

# BENNINGTON COLLEGE

## Accreditation Site Visit

November 1–4, 2009

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009

**3:00–4:00pm**      **Initial meeting of visiting committee**

*Four Chimneys*      NEASC: All

**4:30–5:45pm**      **Meeting with trustees**

*Brick House*      NEASC: All

BC: Deborah Wadsworth (chairman), Susan Borden, Bobbie Knable, Alan Kornberg

**6:00–8:00pm**      **Reception and dinner**

*Brick House*      NEASC: All

BC: President Coleman, Self-Study Steering Committee

**8:15pm**      **Meeting of visiting committee**

*Four Chimneys*      NEASC: All

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009

*Breakfast will be available at the Four Chimneys Inn beginning at 7:00am*

**8:00–8:30am**      **Workroom orientation**

*Workroom*      NEASC: All

*Barn 124*      BC: Carol Morrison, Todd Pykosz, Teresa Sholes

**8:30–9:30am**      **Meeting with President Coleman**

*Library Conf Rm*      NEASC: All

*Crossett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*      BC: Elizabeth Coleman

**9:30–10:30am**      **Academic overview**

*Dean's Office*      NEASC: Christina Bertoni, Thomas Hochstetler, Andrew Shennan, Richard Vaz

*Barn 123d*      BC: Elissa Tenny

*Library Conf Rm*      **Library overview**

*Crossett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*      NEASC: Gai Carpenter

BC: Oceana Wilson

*Business Office*      **Financial resources**

*Barn 101b*      NEASC: Richard Myers

BC: Bill Morgan

*President's Office*      **Student health and psychological resources**

*Barn 125a*      NEASC: Marylyn Scott, Elizabeth Tobin

BC: Randy Anselmo, April Stein, Joan Goodrich

- 10:30–11:30am Communications**  
*President's Office* NEASC: Thomas Hochstettler, Richard Vaz  
*Barn 125d* BC: Janet Marsden, David Rees
- Library Conf Rm* **Program review process**  
*Crossett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor* NEASC: Christina Bertoni, Andrew Shennan, Elizabeth Tobin  
 BC: Nick Brooke, Terry Creach, Wendy Hirsch, Kirk Jackson, Oceana Wilson
- Dickinson Lounge* **Technology overview**  
 NEASC: Gai Carpenter, Richard Myers  
 BC: Alan Usas
- Admissions Office* **Campus tour**  
*Cricket Hill* NEASC: Marylyn Scott  
 BC: Ingria Jones '10, Emi Reyes '12
- 11:30am–12:00pm Graduate programs: MFA in Writing and Literature**  
*Writing Seminars* NEASC: Christina Bertoni, Thomas Hochstettler, Andrew Shennan  
*Commons 17* BC: Sven Birkerts
- Crossett Library* **Library tour**  
 NEASC: Gai Carpenter, Marylyn Scott, Elizabeth Tobin, Richard Vaz  
 BC: Oceana Wilson
- President's Office* **Campus tour**  
*Barn 125a* NEASC: Richard Myers  
 BC: Joan Goodrich
- 12:00–1:00pm Campus planning (lunch served)**  
*President's Office* NEASC: Richard Myers  
*Barn 125a* BC: Joan Goodrich
- Upstairs Cafe* **The Plan process (lunch served)**  
 NEASC: Christina Bertoni, Thomas Hochstettler, Andrew Shennan,  
 BC: Duncan Dobbelmann, Ann Pibal, Robert Ransick, Susan Sgorbati, Paul Voice, Kerry Woods,  
 Mark Wunderlich
- Student Center* **Student leaders (lunch served)**  
*Lounge* NEASC: Gai Carpenter, Marylyn Scott, Elizabeth Tobin, Richard Vaz  
 BC: Colin Brant, Ella Darham, Cathy McGath, Farhad Mirza, Matt Nunes, Gale Stafford '12,  
 Emily Tareila, Tim Voice
- 1:00–2:00pm Academic Policies Committee**  
*Upstairs Cafe* NEASC: Christina Bertoni, Andrew Shennan, Richard Vaz  
 BC: Doug Bauer, Janet Foley, Kirk Jackson, Robert Ransick, Isabel Roche, Allen Shawn,  
 Elissa Tenny, Paul Voice
- Business Office* **Budget and development planning**  
*Barn 101b* NEASC: Thomas Hochstettler, Richard Myers, Elizabeth Tobin  
 BC: Paige Bartels, Bill Morgan
- Music Library* **Music library**  
*Jennings* NEASC: Gai Carpenter  
 BC: Susan Reiss, Oceana Wilson

