

VSBPE

Date: January 9, 2025

Item: Saint Michael's College Undergraduate Programs ROPA Review Team

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE approve the team for the ROPA review of Saint Michael's College undergraduate programs which is scheduled for March 24-26, 2025?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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BACKGROUND:

Saint Michael's College had its last full ROPA review in 2018 and is due for its review in 2025. Because SMC has approval to recommend for so many endorsements at both the undergraduate and graduate level, they have agreed to split the review into two separate visits. Please note that this team has not yet been approved by SMC; it was submitted to them on Jan. 6 and they have until Jan. 20th to let the AOE know if they have any issues with any of the proposed team members.

PROPOSED TEAM:

Hannah Miller will chair the team. Hannah is an assistant professor of elementary education at Vermont State University. Hannah earned a B.A. in biology from Rhodes College, an M.A. in environmental education from Goshen College, an Ed.S. in curriculum and instruction from The University of Florida, and a Ph.D. in curriculum, instruction, and teacher education from Michigan State University. Hannah has taught science and English at both elementary and secondary levels. She currently teaches science, social studies, and literacy methods courses and directs the Inclusive Childhood Education program. Hannah has served on a previous ROPA review team and has also served as the Licensure Officer for Northern Vermont University.

Bruce Whitman is a Science teacher at Leland and Gray Union High School. He received his B.S. in Chemistry from Keene State College. He has served as a mentor for

new teachers, a local Standards Board member, and on a NEASC accreditation committee. Bruce received his educator license via Peer Review.

Laura Payson is a Reading Teacher and Coach at Chamberlin School, where she has worked since 2003. She received her CAGS from Saint Michael's College in Literacy in 2020. Besides her Level I license in Reading/English Language Arts, Laura also holds a Level II license in Elementary Education.

Amy Rex is the Superintendent of the Milton School District. Amy received her B.A. from the University of Massachusetts, and her M.Ed. from the University of Vermont. She has also taken courses at SMC in 2015-2016, and she holds a Level II license in Social Studies, Principal, and Superintendent.

Ellen Emery will represent the VSBPE.

Ellen Cairns will represent the Agency of Education, along with the yet-to-be-hired new ROPA Coordinator.