



Board of Trustees Student Success Committee

Thursday, December 14, 2023

NHTI - Concord's Community College, Grappone Hall 106

Attendees: Trustee Richard Ackerman (Committee Chair), Chancellor Mark Rubinstein, Trustee Sharon D. Harris, Trustee Will Cunningham, Trustee Christopher Dodge, Trustee Kimberly Eckenrode, RVCC President Alfred Williams IV, and NCC President Lucille Jordan

Regrets: Trustee Steven Slovenski, Trustee Darrin Daniels

Meeting Minutes:

Committee Chair Ackerman welcomed everyone and pointed out that Executive Director Allison had passed out CCSNH annual reports for everyone to review.

Action Items:

1. Trustee Eckenrode motioned to approve the 9/21/2023 committee minutes as presented. Trustee Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Trustee Eckenrode motioned to approve the elimination of the AS in Biological Science at River Valley Community College. Trustee Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. The committee is looking to update their charter and went over the previously proposed revisions. Several new suggestions were made but the overall theme was to keep the language broad and inclusive.
 - a. Committee Chair Ackerman is taking the suggestions back and will have a final draft for the next meeting.

Update Items:

1. Great Bay Community College will be eliminating their Risk Management and Insurance Certificate program as there has never been any enrollment in the program.
 - a. No action is needed by the Board on this elimination.

Discussion Items:

1. Governor's Executive Order
 - a. The group wanted to know if there was anything they could do to be of assistance to the members of this taskforce that represent the interests of CCSNH. The first meeting of this group will be on 12/21/2023 so they will know more after that meeting.
2. HB1530 and Course Access Project (CAP) Updates
 - a. WMCC Vice President Miller, RVCC Vice President Cournoyer, and MCC Vice President Conn gave updates on HB1530 and the CAP. They have been working with all Vice Presidents, and Associate Vice Presidents in both Academic and

- Student Affairs throughout the system to find more ways to collaborate within our system.
- b. They have been meeting with Academic Affairs for the University System of New Hampshire on a quarterly basis to continue to make forward progress on HB1530 by smoothing pathways between the systems. Currently there are 30, but the group is working on more.
 - c. The Vice Presidents let the committee know that they are working on exploring more shared courses and potentially sharing programs throughout the system. Currently there are 2 system wide shared courses, and they are looking to add 3 English courses into the mix.
3. Secretary of Education Meeting at River Valley Community College
- a. President Williams spoke about US Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona, Commissioner Edelblut, and Trustee Akerman visiting the River Valley Community College campus. Secretary Cardona, Commissioner Edelblut, and Trustee Ackerman participated in a panel discussion about higher education in rural communities.
 - b. There was also a round table discussion about affordability, accessibility, and pathways. The campus visitors were enthused talking with the students since unlike other rural communities they have visited the students here are excited to stay in the community; most students can't wait to leave their rural communities.
 - c. President Lesser noted that CCSNH serves students, business and industry in meaningful ways and that needs to be promoted more.
4. College Success Stories
- a. Nashua Community College is honored to be among the top 10 nationwide for the Bellwether Award. They will be going to Austin, TX to present to the Board about their BAE partnership and how it grew to include 15 more companies.
5. Removing Barriers to Student Success: Mental Health Services at CCSNH
- a. MCC Vice President Conn and RVCC Vice President Cournoyer Presented on the new mental health service for students offered at MCC and RVCC, BetterMynd. The usage of this new, easier to use, service has already surpassed our previous contract within its first three months.
 - b. Currently 4 of the 7 colleges are using this service. The other three have local partnerships and/or on campus supports in place for students.
 - c. Trustee Lozeau noted that there will never be a 1 size fits all solution but there should be consistency throughout the system, she also noted that NH Charitable Foundation may be a good resource.

With no further business Trustee Eckenrode motioned to adjourn, Trustee Dodge seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 2:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Hoefs
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