

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 27, 2016 4:00 p.m.

Office of the Chancellor

Montpelier, Vermont

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

1. Approval of Request for Honorary Degree



Manual of Policy and Procedures

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PURPOSE

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees, in the name of a specific Vermont State College, may award Honorary Degrees to individuals worthy of such recognition. Thus, procedures and criteria for making such awards are required.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Awarding an Honorary Degree is indication of the high esteem in which the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees holds the recipient. To assure only the most worthy or appropriate receive Honorary Degrees, the following procedures and criteria shall apply:

A. Criteria for Awarding Honorary Degrees

The Board of Trustees, in the name of a specific Vermont State College, may award Honorary Degrees to individuals who have made significant contributions typically to higher education, to the Vermont State Colleges and/or to the State of Vermont. Criteria shall include but not be limited to the following:

- The nominee has some attachment/connection with the Vermont State Colleges and/or the State of Vermont.
- The nominee has a statewide, national and/or a worldwide reputation.
- The nominee has made significant contributions to a discipline or field of study offered within the Vermont State Colleges.

B. Prohibitions

Honorary Degrees shall not be awarded to persons serving in the following positions until three years after termination of such service:

- Trustees
- Vermont Governors
- Vermont State Legislators

- Vermont State Colleges employees
- United States Senators and Representatives from Vermont

C. Degrees Awarded

The following Honorary Degrees may be awarded:

- L.L.D. - Doctor of Laws
- Litt.D. - Doctor of Letters
- Sc.D. - Doctor of Science
- L.H.D. - Doctor of Humane Letters
- Other degrees as authorized by the Board

D. Time of Award

Normally, the colleges shall award Honorary Degrees at Commencement. The colleges may award Honorary Degrees at other appropriate times with the approval of the Board.

E. Number of Awards

The number of Honorary Degrees awarded in an academic year shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

F. Review of Nominations

College presidents and other Vermont State Colleges constituents may nominate individuals for an Honorary Degree. Nominations are submitted to the Education/ Personnel/ Student Life (EPSL) Committee of the Board of Trustees. Nominations must include a detailed description of the nominee and justification for awarding the nominee an Honorary Degree. Normally, the EPSL Committee shall receive nominations for potential Honorary Degree recipients not less than 90 days prior to the date when Honorary Degrees may be awarded.

The EPSL Committee shall review nominations and recommend to the Board individual(s) to receive an Honorary Degree, should any be awarded.

G. Board Action

The final decision to award Honorary Degrees rests with the Board of Trustees.

Signed by: Timothy J. Donovan Chancellor

VERMONT TECH

April 15, 2016

Chancellor Jeb Spaulding
Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees
P.O. Box 7
Montpelier, Vermont 05601

Dear Chancellor Spaulding and Members of the Board of Trustees:

It is my pleasure to nominate Kenley Dean Squier of Stowe, Vermont for an honorary Doctorate of Applied Science, which we would like to present at the Vermont Technical College commencement ceremony on Sunday May 22, 2016.

Ken Squier is a native and lifelong Vermonter whose career has taken him from the stations of WDEV and Radio Vermont Inc. to the high banks of Thunder Road on Quarry Hill in Barre, Vermont to announcing premier NASCAR events and helping to foster the remarkable growth of auto racing in the United States. Throughout his career, he has remained deeply connected to Vermont, Vermonters and Vermont communities, owning and operating WDEV since the late 1970s and continuing to operate Thunder Road and announcing Thursday night races, every Thursday every summer. Ken's sidebar commentary on the evening news and his ongoing shows, like Saturday morning's "Music to Go to the Dump By" reflect a unique devotion and understanding of Vermont and Vermonters.

Underscoring that career as a Vermont broadcaster and national motorsports broadcaster is the nature of high-level motorsports as a whole. Motorsports are an area of innovation and new technology, where new systems are built and tested and continuous improvement in engineering is a precondition for success. This mix of engineering and the thrill of competition is a valuable source of inspiration for students in technical and applied sciences.

I greatly appreciate the Board's consideration of this nomination.

Kind regards,

Daniel Smith
President

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RESOLUTION

Vermont Technical College Conferral of Honorary Degree

- WHEREAS, Kenley Dean Squier, of Stowe, Vermont, has been on the air at the stations of Radio Vermont since he was twelve years old; and
- WHEREAS, Throughout a remarkable career in broadcasting in Vermont and as a major part of the growth of American motorsports racing, Ken has maintained a deep and abiding connection to the State of Vermont and the people of the Green Mountain State; and
- WHEREAS, Under his leadership, that of his father, Lloyd Squier, and a remarkable team, Radio Vermont has established and maintained a unique and successful business, emphasizing their deep connection to Vermont communities, and offering important connections for local news and information; and
- WHEREAS, Ken is actively engaged in Vermont community service, including a highly successful tenure as Board Chair of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra; and
- WHEREAS, Ken conducted the first live television broadcast of the Daytona 500 on CBS in 1979, which was won by Richard Petty, and changed the face of American sports; and
- WHEREAS, American motorsports are source of remarkable innovation and inspiration in engineering and technology; and
- WHEREAS, Ken has played a prominent role in the growth of American motorsports; and
- WHEREAS, Ken has maintained remarkable humility regarding the impacts he has had in Vermont and in American motorsports, and Ken's life and career are an inspiration to generations of Vermonters; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the VSC Board of Trustees authorizes Vermont Technical College to award Ken Squier of Stowe, Vermont, an honorary Doctorate of Applied Science at its May 22, 2016 commencement ceremony.

April 27, 2016