*Admissions Office* **Diversity**  
*Cricket Hill* NEASC: Marylyn Scott  
*(Ken's office)* BC: Eva Chatterjee-Sutton, Terry Creach, Heather Faley, Ken Himmelman, Wendy Hirsch

**2:00–3:00pm** **Facilities**  
*President's Office* NEASC: Gai Carpenter, Richard Myers  
*Barn 125a* BC: Joan Goodrich, Bill Morgan, Rich Smith, Bill Tronsen

*Classroom* **Institutional research and assessment**  
*Barn 206b* NEASC: Christina Bertoni, Thomas Hochstettler, Andrew Shennan, Richard Vaz  
BC: Wendy Hirsch

*Student Life* **Student services**  
*Barn 113d* NEASC: Marylyn Scott, Elizabeth Tobin  
BC: Eva Chatterjee-Sutton

**3:00–4:00pm** **Campus tour**  
*Admissions Office* NEASC: Christina Bertoni, Gai Carpenter, Elizabeth Tobin, Richard Vaz  
*Cricket Hill* BC: Crystal Barrick '11, Mary Terrier '10

*Admissions Office* **Admissions and financial aid**  
*Cricket Hill* NEASC: Thomas Hochstettler, Richard Myers, Marylyn Scott, Andrew Shennan  
*(Ken's office)* BC: Ken Himmelman, Meg Woolmington

**4:00–5:00pm** **Faculty open meeting**  
*Commons Purple* NEASC: Christina Bertoni, Thomas Hochstettler, Andrew Shennan  
*Dining Room* BC: Open to all faculty

*Student Center* **Staff open meeting**  
*Main Hall* NEASC: Gai Carpenter, Richard Myers, Richard Vaz  
BC: Open to all staff

*Upstairs Cafe* **Student open meeting**  
NEASC: Marylyn Scott, Elizabeth Tobin  
BC: Student open meeting

**6:00pm** **Dinner and meeting of visiting committee**  
*Pangaea Lounge* NEASC: All

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009

*Breakfast will be available at the Four Chimneys Inn beginning at 7:00am*

**9:00–10:00am Faculty governance**

*Drama Conf Rm* NEASC: Christina Bertoni, Thomas Hochstettler, Andrew Shennan, Richard Vaz  
*VAPA E218* BC: Terry Creach, Michael Giannitti, Robert Ransick, Kerry Woods

*Library Conf Rm* **Library/technology**

*Crossett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor* NEASC: Gai Carpenter, Richard Myers  
BC: Nino Mendolia, Alan Usas, Oceana Wilson

*Classroom* **Student services (continued)**

*Barn 206a* NEASC: Marylyn Scott, Elizabeth Tobin  
BC: Eva Chatterjee-Sutton, Sam Clement, Kindra Covert, Kate Ritter, Daniel Roberts, Sarah Walcott

**10:00–11:00am Campus tour**

*Admissions Office* NEASC: Andrew Shennan  
*Cricket Hill* BC: Farhad Mirza '12

*Classroom* **Graduate programs: MAT, MATSL, MFA in Performing Arts, Postbaccalaureate**

*Barn 206b* NEASC: Christina Bertoni, Thomas Hochstettler, Richard Vaz  
BC: Terry Creach, Janet Foley, Carol Meyer

