In May of 2019, Dr. Gretchen Mullin-Sawicki was appointed the sixth president of NHTI, Concord’s Community College.

Dr. Mullin-Sawicki has enjoyed a career in higher education that spans two decades. She began her educational career in New York as a Program Director for the Woodhull Institute for Ethical Leadership, where she learned the value of social and emotional competency-building and the importance of developing inclusive, diverse and collaborative environments for optimal learning experiences. Prior to her appointment at NHTI, Dr. Mullin-Sawicki lived in the Pittsburgh, PA area and served in a variety of leadership roles in community college system of Alleghany County. Her roles included serving as campus president of the North Campus, Boyce Campus, West Hills Center and the Energy Innovation Center. Her accomplishments include developing a new cross-disciplinary, project-based learning innovation lab connecting industry with faculty and students for the fields of data analytics, multi-media programming, simulation and gaming, cybersecurity and marketing. Dr. Mullin-Sawicki’s attention to student success has earned her two recent awards: a 2018 District 1 Difference Maker Award and a 2019 Women of Achievement award, and the campus she led earned a 2017 League of Innovation Award. Previous to her Campus President roles, she was the Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for the College where she oversaw both academic and student services.

Dr. Mullin-Sawicki is a prolific grant writer and has helped to secure several grants including two National Science Foundation (NSF) grants totaling more than 1 million dollars for her college in the area of Mechatronics. Dr. Mullin-Sawicki served as a member of the Tristate Energy and Advanced Manufacturing Consortium and on the American Association of Community Colleges Commission on College Readiness.

Dr. Mullin-Sawicki earned her Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in English literature and has taught as an adjunct English faculty in Toronto, Canada, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Tokyo, Japan. She completed the New President Leadership Training from the American Council on Education in 2016. She is an avid blogger, writing on the importance of community college education as well as a social media user and marketer earning a Top 15 “Must Follow Community College Presidents” on Twitter recognition in 2018. Follow Gretchen @NHTIConcordPres