

1 S.116

2 Introduced by Senators Perchlik, Chittenden, Hardy and Vyhovsky

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; University of Vermont; Vermont State Colleges; Board of  
6 Trustees

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to add two  
8 faculty members to the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont and  
9 State Agricultural College.

10 An act relating to the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont and  
11 State Agricultural College

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

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

14 § 1-2. BOARD OF TRUSTEES; MEMBERSHIP; TERMS OF SERVICE;  
15 PRESIDING CHAIR

16 The Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural  
17 College shall be composed of ~~25~~ 27 members, whose term of office shall be six  
18 years, except as to those who are members ex officio and to those who are  
19 faculty and student members. Three members shall be appointed by the  
20 Governor with the consent of the Senate. During the legislative session of

1 1955, the Governor shall appoint one member for a term of two years, one  
2 member for a term of four years, and one member for a term of six years and it  
3 shall be the duty of the Governor during the session of the Legislature prior to  
4 expiration of the term of office of any of the members to appoint for the term  
5 of six years a successor to the member whose term is expiring. The terms of  
6 office of the ~~Trustees~~ trustees shall expire on the last day of February in the  
7 respective years of expiration, and the terms of office of their successors shall  
8 thereafter begin on March 1 and expire on the last day of February.

9 Nine members shall be those who have been heretofore elected by the  
10 Legislature as members of the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont  
11 and State Agricultural College, and whose terms have not expired, and their  
12 successors, and it shall be the duty of the Legislature at its session during  
13 which the terms of office of any class of the members expire to elect three  
14 successor members for terms of six years. The terms shall commence on  
15 March 1 in the year of election. The nine ~~Trustees~~ trustees and their successors  
16 shall also constitute the Board of Trustees of the Vermont Agricultural  
17 College.

18 Nine members shall be those who have been heretofore elected on behalf of  
19 the University of Vermont as members of the Board of Trustees of the  
20 University of Vermont and State Agricultural College and whose terms have  
21 not expired, and their successors, and it shall be the duty of said nine ~~Trustees~~

1 trustees to elect successors to fill vacancies occurring among their number  
2 upon expiration of the terms of office of any of them or otherwise. The nine  
3 ~~Trustees~~ trustees and their successors shall also constitute the Board of  
4 Trustees of the University of Vermont.

5 Two members shall be faculty employed by the University of Vermont and  
6 State Agricultural College and elected by the faculty to a six-year term  
7 expiring on August 1. The Faculty Senate shall oversee all faculty trustee  
8 elections, which shall be open to all faculty. Vacancies for any cause shall be  
9 filled through an election, and the term of the person so elected shall expire on  
10 the next following August 1.

11 Two members shall be students enrolled at the University of Vermont and  
12 State Agricultural College. Their terms of office shall be two years. Prior to  
13 February 1, 1978, the Associated Directors for the Appointment of the  
14 University of Vermont and State Agricultural College Student Trustees,  
15 Incorporated shall select and appoint one student for a term of one year and  
16 one student for a term of two years, both of whom shall be enrolled as full-time  
17 undergraduate or full-time graduate students. Annually thereafter, the  
18 Directors shall meet to select and appoint one student trustee for a term of two  
19 years in accordance with the provisions of this section. The Directors shall fill  
20 any vacancy occurring among the student trustee members upon the expiration  
21 of the term of office of any of them or otherwise. A student shall be eligible to

1 serve as a ~~Trustee~~ trustee, provided the student is a full-time undergraduate or  
2 full-time graduate student matriculating in accordance with the degree  
3 qualifications and requirements established by the University of Vermont and  
4 State Agricultural College and if the student remains in that status throughout  
5 the length of the term of office. The term of office of a ~~Student Trustee~~ student  
6 trustee shall begin on March 1 following the date of appointment, and the term  
7 of office shall end the last day of February in the year of expiration. Any  
8 student elected hereunder shall have reached ~~the age of~~ 18 years of age.

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

1       Sec. 2. TRANSITION

2           On or before August 1, 2023, new faculty members of the Board of Trustees  
3           of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College shall be elected  
4           pursuant to Sec. 1 of this act.

5       Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

6           This act shall take effect on passage.