*Library Conf Rm* **Crossett library staff**

*Crossett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor* NEASC: Gai Carpenter  
BC: Kathleen Berry, Leah Giblo, Vanessa Haverkoch, Laura Payne, Joseph Tucker,  
Kathy Williams, Oceana Wilson

*Dickinson Lounge* **Technological infrastructure**

NEASC: Richard Myers  
BC: Todd Pykosz, Alan Usas

*Drama Conf Rm* **Retention**

*VAPA E218* NEASC: Marylyn Scott, Elizabeth Tobin  
BC: Eva Chatterjee-Sutton, Duncan Dobbeltmann, Wendy Hirsch, Sean Lanigan, Julia Moffit

**11:00am–12:00pm Strategic planning**

*Upstairs Cafe* NEASC: All  
BC: Paige Bartels, Elizabeth Coleman, Ken Himmelman, Bill Morgan, David Rees, Elissa Tenny

**12:00–1:00pm Curriculum Planning Committee (lunch served)**

*Upstairs Cafe* NEASC: Christina Bertoni, Tom Hochstettler, Marylyn Scott, Andrew Shennan, Elizabeth Tobin,  
Richard Vaz  
BC: Nick Brooke, Terry Creach, Valerie Imbruce, Kirk Jackson, Carol Meyer, Ann Pibal,  
Mirka Prazak, Dana Reitz, Susan Sgorbati, Elissa Tenny, Kerry Woods, Mark Wunderlich

*Library Conf Rm* **Faculty resources: library/technology (lunch served)**

*Crossett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor* NEASC: Gai Carpenter, Richard Myers  
BC: Barry Bartlett, Kitty Brazelton, Marguerite Feitlowitz, Allen Shawn, Ikuko Yoshida

**1:00–2:00pm**      **Faculty Performance Review Committee**  
*Upstairs Cafe*      NEASC: Christina Bertoni, Andrew Shennan, Richard Vaz  
BC: Ron Cohen, Annabel Davis-Goff, Sue Rees, Jenny Rohn, Elissa Tenny, Kerry Woods

*Library Conf Rm*      **Student library experience**  
*Crossett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*      NEASC: Gai Carpenter  
BC: Ian Dolton-Thornton, Kiley Malloch, Arielle Middleman, Carlo Pilgram

*External Relations*      **Development resources**  
*Barn 105h*      NEASC: Richard Myers  
BC: Paige Bartels, Gretchen Dwyer

*Classroom*      **Academic services**  
*Barn 206b*      NEASC: Thomas Hochstettler, Marylyn Scott, Elizabeth Tobin  
BC: Duncan Dobbelmann, Tammy Fraser, Laurie Kobik, Kathy Posey

**2:00–3:00pm**      **Staff governance**  
*Human Resources*      NEASC: Marylyn Scott, Richard Vaz  
*Barn 102*      BC: Betsy Cottrell, Heather Faley

*TBD*      **To be scheduled by committee**  
NEASC: All except Scott and Vaz

**3:00–5:00pm**      **To be scheduled by committee**  
*TBD*      NEASC: All

**6:00pm**      **Dinner and meeting of visiting committee**  
*Four Chimneys*      NEASC: All

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009**

*Breakfast will be available at the Four Chimneys Inn beginning at 7:00am.*

**10:00–11:00am**      **Exit Interview with President Coleman**  
*Upstairs Cafe*      NEASC: All  
BC: Elizabeth Coleman

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## NEASC VISITING COMMITTEE

**Thomas Hochstettler** (chair), *Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, American University of Sharjah*  
**Christina Bertoni**, *Professor, Rhode Island School of Design*  
**Gai Carpenter**, *Director of Library and Information Services, Hampshire College*  
**Richard Myers**, *Senior Associate Dean, University of Virginia, College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences*  
**Marylyn Scott**, *Director of Multicultural Recruitment and Associate Dean for Student Transition, Bates College*  
**Andrew Shennan**, *Dean of the College and Professor of History, Wellesley College*  
**Elizabeth Tobin**, *Dean of the College/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Illinois College*  
**Richard Vaz**, *Dean, Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division, Worcester Polytechnic Institute*

