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Comments on the 1/5/21 meeting:

- Don't you think that a reduction in tuition costs will encourage more Vermont students to stay in state?
- I don't see how you can NOT talk about the economic impact of doing nothing to support the system.

My comments from 12/14/20 (I don't see them available on the website)

I have heard concerns on the NCHEMS report. There is concern that CCV, VSAC and the Central Office are not being asked to take on any of the "hard work" because the President of CCV, the President of VSAC, and the Chancellor are on the committee, and are protecting their entities.

CCV ~ needs to be part of the system. Their nimbleness is touted as a good thing, but it is carried on the backs of the adjunct faculty (the only community college in the country without any full-time faculty, no benefits, no job security). CCV's students are not well-served by this design.

VSAC ~ needs to discuss limiting the portability of VSAC grants (Vermont is the only state with no limits and sends millions of dollars, and many students, out of Vermont).  
Central Office ~ while it is obvious that the system needs to continue to provide some common services, adding to the staffing of the Central Office is expensive and irresponsible.

and

I am concerned that although the NCHEMS report talks about increasing training and expectations for the BOT, you haven't proposed the very important change of adding faculty and staff to the governing process. Why not?

Thank you, Beth Walsh

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