

VSBE

Date: July 9, 2020

Item: Review Team for NVU-Lyndon ROPA Review

ITEM: Shall the VSBE approve the following review team members for Northern Vermont University-Lyndon's ROPA review, to be conducted on Oct. 5-9, 2020?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBE approve the following review team members for NVU-Lyndon's ROPA Review.

Pelin Kohn, chairperson, received her B.A. in International Relations and her M.A. in Education in the area of History, both from Bilkent University in Turkey. She received her Ph.D. in Educational Sciences in Administration and Planning from Middle East Technical University in Turkey. Pelin earned a Fulbright scholarship and studied at Iowa State University. She currently serves as an adjunct faculty member at Norwich University, where she designs and teaches the Foundations of Education and Student Teaching courses. Pelin is also the Education Curriculum Coordinator for the Psychology and Education departments at Norwich, and in that role she supports the licensure program and serves on the Licensure Committee and the Education Advisory Board.

Brenda Seitz received her B.S. in Elementary Education from Marywood College and her M.S. in Education of the Hearing Impaired from Canisius College. She holds a VT Level II license in Elementary Education, Special Education, Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Special Education Director. Brenda has been an elementary and special educator and is currently a Special Education Case Manager for Windham Southeast District. She has also served as a Peer Review panelist.

Cathy Wilkins received her B.A. from Johnson State College in Elementary and Early Childhood Education and her Masters from UVM in Curriculum and Instruction. She was a teacher in grades K-3 for many years at Burke Town School. Cathy holds a VT Level II license in Elementary and Early Childhood Education, and currently works as a licensing specialist at the Agency of Education, where she specializes in Transcript Review and has also worked on many Peer Review panels.

Ric Reardon will represent the VSBPE. Ric is the Director of Education at Castleton University.

Ellen Cairns will represent the AOE. Ellen received her B.S. from The University of Vermont in Elementary and Special Education and is a former elementary school teacher.

***We will likely be adding one additional team member, but are waiting to see if we will need someone with expertise in Secondary Education or not, to be determined by the Board's decision on whether to extend NVU-L's approval to recommend candidates from their programs that are being taught-out.** The Board may either pre-approve an additional team member at this time with the assurance that the Office will ensure that that person is a Level II-licensed educator in a relevant endorsement, or request that the additional team member gets voted on at the next meeting in September. Since the Review Team will have a training meeting in August, we are requesting the first option.