## TRUSTEES

**Deborah Wadsworth**, *Chairman*  
**Susan Borden**, *Executive Committee, Finance and Audit Committee, Development and External Relations Committee, Campus Building and Renewal Committee (co-chair)*  
**Bobbie Knable**, *Education and Student Life Committee (chair)*  
**Alan Kornberg**, *Finance and Audit Committee, Development and External Relations Committee*

## SENIOR STAFF

**Elizabeth Coleman**, *President*  
**Paige Bartels**, *Vice President for External Relations*  
**Eva Chatterjee-Sutton**, *Dean of Students*  
**Duncan Dobbelmann**, *Associate Dean for Academic Services*  
**Joan Goodrich**, *Vice President for Planning and Special Programs*  
**Ken Himmelman**, *Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid*  
**Janet Lape Marsden**, *Assistant to the President, Director of Communications*  
**Bill Morgan**, *Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration/Chief Financial Officer*  
**David Rees**, *Senior Advisor and Special Assistant to the President*  
**Elissa Tenny**, *Provost and Dean*  
**Alan Usas**, *Vice President and Chief Information Officer*

## SELF-STUDY STEERING COMMITTEE

**Elissa Tenny** (chair), *Provost and Dean*  
**Paige Bartels**, *Vice President for External Relations*  
**Eva Chatterjee-Sutton**, *Dean of Students*  
**Ron Cohen**, *Psychology Faculty*  
**Terry Creach**, *Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Dance Faculty*  
**Duncan Dobbelmann**, *Associate Dean for Academic Services*  
**Joan Goodrich**, *Vice President for Planning and Special Programs*  
**Ken Himmelman**, *Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid*  
**Wendy Hirsch**, *Associate Provost for Planning, Research and Assessment*  
**Janet Lape Marsden**, *Assistant to the President, Director of Communications*  
**Bill Morgan**, *Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration/Chief Financial Officer*  
**Matthew Nunes '11**, *Student*  
**David Rees**, *Senior Advisor and Special Assistant to the President*  
**Alan Usas**, *Vice President and Chief Information Officer*  
**Paul Voice**, *Philosophy Faculty*  
**Oceana Wilson**, *Director of Library and Information Services*  
**Kerry Woods**, *Biology Faculty, Chair of Faculty Performance Review Committee*

