



BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE
JUNE 22, 2023

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DURHAM, NH

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Committee members present: Cathy Green, Vice Chair; Amy Begg; Eric Carter; Zachary Christie; Emily Coutermarsh; Frank Edelblut; Madison Hawkes, Shawn Jasper; Dominic Lynch; Christian Merheb (remote); Mackenzie Murphy; Joel Nkounkou; Christiana Thornton; David Westover

Other trustees present: Cassandra Ardinger; Donald Birx; James Burnett, III; James Dean, Jr.; James Gray, designee for president of the NH Senate; Patrick Griffin; George Hansel (remote); Kevin Knarr; Rick Ladd, NH House of Representatives; Peter Paul; Michael Pilot; J. Morgan Rutman (remote); Gregg Tewksbury; Melinda Treadwell; Alexander Walker, Jr.

Other participants: James Beeby; Nathaniel Bowditch; Wayne Jones, Kate Ziemer

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with committee Vice Chair Green presiding.

NH Top Jobs

Vice Chair Green called attention to the NH occupational projections included in the meeting materials. It was suggested that the information include related USNH contributions to the NH workforce.

Consent Agenda Approval

Motion, moved by Vice Chair Green, duly seconded, and approved.

VOTED, that the Educational Excellence Committee approve the Consent Agenda.

Consent Items:

- A. Minutes April 20, 2023
- B. UNH Appointments with Tenure Recommendations
Moved on consent, on recommendation of President Dean, that the Educational Excellence Committee recommend for approval by the Board of Trustees the appointment of two individuals each with the rank professor with tenure at the University of New Hampshire, as presented in the supporting material.
- C. Promotion and Tenure Recommendations
Moved on consent, on recommendation of the respective presidents, that the Educational Excellence Committee approve the promotion and tenure recommendations for faculty of the University of New Hampshire, Keene State College, and Plymouth State University, as presented in the supporting materials.

Names of the individuals approved for promotion and/or the award of tenure follow.

Keene State College*Professor*

Philip Barker
 Angela Barlow
 Sasha Davis
 Nigel Malcom
 Emily Robins Sharpe
 Tanya Sturtz

Associate Professor

Rita Augustyn
 Fernando del Arna Gonzalo
 Jesse Marcum
 Jaren Nelson
 Chris Rennix
 Kirk Sanger
 Dana Smith

Tenure

Taneem Husain
 Christopher Parsons
 Priyanka Roy Chowdhury
 Tammy Warner
 Christina Wright-Ivanova

Associate Professor with Tenure
 Ke Li

Plymouth State University*Professor*

Christina Bradbury
 Lisa Doner
 Angela Kilb
 Brigid O'Donnell

Associate Professor with Tenure

Botao An
 AMA Elman Bashar
 Matthew Cheney
 Eydie Kendall
 Kimberly Livingstone
 Timothy Losee
 Sarah Parrish

Tenure

Pamela Chiang

University of New Hampshire*Professor*

Eshan Dave
 Kai Germasachewski
 Majid Ghayoomi
 Martin Wosnik
 Jiadong Zang
 Daniel Bromberg
 Marion Dorsey
 Robin Hackett
 Thomas Haines
 Danielle Pillet-Shore
 Julia Rodriguez
 Richard Smith
 Wilfred Wolheim
 Patricia Halpin
 Jeffrey Klenotic
 Tefik Aktekin
 Robert Mohr
 Jing Wang
 Erin Sharp

Associate Professor with Tenure

Momotaz Begum
 Elena Long
 Chanda Prescod-Weinstein
 Qi Zhang
 Nan Yi
 Michael Ferguson
 Jennifer O'Brien
 Sarah Smith
 Rachel Burdin
 Elizabeth Carter
 Wenjin Cui
 William Smiley
 Tu Lan
 David Upham
 Lin Zhang
 Catherine Ashcraft
 Megan Bresnahan
 Eugenia Opuda
 Kristen Johnson
 Deniz Ozabaci

Tenure

Gregg Moore

D. Annual Academic Plan and Quality Metrics Update - Information**NH Transfer Pathways / HB1530**

The provosts, joined by Jennifer Cournoyer, vice president for academic and student affairs at River Valley Community College, provided a high-level overview of actions taken since the 2022 passage of NH legislation that called for the implementation of streamlined transfer pathways between the two public postsecondary systems in at least 30 high-demand programs by July 1, 2024. Kate Ziemer, UNH senior vice provost, and Leslie Barber, professor of biology at Great Bay Community College and Faculty Fellow for the Community College System, presented information about the cross-system team-based work underway to leverage transfer partnerships currently in place to support compliance. The first progress report is slated for mid-July 2023 and will be shared with the Boards of both systems.

University System Student Board (USSB) Report

In lieu of a report, USSB Co-Chair Dominic Lynch offered an invitation for feedback from Board regarding the value of USSB involvement to date and thoughts for optimizing USSB value in service to the Board going forward. Vice Chair Green commented on the value of this year's USSB presentations and advocacy around student mental health services, and she suggested similar efforts in other areas of importance to the student body. It was noted that the role of the USSB might be better considered by the Governance Committee.

Fall 2023 Enrollment Activity

The provosts provided an overview of new and continuing student deposits and registrations for fall 2023 as of June 1, and they reviewed 10-year regional projections for public four-year-college-going enrollment based on demographic changes. They described long-term enrollment strategies that expand focus beyond first-year student recruitment and include net tuition revenue, the make-up of the incoming class, enrollment of transfer and graduate students, and student retention and success. Vice Chair Green asked that information about USNH graduation rates be presented at a future committee meeting.

Academic Portfolio Assessment Update

The provosts provided an update on continuing efforts to optimize academic program offerings and resources and to align academic calendars. Discussion of teacher education programming was truncated due to meeting time constraints.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.