

VSBPE

Date: Sept. 20, 2018

Item: Northern Vermont University Request to Postpone ROPA Review from 2019 to 2020

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE grant permission to NVU-Lyndon and Johnson to postpone their ROPA review for one year, from fall of 2019 to fall of 2020?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Agency recommends that the VSBPE grant a six-month delay of the ROPA review, until spring 2020. The Agency further recommends that if the VSBPE grants the spring of 2020 review that the VSBPE authorize the Office to send a letter to the College Presidents of NVU-Lyndon, NVU-Johnson, to notify them that their ROPA reviews will be held in the spring of 2020?

BACKGROUND: Lyndon State College had its last ROPA review in 2012 and is due for its next review in 2019. Johnson State College had its last ROPA review in 2013 and would have been due for its next review in 2020.

RATIONALE: While the Office understands that the merger will take time and energy that would be diverted if NVU also had to prepare for a ROPA review, we also do not want their students to be impacted negatively during this period. This compromise would be a way to ensure that a new class does not start in the fall of 2020 if the NVU program is not fully in compliance and ready to prepare them as teachers.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: NVU's Request, NVU additional information