## BENNINGTON COLLEGE MEETING PARTICIPANTS (alphabetical)

**Randy Anselmo**, Director of Health Services  
**Crystal Barrick '11**, Admissions Intern  
**Paige Bartels**, Vice President for External Relations  
**Kathleen Berry**, Technology Resources Librarian  
**Sven Birkerts**, Director, MFA Writing and Literature  
**Doug Bauer**, Literature Faculty  
**Colin Brant '12**, House Chair  
**Barry Bartlett**, Ceramics Faculty  
**Kitty Brazelton**, Music Faculty  
**Nick Brooke**, Music Faculty  
**Eva Chatterjee-Sutton**, Dean of Students  
**Sam Clement**, Assistant Director of Student Life  
**Ron Cohen**, Psychology Faculty  
**Elizabeth Coleman**, President  
**Betsy Cottrell**, Field Work Term Coordinator,  
Staff Association President  
**Kindra Covert**, Assistant Director of Student Life  
**Terry Creach**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs,  
Co-chair of Curriculum Planning Committee,  
Dance Faculty  
**Ella Darham '12**, Outdoor Recreation Assistant  
**Annabel Davis-Goff**, Literature Faculty  
**Duncan Dobbemann**, Associate Dean for Academic  
Services  
**Ian Dolton-Thornton**, Library Intern  
**Gretchen Dwyer**, Director of Leadership Giving  
**Heather Faley**, Director of Human Resources  
**Marguerite Feitlowitz**, Literature Faculty  
**Janet Foley**, Chemistry Faculty, Director of  
Postbaccalaureate Program  
**Tammy Fraser**, Director of Field Work Term and Career  
Development Office  
**Michael Giannitti**, Dance/Drama Faculty, Faculty Review  
Appeals Committee  
**Leah Giblo**, Library Acquisitions Coordinator  
**Joan Goodrich**, Vice President for Planning and Special  
Programs  
**Vanessa Haverkoch**, Collection Services Librarian  
**Ken Himmelman**, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid  
**Wendy Hirsch**, Associate Provost for Planning, Research  
and Assessment  
**Valerie Imbruce**, Director of Environmental Studies  
Program  
**Kirk Jackson**, Drama Faculty  
**Jones, Ingria '10**, Admissions Intern  
**Laurie Kobik**, Academic Counselor and Study Abroad  
Director  
**Sean Lanigan**, First Year Advisor  
**Kiley Malloch**, Library Intern  
**Janet Lape Marsden**, Assistant to the President,  
Director of Communications  
**Cathy McGath '10**, Head of Student Educational Policies  
Committee  
**Jake Meginsky**, Audio Visual Coordinator  
**Nino Mendolia**, Instructional Technology Manager  
**Carol Meyer**, Director of Programs in Languages and  
Teacher Education  
**Arielle Middleman**, Library Intern  
**Farhad Mirza '12**, House Chair  
**Julia Moffitt**, First Year Advisor  
**Bill Morgan**, Executive Vice President for Finance and  
Administration/Chief Financial Officer  
**Carol Morrison**, Executive Assistant to the President  
**Matthew Nunes '11**, House Chair  
**Laura Payne**, Library Public Services Coordinator  
**Ann Pibal**, Painting/Drawing Faculty  
**Carlo Pilgram**, Library Intern  
**Kathy Posey**, Registrar  
**Mirka Prazak**, Anthropology Faculty  
**Todd Pykosz**, Director of Information Technology  
**Robert Ransick**, Digital Art Faculty, Chair of Academic  
Policies Committee  
**David Rees**, Senior Advisor and Special Assistant  
to the President  
**Sue Rees**, Media Arts and Design Faculty  
**Susan Reiss**, Head of Music Library  
**Emi Reyes '12**, Admissions Intern  
**Dana Reitz**, Dance Faculty  
**Kate Ritter**, Coordinator of Recreation  
**Daniel Roberts**, Assistant Director of Student Life  
**Isabel Roche**, French Faculty  
**Jenny Rohn**, Drama Faculty  
**Susan Sgorbati**, Dance and Mediation Faculty  
**Allen Shawn**, Music Faculty  
**Teresa Sholes**, Assistant to the Provost and Dean  
**Rich Smith**, Assistant Director of Facilities Management  
**Gale Stafford '12**, Judicial Committee  
**April Stein**, Director of Psychological Services  
**Elissa Tenny**, Provost and Dean  
**Emily Tareila '10**, Admissions Office Intern  
**Mary Terrier '10**, Admissions Intern  
**Bill Tronsen**, Director of Facilities Management  
**Joseph Tucker**, Reference Librarian  
**Alan Usas**, Vice President and Chief Information Officer  
**Paul Voice**, Philosophy Faculty  
**Tim Voice '10**, Senior House Chair  
**Sarah Walcott**, Assistant Director of Student Life  
**Kathy Williams**, Interlibrary Loan & Reserves Coordinator  
**Oceana Wilson**, Director of Library and Information  
Services  
**Kerry Woods**, Biology Faculty, Chair of Faculty  
Performance Review Committee  
**Meg Woolmington**, Director of Financial Aid  
**Mark Wunderlich**, Literature Faculty  
**Ikuko Yoshida**, Japanese Faculty