

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

Purpose: To approve a PhD degree and the PhD program in Creative Leadership for Innovation and Change.

WHEREAS, the University of the Virgin Islands is committed to excellence and enhancing the social and economic transformation of the U.S. Virgin Islands as part of the University's vision; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a PhD program in Creative Leadership for Innovation and Change would be in concert with the objectives of *Strategic Plan 2017: Pathways to Greatness*; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the trans-disciplinary PhD program in Creative Leadership for Innovation and Change would provide a means by which practitioners from various fields including Education, Business, Public Administration, Health Care, etc. can obtain theoretical and practical knowledge for application to complex human organizations; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2015, the Graduate Committee approved the establishment of the PhD degree and the PhD in Creative Leadership for Innovation and Change; and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2015, the faculty of the University approved the framework for PhD degrees for the University of the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2015, the faculty of the University approved the PhD program in Creative Leadership for Innovation and Change provided that faculty approves policies for distance education and management of interdisciplinary PhD programs prior to enrollment of students in the program; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2015, the Academic Research and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees the establishment of the PhD degree and the PhD program in Creative Leadership for Innovation and Change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY THAT:

1. The establishment of the PhD degree program is hereby approved.
2. The PhD in Creative Leadership for Innovation and Change is hereby approved.
3. The President is authorized to take such action as is necessary to implement this resolution.
4. This resolution shall become effective October 24, 2015.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands and adopted at its meeting on Saturday, October 24, 2015, as recorded in the minutes of the said meeting.



Secretary of the Board

October 24, 2015

Date