COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
EMERGENCY MEETING
January 23, 2014

Members Calling: Paul Holloway (Long Boat Key, Florida), Kim Trisciani (Manchester), Ned Densmore (Franconia), Richard Heath (Bow), Kathy Shields (Concord), Robert Duhaime (Manchester), Claudie Mahar (Amherst), Connie Roy-Czyzowski (Concord), and Ross Gittell (Portsmouth).

At location: Shannon Reid

Regrets: Jeremy Hitchcock and Nick Halias

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. at CCSNH, 26 College Dr., Concord, NH.

Chair Holloway noted that an emergency meeting was necessary due the timeliness in addressing legislative action.

A roll call was taken. Each Trustee identified himself or herself and location.

1. Approval of the November 20, 2013 Meeting Minutes

VOTE: The Board, on motion of Ms. Shields, seconded by Ms. Roy-Czyzowski, voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting as presented.

2. Legislative Update

Commissioner Gittell asked that Ms. Reid report on upcoming/pending legislation. Ms. Reid thanked Trustees for calling in and referenced her report dated 1/22/14 and added as follows. There was discussion on most bills.

HB1576 and HB1592 both impose new requirements on certain public works projects. HB1576 requires reporting of payroll of those working on public works projects. We were not contacted regarding fiscal impact but we anticipate it would add to the costs of our capital projects and add to our administrative costs. At the recent hearing on the bill the majority of testimony was in opposition.
HB1592 requires that prevailing wage be paid to contractor and subcontractor employees. Again we would note the fiscal impact on CCSNH.

Dr. Gittell added that we strive to keep our administrative costs very lean. This bill would add to the administrative work associated with each capital project.

HB1208 deals with public institutions of higher education reporting remedial course enrollment. Hearing was held this morning. Reporting of enrollment would go to the Higher Education Commission. We testified on the importance of remedial education and gave examples of ways CCSNH is working to decrease remedial placements across the System. We would like to see the reporting timeframe changed to 30 days after the end of the academic year. We will continue to follow this bill.

HB1200 and HB1212 both are relative to privacy in social media by institutions of higher education. We do not find that they would impede steps we may presently take to investigate incidents. We will follow the bill; not taking a position.

HB1433 would authorize full tuition and fee waivers for FT and PT employees and dependents. We currently waive tuition for FT employees employed over a year, and waive tuition at 50% to their dependents. This is consistent with most other higher education institutions. This would be “enabling” legislative language to do so but not mandatory. We currently offer a range of professional development opportunities to current full and part time employees.

HB 1509 would extend the business enterprise tax to non-profits. An exemption has been submitted to exempt higher education institutions.

HB474 currently does not include CCSNH.

Ms. Reid added that upcoming briefings for the Executive committee will include bills relating to right-to-know, HR issues and retirement.

3. Other

All indicated this report was very informational and asked that meetings be held as needed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Anne Mills
Assistant to the Chancellor