



Board of Trustees Student Success Committee

Thursday, December 12, 2024

NHTI – Concord's Community College, Grappone Hall 106

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

Regrets: Trustee Darrin Daniels, and NCC President Lucille Jordan

Meeting Minutes:

Committee Chair Ackerman called the meeting to order at 10:44am.

Approval Items:

1. Trustee Cunningham motioned to approve the 9/19/2024 meeting minutes as presented; Trustee Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Trustee Dodge motioned to approve the new AS in Social Work at Lakes Region Community College; Trustee Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
 - a. This program has been in the works for over a year now and has been designed to both transfer to Plymouth State University and to allow graduates to enter the workforce.

Discussion Items:

1. Committee Chair Ackerman reminded everyone that the data dashboard is shared on the SharePoint site. If there is any additional data that people would like to see, please reach out to Vice Chancellor Lloyd so he can work on getting that information added to the dashboard.
2. Committee Chair Ackerman asked the group if there were any student success-related concerns to the full-time faculty still being at impasse with their contract. Nobody raised any concerns.
3. Chancellor Rubinstein presented on the current tuition rate, relative to tuition rates for other community college systems in the region, and also on the various strategies that neighboring states are using through Promise Programs (i.e., "free college") to mitigate those costs for some or all of their community college students. He noted the integral link between the state appropriation and our ability to maintain a tuition freeze, and the possibility that constraints on the state budget could obligate the Board of Trustees to consider a tuition increase for the first time since 2018. He maintained that affordability is the cornerstone for access, which is key to the CCSNH mission, but that access is only meaningful if it brings students to programs that are adequately resourced to support quality.
4. The NH Transfer Guarantee program, sponsored by New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) now complements the many pathways that have already been between the CCSNH and the USNH (under HB 1530), providing new avenues for our



students, particularly for private colleges and universities in the state. A new website is now live and defines those pathways for students.

The meeting ended with several CCSNH student success stories from White Mountains Community College, Great Bay Community College, and River Valley Community College. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:34am.

Respectfully submitted,

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