

MEETING MINUTES

Advisory Board

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 5 – 6 p.m. via Zoom

Attendance: Anna-Marie Sparks, Dave Luneau, Hal Koch, Chris Emond, Bill Jones, Karen Welch, Jim Snodgrass, Gretchen Mullin-Sawicki, Melanie Kirby, Laura Scott, Laura Pantano, Andrew Fisher, Christie Cho, Rebecca Dean, Allen Desbiens, Charles Seugling, Jasmine White (student), Amy Proctor

Absent: Jack Dearborn, Christa Keddie, Tim Sink

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. Dr. Mullin-Sawicki introduced two new board members, Mr. Allen Desbiens of Eversource Energy and Mr. Charles Seugling of Bar Harbor Bank & Trust. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the new members and Mr. Desbiens and Mr. Seugling each gave brief overviews of their experience and current employment.

Dr. Mullin-Sawicki provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining NHTI's goals for 2021, gave an overview of NHTI's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, and explained the four pillars of the plan and how these pillars are the foundation for all we do: Student Success, Workforce Development, Institutional Effectiveness and Sustainability, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Dr. Pantano introduced student Ms. Jasmine White who provided a brief presentation on her leadership experiences at NHTI including PTK and the new leadership association: National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS). Ms. White is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

Dr. Dean introduced Ms. Christie Cho, the coordinator for the NHTI Learning Commons Library. Ms. Cho presented a PowerPoint on the improvements that have transformed the NHTI Library to a dynamic "learning commons" with intentional spaces for students and faculty to interact, an innovation lab for project-based learning between students and local industry, and vibrant new areas that create an innovative space for research, teaching, and learning.

Chair, Dave Luneau, reported that the legislature is currently very tough and that we will have to wait to see what Governor Sununu proposes.

Ms. Kirby provided an update of NHTI's current budget situation with current deficit forecasting.

Dr. Fisher presented on academic program realignment and how he and President Mullin-Sawicki are looking at all programs to make sure we are offering what the community and industry need and are looking for synergies with other colleges within the CCSNH.

Ms. Scott provided an overview of fundraising efforts in lieu of the annual Winter Fling event, funds obtained for student support such as the new Laptop Loaner Program, the Lynx Food Pantry, and scholarships.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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