

# Academic & Student Affairs and Workforce Development Committee

## CCSNH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting of March 16, 2017

**Attending:** Trustee Jeremy Hitchcock, Trustee Rebecca Clerkin, Trustee Sharon Harris, Trustee Steve Rothenberg, Chancellor Ross Gittell, Associate Vice Chancellor Charles Ansell, President Susan Huard, Interim President Ali Rafieymehr, Vice President Brian Bicknell, Vice President Pamela Langley, Eric Feldborg, Beth Doiron

**Regrets:** Trustee Brad Bishop, Trustee Steve Guyer, Michael Power, Nancy Pierce, Anthony Poore

### Meeting Minutes

**VOTE:** The Committee, on motion of Dr. Huard and Dr. Rafieymehr, unanimously approved the minutes of the December 14, 2016 as written.

### Approval of River Valley CC Associate Degrees

Dr. Rafieymehr introduced the two programs presented to the Committee for approval, A.S. in Information Technology and A.S. in Computer Science and Global Innovation

**VOTE:** The Committee, on motion of Dr. Huard and seconded by Ms. Harris, voted unanimously to recommend the A.S. in Information Technology and A.S. in Computer Science and Global Innovation to the Board for approval.

### Guided Pathway Work and NH Humanities Update

Mr. Ansell gave an update on guided pathway initiatives, highlighting the efforts to increase recruitment and retention. Discussion followed on outreach by colleges and early college programs for students taking PSAT tests. Dr. Gittell provided an update on his meeting with the new NH Commissioner of Education, Frank Edelblut. Discussion followed on grade appropriate outreach to educate students on career pathways.

Mr. Ansell updated the Committee on the Winter Convening events, and announced the 2017 date that will combine all seven colleges. Discussion followed on better educating students on certificate attainment that they may not know they are eligible for, including the possibility of automatic awarding of certificates and changes to graduation fees. Mr. Ansell concluded by reviewing retention targets for each college and the System. Discussion followed on how to share information with faculty and staff to help incentivize them to contribute to long-term positive impact on students and retention. The Committee also received a report on the work around the NH Humanities Collaboration between CCSNH and the University of NH.

Apprenticeship Grant

Ms. Doiron gave an update on the \$1.2 million grant to work with businesses across the state to work with registered apprenticeship programs and hiring around the grant. She and her staff are currently working with many businesses to set up the registered apprenticeships, as there is great demand, in areas of IT, advanced manufacturing, and healthcare.

Granite Workforce

Ms. Doiron explained that the state currently has several million dollars available in TANF funds, which will provide funds for students below the poverty line to take training programs through CCSNH Business Training Centers.

No further business was stated. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 6, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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