
19 Legislature as members of the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont
20 and State Agricultural College, and whose terms have not expired, and their
21 successors, and it shall be the duty of the Legislature at its session during

1 which the terms of office of any class of the members expire to elect three
2 successor members for terms of six years. The terms shall commence on
3 March 1 in the year of election. The nine ~~Trustees~~ trustees and their successors
4 shall also constitute the Board of Trustees of the Vermont Agricultural
5 College.

6 Nine members shall be those who have been heretofore elected on behalf of
7 the University of Vermont as members of the Board of Trustees of the
8 University of Vermont and State Agricultural College and whose terms have
9 not expired, and their successors, and it shall be the duty of said nine ~~Trustees~~
10 trustees to elect successors to fill vacancies occurring among their number
11 upon expiration of the terms of office of any of them or otherwise. The nine
12 ~~Trustees~~ trustees and their successors shall also constitute the Board of
13 Trustees of the University of Vermont.

14 One member shall be a member of the University of Vermont and State
15 Agricultural College faculty, elected by the faculty in an election conducted by
16 the Faculty Senate, to serve a four-year term commencing on March 1 in the
17 year of election. The faculty member shall have full voting rights. A vacancy
18 for any cause shall be filled by a vote of the faculty and the term of the person
19 so appointed to fill the vacancy shall expire on the next following last day of
20 February.

1 One member shall be a member of the University of Vermont and State
2 Agricultural College staff, appointed through a process ensuring broad
3 representation and alignment with the governance standards set for faculty
4 appointees.

5 Two members shall be students enrolled at the University of Vermont and
6 State Agricultural College. One student member shall be a full-time
7 undergraduate student and one student member shall be a full-time graduate
8 student. Their terms of office shall be two years. Prior to February 1, 1978,
9 the Associated Directors for the Appointment of the University of Vermont
10 and State Agricultural College Student Trustees, Incorporated shall select and
11 appoint one student for a term of one year and one student for a term of two
12 years, ~~both of whom shall be enrolled as full-time undergraduate or full-time~~
13 ~~graduate students.~~ Annually thereafter, the Directors shall meet to select and
14 appoint one student trustee for a term of two years in accordance with the
15 provisions of this section. The Directors shall fill any vacancy occurring
16 among the student trustee members upon the expiration of the term of office of
17 any of them or otherwise. A student shall be eligible to serve as a ~~Trustee~~
18 trustee, provided the student is a full-time undergraduate or full-time graduate
19 student matriculating in accordance with the degree qualifications and
20 requirements established by the University of Vermont and State Agricultural
21 College and if the student remains in that status throughout the length of the

1 term of office. The term of office of a ~~Student Trustee~~ student trustee shall
2 begin on March 1 following the date of appointment, and the term of office
3 shall end the last day of February in the year of expiration. Any student
4 elected hereunder shall have reached ~~the age of~~ 18 years of age.

5 All ~~Trustees~~ trustees so appointed and elected as hereinbefore provided,
6 shall, together with his or her Excellency, the Governor of the State, and the
7 President, who shall be, ex officio, a member, constitute an entire Board of
8 Trustees of the corporation known as the University of Vermont and State
9 Agricultural College, who shall have the entire management and control of its
10 property and affairs, and in all things relating thereto, except in the elections to
11 fill vacancies, as aforesaid, shall act together jointly, as one entire Board of
12 Trustees; ~~provided;~~ that all future elections or appointments to the Board of
13 Trustees shall be made with special reference to preventing any religious
14 denominational preponderance in the Board. The Board shall annually, at its
15 first regular meeting after the election of new trustees, elect one of its members
16 to serve as Chair.

17 Sec. 2. TRANSITION

18 (a) On or before July 31, 2025, new faculty and staff members of the Board
19 of Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College shall
20 be elected or appointed, as applicable, under Sec. 1 of this act.

1 (b) The first year of service of these new members shall be a partial year
2 commencing on August 1, 2025 and ending on the last day of February 2026.

3 The remaining three years of each member's term shall each be a full year.

4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.