

**VSBPE**

**Date: May 8, 2019**

**Item: Castleton New Program Review Application**

**ITEM:** Shall the VSBPE accept the proposed review schedule for Castleton's post-bac programs?

**AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the VSBPE accepts the proposed review schedule for Castleton's post-bac programs (Elementary Education, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies). The proposed plan is for Castleton to submit evidence for having met the stipulations from the last review by Dec. 31, 2019, with a review to follow in the spring of 2020 to verify the evidence. The review will be a small team of the ROPA Consultant and one additional person, to be agreed upon by Castleton.**

**BACKGROUND:**

Castleton had a review of its proposed new programs at the post-bac level in 2015. The review team recommended that the programs not be approved, and included four stipulations and several concerns in their report. In 2016, Castleton submitted a rejoinder to the report and the Board voted to approve the programs with the condition that there would be a follow-up visit in two years. Due to AOE staff turnover, this review was missed last year. The ROPA Consultant reached out to Castleton in April, 2019, to collaborate on a proposed plan to rectify this oversight.

**RATIONALE:**

The proposed plan was proposed by Ric Reardon, the Castleton Licensure Officer, and seems to be a reasonable timeframe. Ric has stated that his understanding was that this review would be delayed since the program did not get started until 2017, and they will now have two cohorts from which to gather evidence for the follow-up review.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Motion that was approved in 2016**

TO: Members of the Program Approval Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Nancy Reid, Vermont Agency of Education ROPA

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**June 16, 2016**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators vote to accept the Castleton University response to the stipulations from ROPA visit last July. Castleton University can move forward with their proposed new Post-baccalaureate program.

**MOTION:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, move that the VSBPE accept Castleton University response to the stipulations resulting from the ROPA visit last summer allowing them to start a new post baccalaureate program.

This program will grant licenses in the following areas:

Elementary Education

English (7-12)

Social Studies (7-12)

Science (7-12)

Math (7-12)

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In July of 2015 a ROPA team visited then Castleton State College to approve two new programs. Their leadership program was approved but their post baccalaureate program was not approved until they addressed four stipulations. Ric Reardon has submitted a document outlining how he has addressed these concerns. There were concerns about the second stipulation but Ric recently made a concerted effort to address the concerns. The team has looked over Ric's revisions and has agreed that he has addressed the ROPA concerns. There will be a two-year visit scheduled where progress on the concerns and stipulations will be reviewed.