**University System
of New Hampshire**

Furthering the Open Education Initiative in New Hampshire
USNH Academic Technology Institute 2018: Working to lower costs for New Hampshire students through Pedagogy, Technology, and Advocacy

Durham, New Hampshire – In a continuing effort to lower costs for students, 47 faculty, and academic leaders met at the 8th Annual USNH Academic Technology Institute (ATI), held at the University of New Hampshire. The ambassadors engaged in workshops and keynotes infusing academic technology tools with Open Educational concepts, such as Open Educational Resources, Open Pedagogy, and Open Access. Sessions focused on advocacy approaches to advance awareness and adoption of Open Education within USNH and beyond.

Open Education is a movement that emphasizes the need for students to have free access to the tools and knowledge necessary to obtain a college education. By adopting Open Education in its classrooms, USNH also acknowledges the demand for 21st-century, student-driven learning that stresses community and collaboration. USNH is one of the first university systems in the United States to adopt a system-wide Open Education initiative. ATI 2018 Ambassadors are an integral part of this first-of-its-kind innovation in public education.

"We are encouraged by the work that took place and proud to be a national leader in the Open Education initiative," stated USNH Chancellor Todd Leach. "We are always striving to improve the student experience. Providing students with the tools to further their studies in a cost-effective manner aligns with our mission of accessibility to a quality education. This is a great example of how we are harnessing technology to foster innovation and drive costs down."

Within the next academic year, ATI Ambassadors will initiate Open Education projects within their classrooms, and in the process, help adapt higher education for the 21st-century student and lower the cost of textbooks.

To learn more about USNH Academic Technology, the Open Education Initiative, or ATI 2018, visit the Academic Technology website: at.usnh.edu, or follow @USNHopened on Twitter. Join the Twitter conversation using #USNHshare.

About Academic Technology at USNH:

The University System of New Hampshire is committed to innovation in public education. We work collaboratively to improve access to higher education in New Hampshire; to increase the impact that our research, teaching, and service have on the public good; and to provide an agile and connected learning environment to serve a 21st- century world. USNH created the Academic Technology Steering Committee, established the annual Academic Technology Institute, and adopted the education initiative known as Open Education in order to make the move toward the modernized higher education that our current society demands.

About USNH
The University System of New Hampshire strives to ensure the availability of appropriate higher educational opportunities to all New Hampshire people; seeks to enroll a diverse student population to enhance educational experiences; and provides programs and activities based on a commitment to excellence. The 27-member Board is responsible for the oversight of the University System, which includes the University of New Hampshire, Plymouth State University, Keene State College, and Granite State College.