



BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 19, 2023

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DURHAM, NH

MEETING MINUTES
Approved April 20, 2023

Attendance

Committee members present: M. Jacqueline Eastwood, Chair; Cathy Green, Vice Chair; Amy Begg; Jose Calvo; Eric Carter; Zachary Christie; Emily Coutermarsh; Frank Edelblut; Shawn Jasper; Dominic Lynch; Christian Merheb; Mackenzie Murphy; David Westover

Other trustees present: Kassandra Ardinger; Donald Birx; James Burnett, III; James Dean, Jr.; George Hansel (remote); Kevin Knarr; Joel Nkounkou; Peter Paul; Michael Pilot; J. Morgan Rutman (remote); Gregg Tewksbury; Christiana Thornton; Melinda Treadwell; Alexander Walker, Jr.

Other participants: James Beeby, Elisa Bolton, Nathaniel Bowditch, Marlin Collingwood, Jessica Dutille, Jennifer Ferrell, Kathleen Grace-Bishop, Kenneth Holmes, Wayne Jones

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

NH Top Jobs

Committee Chair Eastwood called attention to the NH occupational projections included in the meeting materials and noted that nursing continues to be among the jobs with high demand.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Vice Chair Green, duly seconded, and approved.

VOTED, that the Educational Excellence Committee approve the minutes of the October 20, 2022, meeting.

Information

- Enterprise Risk Management plans for Academic Programs and Enrollment & Retention
- Academic Program Changes

KSC Mission Statement

Moved by Vice Chair Green, duly seconded, and approved:

MOVED, on recommendation of President Treadwell, that the Educational Excellence Committee hereby recommends to the full Board of Trustees the adoption of the Keene State College Mission, Vision, and Values Statements, as presented in the meeting materials [below].

Mission

Keene State College, as the public liberal arts college in New Hampshire, offers an accessible, high-quality education in an inclusive campus community dedicated to academic excellence. Through the

integration of teaching, learning, scholarship, and service, we prepare students to think critically and creatively, engage in their communities, and pursue meaningful work in a global society.

Vision

Keene State College will be a nationally recognized, diverse, student-centered college that transforms lives, and is known for distinctive academic programs that anticipate the needs of our regional and global communities.

Values

At Keene State, we will...

- *Respect all individuals and foster a supportive community.*
- *Commit ourselves to life-long learning.*
- *Strive to build a just society.*
- *Work towards a sustainable and equitable world.*
- *Take action to benefit others.*

University System Student Board (USSB)

USSB Co-chairs Coutermarsh and Lynch reported on the student board's endorsement of a proposal to change the number of student trustees serving at one time from two on a rotating basis to three on a standing basis. They described a complementary proposal that will be considered by the Governance Committee to designate six USSB reps: one each for PSC and KSC; and four for UNH representing Durham undergraduate and graduate students, UNH School of Law, and UNH Manchester. During discussion it was suggested that UNH student representation should be weighted by enrollment.

Student Behavioral Health Update

Presenters: Ken Holmes, UNH senior vice provost and dean of students; Jennifer Ferrell, KSC associate vice president for student engagement; Marlin Collingwood, PSU vice president for communications, enrollment, and student life; Elisa Bolton, UNH director of psychological and counseling services, and Kathleen Grace-Bishop, UNH interim senior director of health and wellness; and Jessica Dutille, PSU director of student life & community impact. The presentation described a holistic approach to student well-being as the responsibility of the entire community, involving the campus mental health team, faculty, staff, administration, and peers; providers and support services in the local community; ongoing training, education, and awareness initiatives; and resources for families and parents. Trustees were encouraged to serve as advocates for the university system's role in building a healthy, resilient citizenry for NH.

Following discussion, Vice Chair Green requested an analysis of student demand for services, wait times, and vacant positions. Chair Eastwood requested a high-level proposal to support ramping up USNH education programs in mental health and counseling to help to meet state workforce needs in this area. Board Chair Walker requested that the annual update include information on substance abuse as a factor of behavioral health.

Academic Portfolio Assessment Update

Provost Beeby led a presentation of the academic program overlap analysis underway to assess opportunities for course efficiencies, resource optimization, and enhanced quality and outcomes. The assessment was organized by categories of high-demand, high service load, and low enrollment. The system-level program review was described as an expansion of ongoing program assessment conducted by each institution independent of the overlap review.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.