
Castleton Request for One-Year Extension of ROPA Approval

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE approve the request from Castleton to have a one-year extension of the VSBPE approval of their Principal program and delay the ROPA review from Fall 2023 to Fall 2024 ?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the VSBPE approve the request from Castleton to delay the ROPA review of their Principal program until Fall 2024.

BACKGROUND: The VSBPE initially approved Castleton's Principal program in August 2015. Castleton did not have a cohort until 2016, and thus submitted the Two-Year Report for the program in Spring 2018. Normally, this would mean that Castleton would initially have been due for their 7-Year ROPA review of the program in 2022, but because they did not begin the program until the summer of 2016, the review was bumped to Fall 2023.

RATIONALE: Castleton has submitted a compelling rationale for their request, which is largely due to the work they have been engaged in around the merger with NVU and VTC to form the new Vermont State University.